

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, February 27, 2017
City Hall Council Chambers
301 South LeRoy Street

Mayor Pro Tem Lockwood called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

The invocation for the evening was given by Mayor Pro Tem Lockwood and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Draves, Grossmeyer, Jacob, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn (via telephone), Smith.
Absent: None.
Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager; Christopher Patterson, Legal Counsel and Dan Czarnecki, Director of Public Works.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS – None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – Markland reported on the following:

- Work has started on the five year financial forecast.
- Administration is working on the FY '18 budget.
- Administration is also working on projects that will get under way in the spring including the 111 Leroy Place development and the extension of Caroline Street.
- The City received awards from the Michigan Concrete Association and Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission for the Streetscape project. The City also shared in an award OHM received for the project from the American Society of Civil Engineers – Southeast Michigan Chapter.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Grossmeyer gave an update on recent Planning Commission activities.

Draves thanked the City for their help with recent repairs at the Library. She gave an update on a recent dog park meeting.

Smith commented the luncheon for Chief Aro was very nice and feels Lt. Jason Slater is a good choice for interim Police Chief.

Lockwood gave a Beautification Commission update. She reminded all the Expo is this weekend and commented meetings for this summer's Freedom Festival meetings have begun.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Patterson commented his office is working on the following:

- Poplar Street reconstruction project.
- Pump House Lease – the property will transfer from the City to the tenant at the end of the current lease.
- Development agreement for 111 South Leroy.
- Working on a transfer of property to the Fenton Hotel to be used for outdoor seating.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None.

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 \$73,593.70.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the January 10, 2017 Parks and Recreation Board meeting and the January 17, 2017 Downtown Development Authority meeting.
- Reappoint Juan Alvarado to a second term on the Parks and Recreation Board.
- Approve request from Renewal by Anderson for five peddler's licenses.

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

NAYS: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 17-3

Czarnecki stated last year the City was eligible to perform a goose nest/egg destruction program; eight nests were found and thirty eight eggs were removed. He contacted Goose Busters, who has performed previous goose roundups and nest/egg destruction for the City. They indicated the cost for the destruction program would be approximately \$500, but would depend on the number of nest/eggs that are found. Last year's program was \$250.

A motion was made by McDermott and seconded by Grossmeyer to approve Resolution 17-3, a resolution in support of holding a Canada goose nest/egg destruction program on the Mill Pond in 2017.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

RESOLUTION 17-4

Czarnecki stated this a continuation of a program started in 2011. The geese will be gathered in June when they are molting. He is seeking approval to hold a goose round up on the Mill Pond.

A motion was made by Grossmeyer and seconded by McDermott to approve Resolution 17-4, a resolution in support of holding a goose round up on the Mill Pond in 2017.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Czarnecki distributed information regarding the management of invasive mute swans. They are not native to Michigan and are overrunning lakes and streams and forcing out other native species. The State has sent out information on performing a nest destruction and there is a permit process to complete. Following discussion, consensus was to obtain a permit to perform a mute swan nest/egg destruction.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE – James Simpson and Austin Evans with Boy Scout Troop 212 stated they have been reading news articles regarding the condition of the water in the Mill Pond during the summer months and asked if there is anything they can do to help improve the condition

of the water and asked what the City is doing to help improve the water. Czarnecki recapped steps taken to treat the weeds in the Mill Pond. Treatment options include cutting the weeds and treating the pond with chemicals. There has also been discussions about installing fountains to help keep the water moving.

Courtney Prout, 406 W. Silver Lake Road, expressed concerns with people using Bush Park as a dog park and not cleaning up after their pets. She is glad the speed limit was lowered along South Leroy and asked if there are plans to install flashing lights at more crosswalks in the downtown area. She also commented on erosion issues along the banks of the Shiawassee River.

Amy Gonzalez, 214 4th Street, suggested pet waste bags be available in the downtown area. She feels the playscape structure at Mill Pond Park is unsafe for little kids. McDermott responded the Parks Board is in the process of the completing a five year master plan and Mill Pond Park is a focus of the plan.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

City Clerk, Renee Wilson

Date approved: March 20, 2017