

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, July 25, 2005
City Hall Council Chambers
301 South Leroy Street

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Osborn at 7:30 PM.

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

Present: Angeluski, Hammond, King, Medor, North, Osborn, Rauch.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Christopher Wren, Assistant City Manager; Stephen Schultz, Legal Counsel.

MINUTES

Moved by Rauch, seconded by North to approve minutes of the July 5, 2005 work session and the July 11, 2005 regular meeting. Motion carried by voice vote.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Several questions and concerns expressed by King and North were addressed to their satisfaction.

Moved by Rauch, seconded by Hammond to authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$445,551.72.

Yeas: Hammond, King, Medor, North, Osborn, Rauch.

Nays: None.

Absent: None. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES & REPORTS

Moved by North, seconded by Medor to place on file the following minutes and report:

- Minutes of the June 14, 2005 Parks and Recreation Board meeting.
- Minutes of the June 21, 2005 downtown Development Authority meeting.
- G.R.A.C.E., Inc. June report.

Motion carried by voice vote.

GAZEBO RENTAL FEES

In an attempt to make the City's facility rental fees more consistent, the Fenton Park and Recreation Board recommended an adjustment in gazebo rental fees.

Moved by Rauch, seconded by King to establish a non-profit fee schedule of \$15.00 rental and \$25.00 refundable deposit for City gazebos. Motion carried by voice vote.

FARMER'S MARKET

Moved by North, seconded by Rauch to approve the request of Ann Rockman and Carol Beck to hold the 10th annual Farmer's Market on five consecutive Thursday nights beginning on July 28, 2005. Motion carried by voice vote.

FOOD VENDOR LICENSE

Moved by King, seconded by North to approve the request of Corene Johnson to operate a catering truck in the City of Fenton and authorize the City Clerk to issue the necessary licensing documents. Motion carried by voice vote

APPLEFEST BANNER REQUEST

Moved by King, seconded by Medor to approve the request of St. John the Evangelist Church to hang banners in four locations throughout the city from September 4 to September 19, 2005 to promote the St. John Applefest. Motion carried by voice vote.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Cherie Smith, 200 Union Street, expressed concerns about the number of employees utilized to perform the City's wood chipping service. She also reported that the new DPW garage landscaping was in need of weeding, however the Fire Hall cleanup was outstanding. King agreed that employees should take pride in their new buildings. Osborn felt this issue should be discussed at an upcoming work session.

Elaine Eldred, 111 S. East Street, reported the Shiawassee River Walk from N. Leroy Street to East Street is overgrown with weeds and brush. She inquired about the progress on the resolution of the blight issue at 109 S. East Street. Schultz stated the complaint has been drafted and will be filed shortly. Wren will speak with Hisson regarding the removal of raccoons from that location to alleviate Ms. Eldred's pest problem.

Ruth Baird, 113 S. East Street reported the deck at O'Donnell Park is in disrepair. She requested that administration look into an additional restroom near the Silver Lake Park pavilions, noting there are no handicap facilities. Additionally, there is a speeding problem on East Street between Ellen and S. Holly and requested stop signs at the cross streets.

Benjamin Smith, 200 Union Street, stated he had a conversation with Senyko about securing the Allor property on Caroline and was present to request an update. He also expressed complaints about the parking situation at the French Laundry, noting recent violations. King stated the police need to be out ticketing violators. Angeluski expressed his desire to see updates to ongoing problems in the City Manager's Friday Memos.

Elizabeth Evans, 607 S. Adelaide, inquired about an excessive noise ordinance. Schultz stated it was drafted and was placed on hold after discussions with the Police Chief. Evans complained about the noise made by motorcycles on Adelaide Street. The noise ordinance will be discussed at an upcoming work session.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Wren reported the N. Leroy/Silver Lake Road intersection work has begun.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Medor reported the upcoming Planning Commission agenda is full. Among these items was the expansion of one church and the construction of a new church on South Long Lake Road. Work continues on the Bush Park Initiative and should be wrapped up in a few weeks.

North asked when the Joint Boards and Commissions meetings will be held again.

Angeluski, referring to recent statements and accusations in the newspaper, clarified his position on the recent Main Street Community application. He stated he did not have ample information regarding the program in order to vote in favor of it and wished to set the public record straight. Osborn stated the gentleman from the Main Street Program will be coming to speak with the Council to answer any questions in order to better prepare Council for next year's application process.

King expressed her own concerns over how the application process and presentation to Council was handled. She also felt they did not have all the information needed to make an informed decision and stated everything should go to a work session for discussion.

Hammond reported the Small Cities Picnic was coming up and requested that Council members contact the Clerk's Office if they wished to attend.

LEGAL COUNSEL - None.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS - None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Sue Osborn, Mayor

Melinda Carrier, City Clerk