

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, February 24, 2014
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: Mike Burns, Assistant City Manager and Stephen Schultz, Legal Counsel.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Osborn stated there is a FACT committee meeting tomorrow and hopefully the issues with Channel 99 will be resolved. She received a letter and a copy of an ordinance from Bonnie Mathis regarding bubblers that she has turned over to the City Attorney and will also provide a copy to the Fire Chief. She commented the Expo is this weekend. She stated the City Manager is absent to attend to family matters and asked that all remember him in their thoughts and prayers the next few days.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Burns reported the following:

- He will be emailing Council members the list of times for the Expo booth.
- He, along with the City Manager, has been very busy working on the paperwork for the financing of the streetscape project.
- The Downtown Development Authority meeting scheduled for March 18th will be moved to March 25th to accommodate the Michigan Municipal League Capital Conference.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Grossmeyer stated a few residents have contacted him regarding the City's trash carrier and indicated they had to replace trash cans because the haulers put the empty cans next to the road and they get damaged. Osborn suggested the residents contact City Hall so administration can get in touch with the carrier to address any concerns. King stated in her subdivision, residents shoveled out areas in the snow mounds to hold their cans and recycle bins so they don't blow around and it has worked well in her neighborhood to keep the bins and cans out of the road.

Lockwood stated at the Beautification Commission meeting last Wednesday, Dawn Overmyer was appointed Chair of the Commission and members were assigned to various sub-committees. She stated a Community Planting Day is being planned and they will be working closely with the Chamber of Commerce to make contact with local businesses that are interested in beautification projects. They will also be working with the school district to reach out to students that need community service projects. She stated the Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation Board is in the process of working on their goals for 2014 and one of their goals is to

increase communication with the general public and the Board will be asking to make presentations to all participating municipalities. She stated there will be a survey at the Expo regarding solid waste and there will be input from the solid waste carrier. She thanked the Assistant City Manager for attending the Freedom Festival meeting to talk about the roads and streetscape project and how it will impact upcoming festivals and events. She stated this year the Freedom Festival will be moved to Bush Park if the road is under construction. She commented the Streetscape project was unanimously approved last Wednesday at the METRO planning meeting. She asked that at the upcoming work session, a discussion take place regarding an update on the removal of fallen tree branches. Bland stated there is a chipping policy in place, but doesn't think chipping starts until May 1st. He suggested Administration put an article in the paper letting people know if they have branches, to contact the City to get on a list to have chipping done and that it is done on Mondays.

McDermott stated the Parks Board has started discussing projects for the year and they want to play an active role in beautification efforts. He attended the "Under the Dome" conference in Lansing that is put on by Inforum, which is an organization that encourages women in business and politics. The purpose of the conference was to encourage women to consider running for elected office. He sits on the Advisory Board and stated it was a fantastic event and that Fenton is one of a few cities that have a balanced City Council.

King stated she would like the City to promote a "Clean Sweep" event. She would like to see businesses, through the Chamber of Commerce, be encouraged to participate. She thinks it would save work for the D.P.W. and it is a good program to start, it's simple and there is no cost. She commented there are streetlights out on North Leroy and when Consumers Energy is contacted, they need an address. She stated some homes and businesses in the City do not have addresses posted and would like to see that changed at the Planning Commission to encourage the posting of addresses. She asked if the Community Center is doing a fundraiser. Osborn responded right now, the focus is on getting the addition started, but there have been comments that a fundraiser is in the works. King stated she would like to see the upstairs of the museum have insulation and plasterboard installed to preserve the items stored there. She stated the Loose Center has a policy in the works regarding gym rental.

Bland stated this has been an extreme winter that is affecting trash pick-up and doesn't want the perception to be that the hauler is not doing their job as he feels they do a tremendous job. He stated he is looking forward to the Expo. He will be in both the City's booth and the Lions Club booth, and commented the Lions Club will be providing free eye tests for kids.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Schultz stated he had a lengthy conversation with Brad Hissong and Carmine Avantini regarding the medical marihuana ordinance and since the Supreme Court decision was made, there has been a lot of activity regarding this issue. He is working with Mike Burns and the DDA on amendments to the TIF Plan and has also been working with Brad Hissong on the remaining issues with the amendments to the Wellbridge PUD. He will be teaching a half day session at the Michigan Association of Municipals Clerks Institute on March 10th.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Osborn reviewed all items that were on the Consent Agenda.

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

- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$66,750.26.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the September 10, 2013 and November 12, 2013 Parks and Recreation Board meetings, the January 21, 2014 Downtown Development Authority Meeting, the January 27, 2014 City Council meeting and the February 3, 2014 City Council work session.
- Approve a proclamation for Red Cross Month.

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

NAYS: None.

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

2014 GENESEE COUNTY PICTOMETRY PROJECT

Burns stated this is a renewal to the current pictometry project that is utilized through Genesee County. The aerial photos will be upgraded this year. He stated the GIS system is used frequently at City Hall and benefits many departments for a variety of purposes. The cost of this project is shared with all other units of government entering into the agreement. The City's cost is \$6,075.85 and this is a budgeted item.

A motion was made by Jacob and seconded by McDermott to approve the Genesee County 2014 Pictometry and Orthoimagery Project Intergovernmental Agreement and authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to complete the necessary documents and authorize payment of \$6,075.85 to Genesee County to be paid in six installments of \$1,012.64 each. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Michael Morey, 707 Davis Street, asked that City Council and City Management encourage the Police Department to step up the enforcement of traffic lights and stop signs. He thinks setting up random enforcement will send a message that the City won't tolerate people blowing through stop signs and red lights. Burns stated he will pass the information along to the Police Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

City Clerk, Renee Wilson

Date approved: March 17, 2014