

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, April 10, 2006
City Hall Council Chambers
301 South Leroy Street

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

The Lord's Prayer was recited, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Angeluski, Hammond, North, Osborn.
Absent: King (excused), Moffitt (arrived later), Rauch (excused).
Others Present: Michael Senyko, City Manager; Christopher Wren, Assistant City
Manager; Stephen Schultz, Legal Counsel; Brent Morgan, Economic
Development Director; Phil Adkison, DDA Attorney.

MINUTES

Moved by North, seconded by Hammond to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2006 regular meeting as written. Motion carried by voice vote.

Councilman Moffitt arrived at 7:35 P.M.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Hammond, seconded by North to authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$193,940.28.

Yeas: Angeluski, Hammond, Moffitt, North, Osborn.
Nays: None.
Absent: King, Rauch. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES & REPORTS

Moved by Hammond, seconded by North to place on file the following minutes:

- Minutes of the May 24, 2005 Board of Appeals meeting.
- Minutes of the February 23, 2006 Planning Commission meeting.

LDFA AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING

Senyko reminded Council that this item originally came up at the previous budget work session. He also explained there is a resolution required to complete the process, however it was not completed at this time. He will bring it to Council at the next meeting. The proposed amendment is required to shift revenue in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00 from the Local Development Finance Authority to the general fund.

Osborn opened the public hearing. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed.

Senyko will provide updated property information, along with the resolution, at the next regular meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-09

Wren informed Council that the current cable franchise expired November 5, 2005. Due to the uncertainty at the state and federal level regarding local cable franchises, he recommends that Council adopt this resolution extending the franchise in order to continue receiving the current percentage of revenues collected by Charter Communications.

Moved by Hammond, seconded by Angeluski to adopt Resolution No. 06-09 extending the current franchise with Charter Communications until September 30, 2006.

Yeas: Hammond, Moffitt, North, Osborn, Angeluski.

Nays: None.

Absent: King, Rauch. Resolution declared adopted.

PATROL VEHICLE PURCHASE

Moved by Hammond, seconded by Angeluski to approve the purchase of a 2006 Impala at a cost not to exceed the State bid price of \$16,956.10. Motion carried by voice vote.

FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

Paul Stauder of Stauder, Barch & Associates, Inc. observed that the last few years have been difficult for the budget process. He had nothing particularly different to report regarding this year's plan. Overall, the financial picture for Fenton remains positive and strong. Property values continue to grow, however because of inflation, the City is penalized through the Headlee Act.

He then briefly reviewed the plan document, noting that projections include the pass through of revenue from the LDFA and DDA. Projections also indicate operating deficits and expenditures are anticipated to grow by 5.1% and revenues are projected at 3.3%.

Angeluski inquired as to the difference between this document and a certified audit. Stauder explained that this plan is simply a projection based on historical data and assumptions. Osborn noted that the Five Year Financial Plan is used as a management tool by Council and Department Heads.

Senyko reviewed the process used by the Department Heads for their projections on "needs and wants". He also went on to stress that he felt the City is in good shape today.

CALL TO AUDIENCE - None.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Senyko reported he is working on the budget which is due to Council on Monday, April 17th.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Moffitt noted that the Fire Department secretary, Karen Briggs, was leaving and asked if the clerical work was getting done. Senyko reported he will have something to report on the Fire Chief at the next meeting.

North received a phone call from a citizen regarding motorcycle noise. Osborn will obtain a copy of the Dearborn noise ordinance, which addresses this type of noise.

Angeluski reported he received a letter regarding trouble with taxes, and informed the individual to set up a meeting with the City. He also felt that Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation was attempting to become too powerful where the City parks were concerned. He felt this should be looked at. He expressed doubt that the original use of the funding is being followed. He also has asked the director, Vince Paris, to come before City Council to address funding questions. Senyko reported Paris will be attending the May work session.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Schultz reported Governor Granholm has signed a bill which would consolidate the zoning laws of the state. Developers will then have the same basic zoning laws to follow. This statute will take effect on July 1, 2006. He also reported the withdrawal of the Teamsters grievance over shift selection.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Osborn reported that Consumers Energy will be working in town on clearing their lines.

Sue Osborn, Mayor

Melinda Carrier, City Clerk