

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, February 23, 2015
City Hall Council Chambers
301 South LeRoy Street

Mayor Sue 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: Bland, Grossmeyer, Jacob, King, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn.
Absent: None.
Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager; Dan Czarnecki, Director of Public Works; Steve Guy, Water Plant Supervisor and Stephen Schultz, Legal Counsel.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE OFFICER

Police Chief Aro introduced new Police Officer Julie Bemus to the City Council. Mayor Osborn administered the Oath of Office to Officer Bemus.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Osborn reminded all the Expo is scheduled for March 7th and 8th. She commented the City Manager, Councilwoman Lockwood and herself will be attending the National League of Cities conference in Washington DC next month and the Council meeting scheduled for March 9th has been rescheduled to March 16th. She reminded Council she needs the City Manager evaluation forms returned by March 2nd.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Markland commented the Community Center project is nearing completion. He thanked the Fire Department for their quick response to the recent fire at The Fire Hall restaurant. He commented department heads have started working on the five year forecast for their respective departments and the budget process is starting.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Jacob commented he recently visited the Community Center and stated the project is coming along nicely. He stated work is taking place at the disc golf course at Silver Lake Park and hopes the course will be ready by spring.

Lockwood stated the first Freedom Festival Committee of the year is this Thursday at 3 PM and all are welcome. She asked when the budget session is scheduled. Markland responded April 25th.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Schultz commented there are two PILOT ordinances for Dauner Haus and Mill Pond Manor in front of Council tonight and he is working on service agreements for those two

properties. He is working with the City Assessor on a property tax issue on a MSHDA owned parcel and working with the City Manager on union negotiations.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Osborn reviewed all items that were on the Consent Agenda.

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

- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$160,224.62.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the January 20, 2015 Downtown Development Authority Meeting, the January 21, 2015 Beautification Commission meeting, the February 2, 2015 City Council work session and the February 9, 2015 City Council meeting.
- Accept the resignation of Malissa Bossardet from the Beautification Commission.

YEAS: Bland, Grossmeyer, Jacob, King, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn.

NAYS: None.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 691

Markland commented the owners of Mill Pond Manor are refinancing and would like the PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) reaffirmed for financing purposes. The City Attorney has reviewed the ordinance and made any necessary modifications. The ordinance will be reviewed at the March work session. Administration is recommending Council approve passing the ordinance onto a second reading and consider for approval at the March 16th City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Lockwood and seconded by McDermott to introduce Ordinance No. 691 and set a second reading and adoption for the March 16, 2015 City Council meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 692

Markland stated Dauner Haus is preparing to upgrade their facilities and will be refinancing to acquire the funds to do so. They have requested Council consider an extension to the existing PILOT. An ordinance has been prepared by the City Attorney and Administration is recommending Council pass the ordinance onto a second reading and consider for approval at the March 16th City Council meeting.

A motion was made by Bland and seconded by King to introduce Ordinance No. 692 and set a second reading and adoption at the March 16, 2015 City Council meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote.

King commented representatives from Dauner Haus called her in response to the concerns she mentioned at the last work session. She was happy to see they cared enough to follow up and work towards resolving the issues.

PROPOSAL FOR GROUNDWATER MONITORING AT WATER PLANT

Guy stated groundwater monitoring with AMEC Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. began back in 2010. He stated AMEC has done a great job for the City and have been able to

reduce monitoring from monthly to quarterly. The monitoring needs to continue as it is an MDEQ requirement. The contract with AMEC is up and they have provided a proposal to continue monitoring for three years at a charge of \$5775 each year. He is recommending a three year contract be approved.

A motion was made by Bland and seconded by Jacob to approve a three contract with AMEC Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. to provide professional environmental monitoring services for a three year period (2015-2017) at a cost of \$5,775 per year and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. Motion carried by a voice vote.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE – None.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Osborn and seconded by Lockwood to enter into a Closed Session to discuss union negotiations.

YEAS: Grossmeyer, Jacob, King, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Bland.

NAYS: None.

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

Council recessed to Closed Session at 7:48 PM.

Council reconvened to Open Session at 8:17 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

City Clerk, Renee Wilson

Date approved: March 16, 2015