

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, August 12, 2013
City Hall Council Chambers
301 South LeRoy Street

Mayor Sue 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; Mike Burns, Assistant City Manager; Robert Cairnduff, Fire Chief

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Markland advised Council that there will be an addition to the agenda under Purchases and Agreements regarding the sale/donation of old fire hoses. On Monday, Markland, Burns and Chip Beltnick from Sawyers Jewelers met to work on arrangements for employee parking for their business at the Cornerstone Building. The jewelry business has specific standards related to security that are requirements for their insurance company. On Tuesday afternoon, Markland went to Cranbrook with the Community Center Restoration Committee to look at the building additions. The committee is looking at the materials that were used for the exterior of the additions. On Wednesday Markland met to discuss issues related to the plans for the downtown streetscape. The final plans have to be submitted to MDOT by August 23, 2013.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Grossmeyer was pleased with the Back to the Bricks and Taste in Fenton events. He wanted to acknowledge that without the hard work of the Police, Fire and DPW departments these events would not be so successful.

Lockwood participated in the Flotilla along with over 100 kayaks from all over the USA and Canada. It was an exciting opportunity for the city. Lockwood attended the Taste in Fenton and Back to the Bricks events agreeing that they were very successful. The Community Center meetings have continued to produce more donor commitments bringing the goal closer. Lockwood questioned what was happening on N. Adelaide Street with Consumers Power last week. Markland advised that Consumers was replacing a gas line from 1925 in the area. Lockwood inquired regarding the tree down on 503 N. Adelaide Street. Osborn reported that Consumers is working with the owner and neighbor to get the situation resolved.

King stated that the Back to the Bricks turned out great again this year. King asked that as soon as the decision is made as to where these events will take place next year while the streetscape project is underway to notify the events chairpersons. King commended Scott Grossmeyer on his video presentation on the Shiawassee River. King advised that the Loose Center has started construction and should be completed by Thanksgiving.

Bland agreed that the Back to the Bricks, Farmer's Market, and Concert in the Park event had a tremendous turn out and was asked why the city does not do this event every week.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT - None

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Osborn thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their work on Taste in Fenton, the administration's hard work on the Back to the Bricks event and appreciates the hard work that goes into planning and executing these events. Osborn wanted to thank City Manager Lynn Markland for his five (5) years of service. Osborn, Markland and the architect will be visiting Cranbrook on Wednesday to tour the buildings with additions to gain further information. Osborn will go to the Flint Institute of Arts on Tuesday regarding art in the community.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

David McDermott advised Council that he and his Wife Sara were present if there were any questions regarding the St. John's Applefest Road Race. No questions were asked.

CONSENT AGENDA

Osborn reviewed all items that were on the Consent Agenda. A motion was made by Bland and seconded by Smith to approve the consent agenda containing the following items:

- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$279,822.93.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the May 23, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting; the July 11, 2013 Jack R. Windgarden Library Board Meeting; the June 3, 2013 and June 10, 2013 City Council Work Session; the June 24, 2013, July 1, 2013, July 8, 2013, July 22, 2013 City Council Meetings.
- Approve the request for St. John's Applefest Road Race which is scheduled for September 14, 2013.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None. Motion carried by roll call vote.

TRIBUTE PRESENTATION FROM REPRESENTATIVE JOE GRAVES TO HEIDIE CIESIELSKI

Joe Graves presented Heidie Ciesielski with the Middle School Principal of the Year Award. She is the principal at Andrew G. Schmidt Middle School. Osborn expressed how very proud she is of her achievements and thanked her for dedication. Lockwood also stated how proud she is of Ciesielski to be chosen from the State of Michigan. Lockwood advised that Ciesielski is also a finalist for the National Principal of the Year Award.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion was made by Lockwood and seconded by Smith to appoint David Price to replace Board Member Angela Nuveman and appoint David McDermott and Andrea Rossi to replace Commissioner Parker and Commissioner Morey. Motion was carried by voice vote.

TURN THE TOWNS TEAL CAMPAIGN

A presentation was given by Shelley Offer and her two daughters Madelyn and Avery regarding the guidelines and history of the campaign. Osborn advised Offer to meet with Brad

Hissong regarding the size of the signs and material of the ribbons being used in the campaign for approval of the materials. A motion by Bland and seconded by Smith to approve the Turn The Towns Teal Campaigns request to tie teal colored ribbons and place signs in the public areas of the City in the month of September. Motion was carried by voice vote.

LIBRARY UPGRADES

A motion was made by Jacob and seconded by Smith to hire Library Design Associates to assist with Functional Space Planning of the Jack Winegarden Library at a cost not to exceed \$9,375. Motion carried by voice vote.

ASSESSING CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF GRAND BLANC

A motion was made by King and seconded by Smith to approve the City of Fenton and City of Grand Blanc Agreement for Assessing Services Contract. Motion carried by voice vote.

PURCHASE OF MERS SERVICE CREDIT

A motion was made by Bland and seconded by Grossmeyer to approve Lynn Markland's request to purchase five (5) years' service at no cost to the City of Fenton.

TUCK POINTING AT CITY HALL

A motion was made by Bland and seconded by Smith to approve the proposal from I & E Maintenance for the repairs to City Hall at a cost not to exceed \$6,200.

OLD FIRE HOSE

Steve Schultz advised Council that donating the fire hose would be legally appropriate however, there are concerns regarding selling the hoses. After discussion regarding whether to sell or donate the old fire hose a motion was made by Grossmeyer and seconded by Smith to approve donating the old fire hose. Motion carried by voice vote.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Dawn Overmyer thanks Council for all the welcome backs. She stated that while she was wheel chair bound, she found some areas of the City needing attention in regards to accessibility as it was difficult to get around. River and Caroline Streets along with the River Walk area are very rough and some of the bricks are sinking. Markland stated he will speak to DPW Director Dan Czarnecki and look into these areas for repair/replacement which may be addressed in the streetscape project.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

City Deputy Clerk, Sue Walsh

Date Approved: September 9, 2013