

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, February 13, 2017
City Hall Council Chambers
301 South LeRoy Street

Mayor Osborn called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The invocation for the evening was the Lord's Prayer and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Draves, Grossmeyer, Jacob, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith (via telephone).
Absent: None.
Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager; Christopher Patterson, Legal Counsel; Bob Cairnduff, Fire Chief; Rick Aro, Police Chief and Pete LaMourie, Traffic Engineer.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Mayor Osborn stated this will be the last meeting with Police Chief Aro. She thanked him for his service to the City and wished him the best of luck. She commented she didn't realize the meeting scheduled for this Saturday to discuss road funding was a three day holiday weekend for staff and asked that the meeting be rescheduled. After discussion, meeting was tentatively rescheduled for Saturday, February 25th at 2 PM.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – Markland thanked the Police Chief for his years of service to the Community and stated Lieutenant Jason Slater has been appointed as interim Chief of Police. He stated a number of projects are being worked on including the 111 Leroy Place development, preparing a request for proposal for the development of 106 W. Shiawassee and the Poplar Street reconstruction.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Lockwood commented the Art Walk is scheduled for July 15th.

McDermott stated a fundraiser dinner for the Fenton Education Foundation was held this past Friday. A poker tournament fundraiser is scheduled for March 2nd and all the money will go back into school programs. He stated the Parks and Recreation Board is working on the Parks Master Plan and the parks survey is still available on the City's website.

Council thanked Police Chief Aro for his service to the City and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Patterson commented his office has been working on real estate matters, the Poplar Street reconstruction project and is also reviewing information regarding the City assuming electrical, mechanical and plumbing inspections back from the State.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – Thomas Halligan and Mike Senyko asked to speak on Traffic Control Order 16-02.

CONSENT AGENDA

Osborn reviewed all items that were on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by McDermott and seconded by Grossmeyer to approve the consent agenda containing the following items:

- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$142,399.99.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the January 9, 2017 and January 23, 2017 City Council meetings.
- Reappoint Jennifer Wenzel to a first term and Debbie McCarty to a second term on the Parks and Recreation Board.
- Reappoint Carl Hammond and Connie Tabor to the Board of Review.

YEAS: Draves, Grossmeyer, Jacob, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2

A motion was made by Lockwood and seconded by McDermott to approve Resolution 17-2, which supports the Lake Fenton Property Owners Association's application to the MDNR to participate in the Canada Goose Nest & Egg Destruction Program in 2017.

YEAS: Grossmeyer, Jacob, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith, Draves.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER (TCO) 16-02

Aro stated at the last meeting it was discussed how speed limits are established. He has assigned officers to patrol Leroy Street between Silver Lake and Jayne Roads since the new speed limits were put into effect. In the past month or so, approximately 605 vehicles were clocked; over 95% of the vehicles were in compliance with the speed limit.

Pete LaMourie explained the process that takes place when determining speed limits. He stated the data from the speed study suggested the speed limits needed to change. This was done by implementing a temporary TCO, which is now being considered as a permanent change.

Draves asked if there is any reason why the intersection of High Street and South Leroy could not change to a four way stop. Mr. LaMourie responded there are thresholds and criteria in place when considering implementing a four way stop. One of the criteria is that traffic volume is fairly even on the roads that intersect. Another thing taken into consideration is if there have been a certain number of crashes that indicate a four way stop would reduce the amount of crashes. There is a combination of criteria considered that could be looked at to see if a four way stop is warranted.

Smith commented she agrees a four way stop at High and Leroy Streets is a good idea. She knows of two residents of that area who have been involved in accidents at that intersection.

Grossmeyer stated he traveled the portion of South Leroy where the speed limits changed and his comfortable speed was 25-30 MPH and that he stayed in the lane. He noted most motorists he observed straddled the center line and thinks drivers are more comfortable driving at a faster speed if they're traveling down the center of the road.

Thomas Halligan, 902 South Leroy, stated when he attended the last City Council meeting, he offered to spearhead a petition for the installation of sidewalks/trails. He talked to a few residents in the area who think sidewalks are a good idea, but do not think it will resolve the traffic

issue. Earlier today, he spoke to the homeowners at 901 South Leroy, who were unable to attend tonight's meeting and he was asked to mention to Council that there is a blind spot at the intersection of South Leroy and High Streets. Mr. Halligan expressed concern with resident safety as he feels people are driving too fast.

Mike Senyko, 1135 South Leroy, stated he supports the speed limit increase. He stated the formulas used to set speed limits is a long standing statewide formula and one of the things that attracted him to the area was the country style setting. He commented he is not in favor of installing sidewalks along South Leroy where currently, there are no sidewalks.

Markland commented he received an email from Rob Tisch who spoke at the last City Council meeting when this was discussed. Mr. Tisch was unable to attend tonight's meeting and indicated in his email that he is opposed to the increased speed limit.

A motion was made by Lockwood and seconded by Grossmeyer to approve Traffic Control Order 16-02, which installs/changes speed limit signs on South Leroy to comply with the most recent traffic study. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

AMENDMENT TO MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM (MABAS) AGREEMENT

Cairnduff stated this is a request to amend an agreement originally adopted in 2012. The amendment is to include language to clarify billing of special operations teams (i.e. hazmat, technical rescue, etc.) when utilized.

A motion was made by McDermott and seconded by Grossmeyer to adopt the amended MABAS Agreement as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

SALE OF 2003 CHEVY TAHOE

Cairnduff stated the Fire Department listed a 2003 Chevy Tahoe for sale by sealed bid. The sale was advertised in the Tri-County Times, the City website and the Fire Department's Facebook page. Bids were due by 4 PM on February 9th and only one bid was received.

A motion was made by McDermott and seconded by Jacob to accept the bid and sell a 2003 Chevy Tahoe to STAT-EMS Inc. in the amount of \$5,000. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL (VoIP) SYSTEM

Markland stated this was discussed at the last work session. Staff reviewed presentations from vendors who submitted a bid. Areas of concern included redundancy in the system in case of a disaster/emergency and customer service. Based on the information provided, City staff and IT consultants felt BSB Communications is the best option to meet the City's needs.

A motion was made by Grossmeyer and seconded by McDermott to accept the bid from BSB Communications for a new VoIP telecommunications system in the amount of \$58,144.04. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

PEG GRANT

Markland stated the FACT Consortium has recommended approval of a grant request from the three participating school districts. The cost to the City is \$54,523.43 and will come from PEG funds. This grant will fund equipment that will allow students to create content for the local public access channel.

A motion was made by Lockwood and seconded by Draves to approve the FACT consortium grant request. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESCHEDULE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A motion was made by Grossmeyer and seconded by Lockwood to reschedule the March 13, 2017 City Council meeting to Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:30 PM. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE – Mike Senyko, 1135 South Leroy thanked Police Chief Aro for his service to the City.

Chief Aro thanked Council for their kind comments and stated it has been a honor to serve the City.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

City Clerk, Renee Wilson

Date approved: March 20, 2017