

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, July 8, 2013
City Hall Council Chambers
301 South Leroy Street

Mayor 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, Osborn, Smith.
Absent: None.
Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager; Stephen Schultz, Legal Counsel; Rick Aro, Police Chief; Daniel Czarnecki, Director of Public Works.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Markland reported that the ground breaking for the Cornerstone Project took place today and added that this event marks a very historic moment in time for the City. Markland stated that the beginning of this project brings to fruition the 40 years of progress and many projects to bring the City's Downtown to this point. Markland further stated that he is happy to see the Downtown moving in the right direction to being a strong vibrant place to live and work.

Markland added that he is still working on 112 Mill Street and 603 Main Street.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Osborn thanked everyone for their work on the Cornerstone Project; particularly Markland, Burns, the City Council and the Downtown Development Authority. Osborn also thanked Lockwood and the Freedom Festival Committee for conducting such a great event and added that the Festival was awesome this year.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Jacob stated that there was a great turnout for the ground breaking for the Cornerstone and the project is very exciting. Jacob stated that he feels very fortunate to be serving on the City Council at this time. Jacob further stated that it is great to see this project happening in Fenton and hopes it will generate a healing in the community from the plan for urban renewal.

Grossmeyer stated that this is such an exciting time to be involved in City Government. Grossmeyer thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, and Department of Public Works for their involvement in the Freedom Festival and added that they were a huge help.

Lockwood thanked the Freedom Festival Committee for all of their work on such a wonderful event. Lockwood added that this event would not be possible without the assistance of City Departments. Lockwood reviewed that all of the activities for the event went very well and thanked the Council for their approval of the event. Lockwood thanked the Mayor and Administration for the ground breaking event and added that Fenton is really showing so much progress. Lockwood added that there is a meeting coming up for the Landbank for Genesee County.

Markland stated that there are some properties available to the City right now through tax sale but added that if the City purchased the properties they would have to be used for a

municipal purpose, so he is not recommending that the Council accept them at this time. Lockwood mentioned that Fenton Township held an auction for the tax sale properties they revived and were able to generate some good revenue from it. Schultz stated that the properties have to be offered to the general public before the City could “flip” them and sell them for a profit.

Smith thanked the organizers of the Freedom Festival and added that the parade was great. Smith stated that the weather was great and there was a very good turn-out for the event. Smith commended the administration for the ground breaking event for the Cornerstone and thanked Markland, Burns, and the Downtown Development Authority. Smith added that he is thrilled to be here and watch this progress happening in the City of Fenton.

King stated that the City of Fenton is so unique and it is a great place to live. King stated that the freedom Festival was great and so well attended and she expressed her gratitude to the organizers of the event. King stated that the ground breaking was great and thanked Markland and Burns for their work. King added that it is great to see the Downtown Development Authority’s vision coming to fruition.

Bland stated that he is happy to be back and expressed his disappointment at missing the Freedom Festival. Bland stated that he is very happy to see the Cornerstone Project beginning and some activity starting in revitalizing the Downtown.

LEAGL COUNSEL’S REPORT

Schultz stated that the Groundbreaking was a great event and this has been a long time coming. Schultz reported that the agreement for assessing services for Grand Blanc has been revised and is under review. Schultz stated that he is also working on agreements for the Fire Department for when they provide multi-jurisdictional training. Schultz also added that he will be present for a court hearing on Thursday for a property in the Downtown.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Amy Freeman-Rosa stated that she was available to answer any questions the Council has concerning the resolution of support for the Genesee County Solid Waste Management Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA

Osborn reviewed all of the items on the consent agenda which include:

- Approve the minutes of the June 24, 2013 meeting of the City Council.
- Council authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$117,733.41.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the May 2, 2013 Library Board meeting.
- Approve the request of the Fenton High School Athletic Department to conduct a 5K run on a designated route within the City of Fenton on Saturday, May 17, 2014.
- Approve a Pushcart License for Uncle Ray’s Dairyland to expire on April 30, 2014.
- Approve the reappointment of Brian Webb and Kurt Swartz to a second term on the Parks and recreation Board, to expire on January 1, 2016.
- Approve the request of the Fenton Firefighter Charities to conduct the annual 5/10K Run on Saturday, August 10, 2013.

- Approve the request of Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation and organizers from the “Back to the Bricks” event to conduct the “Back to the Bricks Tune-Up” Event on August 8, 2013 from 1:00 PM to 8:30 PM, requiring the closure of LeRoy Street.

King confirmed with Chief Aro that no other streets would be closed for the Back to the Bricks

event and that adjoining parking lots in the Downtown would be used for car display. Smith thanked the High School Athletic Department for being proactive on their request for the 5K run. Markland agreed that advanced planning is better and can generate more support for community events.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Bland to approve the Consent Agenda containing all of the aforementioned items.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-08

A motion was made by Lockwood and seconded by Jacob to approve Resolution No. 13-08, which allows for Ronald Skarzynski to purchase an additional 2 years of generic service credit through MERS for a cost of \$56,945.10, and upon submission of a retirement date, use monies accrued from an early sick time pay-off to fund the purchase.

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

NAYS: None.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 13-09

Markland stated that Genesee County is requesting a resolution of support for the amendments to the Genesee County Solid Waste Management Program. Lockwood confirmed that the City of Flint has begun curbside recycling on a bi-weekly schedule as of the first week in May.

A motion was made by Bland and seconded by King to approve Resolution No. 13-09, which demonstrates support for the Genesee County Solid Waste Management Plan amendments.

YEAS: Lockwood, Osborn, Smith, Bland, Grossmeyer, Jacob, Bland.

NAYS: None.

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

ENERGY SAVING PROPOSAL FROM ATI GROUP

Markland stated that the proposal before the Council for the energy savings measures suggested by the ATI Group was discussed in detail at the July Work Session and reviewed the changes to be made to exterior lighting at the Water Treatment Plant, as well as interior lighting changes for the Police Station and the Library.

Smith confirmed that Steve Langley would be the point person on the projects at the Police Station and the Library and that Steve Guy would be the contact for improvements to the Water Treatment Plant. Jacob confirmed that the administration would continue to seek out further energy savings measures that could be taken for other municipal facilities.

A motion was made by Jacob and seconded by King to approve the proposal from ATI Group to administer energy grants from Consumers Energy for three lighting projects in the City and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried by voice vote.

HOWARD STREET LIFT STATION REPAIRS

Czarnecki explained that the lift station at Howard Street has experienced a failure of both pumps 1 and 2. Czarnecki further explained that the seal was compromised on pump 1, along with other mechanical parts of the pump that are failing. Czarnecki reviewed that Kennedy Industries was called to address the pump repair to get the lift station in working order and after many hours of troubleshooting, it was determined that the pump would need to be completely rebuilt. Czarnecki solicited quotes from Kennedy Industries to rebuild the current pump or replace the current pump. Czarnecki stated that to rebuild and install the pump it would cost \$6,866. To install a new pump in the station it would cost \$6,864. Czarnecki stated that since these quotes were provided the station continues to have problems with pump 2 and this will probably have to be addressed as well. Czarnecki recommended that the Council authorize the purchase and installation of a new pump at this time.

Bland confirmed that the pumps in the Howard Street lift station were the original pumps and were not replaced during the lift station upgrade project. Markland stated that there was a lot of overhaul done to the pumps during the project but they were not replaced at that time. Smith stated that it may be prudent to discuss a yearly maintenance contract on these pumps rather than addressing them on a per diem basis.

A motion was made by Lockwood and seconded by Grossmeyer to approve the quote from Kennedy Industries to provide and install one new Flygt pump to replace pump 1 at the Howard Street lift station, as outlined in their quote, for an amount of \$6,864, and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents. Motion carried by voice vote.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Amy Freeman-Rosa, of 809 Williams Street, questioned when the City's Solid Waste Committee was going to begin meeting. Lockwood stated that the Committee is in the process of conducting research on all available programs as well as reviewing the City's contracts. King stated that the Committee will make a recommendation to the Council upon which direction to take for solid waste management in the City. Freeman-Rosa stated that the City has made great progress by switching to a user-based system and hopes that the City does not change this method.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

City Clerk, Jennifer Naismith