

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, June 22, 2015
City Hall Council Chambers
301 South LeRoy Street

Mayor Sue Osborn called the meeting to order at 7:33 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; Rick Aro, Chief of Police and Chris Patterson, Legal Counsel.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Osborn stated she just got back from Mackinaw Island with the MML board. Getting ready and excited for the 4th of July and wanted to know who will be riding in the parade.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Markland commented on the following: The Streetscape project is going well. There was an issue with the sewer line. The company put in a slip liner that was larger than the system could accommodate. The issue was worked on over the weekend, a new sewer line was installed and the cost for the fix will be absorbed by the contractor. He attended Dave Williams's retirement party Saturday at the Fire Hall and would like to thank him and his family for his 40 years of service. The Topps property has been sold to the owners of Chasse' Ballroom and Dance. They have been working on ideas for the property for the last 6-8 weeks but have not submitted their plan. The switch is being made to Priority Health Insurance for the employees. Everything seems to be moving forward.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Jacob reminded everyone the annual river clean-up will be on June 27th. Keepers of the Shiawassee event will be on June 28th. The event will have a lot of vendors, fun activities and will be a very family oriented day.

Grossmeyer attended the party for Dave Williams and stated he has been quite an asset to the City and Fire Department. Grossmeyer stated he rode with the Code Enforcement Officer for the City, Walt McIlmurray for a day. He learned a lot about what goes on in that office and encourages other members of the Council to do the same.

Lockwood circulated flyers for the 4th of July events and summarized the activities. She thanked Jacob for all his hard work on the river clean up and festival as it is a great event for the City. She also attended the MML Board Meeting and had the opportunity to hear from the chair of transportation in the Senate who advised there will be legislation forthcoming regarding the transportation issue funding in the next two weeks without an increase in taxes. She encourages the council to go online and keep track of this issue. She is looking forward to the 4th of July event and especially wants everyone to attend in honor of Nick Popa who is the Grand Marshal.

McDermott reminded everyone that the Southern Lakes summer programs have kicked off. There are many programs for adults and children. Next weekend the Gus Macker event will be in Linden and should be a great event for the area.

King also stated the event for Dave Williams was very nice and would like to thank him for his service to the City and Fire Department. She also wanted to thank his family for their sacrifices they also have made. King is happy to see the Topps property sold. She thanked Jacob for the great job he has done with the river clean-up. The Loose Center has continued to grow with added programs and larger attendance. King wants to see board and commission vacancies filled and will speak on that later.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Patterson commented that his office has been working on the FOIA policy which will be in effect soon. They are working on a Code Enforcement matter regarding a real estate issue.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Osborn reviewed all items that were on the Consent Agenda.

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

- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$114,922.53.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the May 12, 2015 Parks and Recreation Board meeting, the May 19, 2015 Downtown Development Authority meeting, the June 1, 2015 City Council work session and the June 8, 2015 City Council meeting.
- Accept the resignation of Kurt Swartz from the Parks and Recreation Board.

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

NAYS: None.

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

COPIER MACHINE LEASE AGREEMENTS AND SERVICE CONTRACTS WITH RICOH USA, INC.

Markland stated the new contracts will save the city approximately \$1,800 per year or approximately \$9,000 over the life of the contract. Administration is recommending that the City Council approve the lease contracts for the new Ricoh copying machines and the respective service agreements and authorize the City Manager to sign the contracts. King inquired as to what will happen to the old copiers. Markland stated because they are leased, they are owned by Ricoh and will be returned to the company. Markland also stated that by leasing the copiers, the City is able to reduce their costs. McDermott wanted to thank administration for their work on this and reducing costs as well.

A motion was made by McDermott and seconded by Lockwood to approve entering into service contracts and lease agreements with Ricoh USA, Inc. for new copiers for the Police Department, Fire Department and City Hall authorize the City Manager to sign the necessary agreements. Motion carried by a voice vote.

PATROL VEHICLE PURCHASE

Aro is requesting City Council's approval to purchase and equip for service a 2015 Chevrolet, 4 WD, pursuit rated Tahoe at a cost not to exceed \$41,000. The vehicle to be replaced has over 175,000 miles on it which is significantly higher than a patrol vehicle should have. Now that the four wheel drive option is available on a pursuit vehicle, it would be best to have at least one vehicle with this option on it, especially in the winter months. Currently the only four wheel drive vehicle is not pursuit rated and is very old, purchased in 2003, and has approximately 200,000 miles on it. The only reason that vehicle was kept in operation was because it is the only four wheel drive vehicle. The 2016 Tahoe package will not be available for eight months. With being able to purchase a 2015 model, there will be a savings of approximately \$4000 on the purchase price. The cost of the vehicle is \$33,900, the cost to equip the vehicle is \$6541, totaling \$40,441. Osborn inquired if you could put a pursuit package on any Tahoe. Aro replied that if the engineering isn't there, you cannot. Markland stated the Tahoe was not previously rated for pursuit until the 2015 model. He went on to state that the 2015 model will be cheaper. The last two vehicles purchased, one in June 2014 and the second in July 2014 just arrived a few weeks ago. The purchase of a vehicle is not in the current budget, however this purchase will be coming out of the equipment fund in which the funds are available. Osborn asked if the color will also be black, which was affirmed. Lockwood asked where the vehicle will be purchased from. Aro stated a dealership in Indiana due to; delivery time, lower cost, only three available, and this dealership is the closest.

A motion was made by Bland and seconded by Jacob to approve the purchase of, and equip for service, a 2015 Chevrolet, 4WD, pursuit rated Tahoe at a cost of \$40,441, which includes the vehicle cost and cost of emergency and communications equipment. Grossmeyer asked if the motion should be "not to exceed" \$41,000. Aro stated he requested \$41,000 in case there were any small changes needed at the time of installation. Bland amended his motion to approve the purchase of, and equip for service, a 2015 Chevrolet, 4WD Pursuit Rated Tahoe at a cost not to exceed \$41,000, which includes the vehicle cost and cost of emergency and communications equipment. Motion carried by a voice vote.

TEAMSTERS UNION CONTRACT

Markland stated the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 214 expires July 1, 2015. The administration has worked with their bargaining team to negotiate a new contract and have reached a tentative agreement. The Administration recommends the City Council approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 214 with an expiration date of June 30, 2018.

A motion was made by Lockwood and seconded by McDermott to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Local 214 effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. Motion carried by a voice vote.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE

A motion was made by Lockwood and seconded by McDermott to set a public hearing for July 13, 2015 to consider the reimbursement request for an incremental increase in demand for public services in the DDA District between the Downtown Development Authority and the City of Fenton in the amount of \$350,000. Motion carried by a voice vote.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Terry and Shawn Deland from 412 Riggs St. spoke on their concerns for the water quality and very low water pressure in their area. They have replaced all the pipes within their home along with the service line from the street without relief. They have been told by the water department that the problem is with the main. They are requesting the City look into the problem and give them a plan of action. Markland stated that administration will look into the problem.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

Deputy Clerk, Sue Walsh

Date approved: July 13, 2015