

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, September 12, 2005
City Hall Council Chambers
301 South Leroy Street

Mayor Pro Tem Hammond called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

The invocation was offered by Reverend Davis of the Fenton Church of the Nazarene, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: Osborn (out of town).

Others Present: Michael Senyko, City Manager; Stephen Schultz, Legal Counsel; Christopher Wren, Assistant City Manager; Dan Cabage of Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May.

MINUTES

Moved by Rauch, seconded by North to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2005 regular meeting as written. Motion carried by voice vote.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Rauch, seconded by North to authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$197,435.75.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Osborn. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE, MINUTES & REPORTS

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

- Minutes of the July 20, 2005 Beautification Commission meeting.
- Minutes of the July 28, 2005 Planning Commission meeting.
- Minutes of the August 11, 2005 Oakwood Cemetery Board meeting.

Motion carried by voice vote.

SOUTH LONG LAKE ROAD SIDEWALK BID

Senyko reviewed the bid process and presented the Genesee County South Long Lake Road drain project time line. He also pointed out there were unused funds from the 2004/2005 budget which could be used to compensate for the higher than estimated project cost.

Cabage reported that Genesee County had been contacted regarding the drain crossing and there were no objections to the bids. He also reported that Bland has spoken with residents regarding driveway issues, and the drainage issues will be addressed with the project. Senyko noted the sidewalk

will be located closer to the roadway wherever possible. He also stated the residents' portion of the assessment costs will not be increased, and that approximately \$20,000 of the City's cost is refundable for the drain project. Cabage noted the contractor is anxious to start and finish the project yet this year.

Moved by Rauch, seconded by King to award the bid for the South Long Lake sidewalk project to Keyway Construction Co., Inc. for a cost not to exceed \$120,231.50.

King noted she could only be in support of this action if the project is done as soon as possible.

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Osborn. Motion carried.

BANNER REQUEST

Moved by Medor, seconded by North to approve the request of Fenton Village Players to install a banner at Shiawassee and Owen from October 15 to October 25, 2005 to promote their production of "Running in the Red". Motion carried by voice vote.

OAKWOOD CEMETERY PROJECT

Moved by Angeluski, seconded by Rauch to approve the request of the Sons of the Union Veterans to relocate the Civil War cannons from the old fire hall to Oakwood Cemetery, proceed with additional improvements and hold a rededication ceremony on July 4, 2006 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the original dedication of Chapel Hill. Motion carried by voice vote.

ELECTION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Moved by Rauch, seconded by King to appoint Robert Cooke to fill the current vacancy and serve an indefinite term on the Election Commission. Motion carried by voice vote.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Angeluski, seconded by North to appoint Gus Buterakos and Mark Clement to the Fenton Planning Commission for first terms to expire September 1, 2008. Motion carried by voice vote.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Marlene Eller, 15117 Charluene, was present to represent Nancy Stockham and G.R.A.C.E., Inc., her nonprofit organization. She explained her recollection of how the city funding was started and questioned why Council had stopped the monthly reimbursements. She also expressed her disappointment that the City had not notified Stockham that funding was not in this year's budget and that at the very least did not recognize her for the years she has dedicated to helping the poor. Hammond stated there were many legal issues and budgetary problems to be considered. A meeting will be scheduled with Stockham, Senyko, Osborn and Schultz to thoroughly discuss the issue. North was bothered by the lack of notification. Angeluski noted the City Council has commended Stockham many times and has always appreciated her services.

Mike Morey, 707 Davis Street, stated he was ashamed of Fenton and what he had just heard in regards to the Stockham funding cut.

Linda Primeau, 927 State Road, felt the Stockham situation could have been handled much better. Hammond pointed out the issue has been discussed for at least two years; it is not a new development.

Thom North, 401 W. Elizabeth, inquired about the condition of the water in his home. He has been in contact with Senyko and Guy regarding the rust content of his water and has not yet received a response. He also asked that Council do whatever they could to assist Nancy Stockham. Hammond stated management will follow up on the water issue.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT - None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Medor reported the New Year's Jubilee planning is moving forward rapidly. Council will be receiving a request for use of the City Hall council chambers, the Fenton Museum and the closure of Leroy Street for an evening. They would also like to use a spot in Bush Park for fireworks.

North inquired about the status of the employee handbook. Senyko reported it is nearing completion. North also asked if the 800 MH radio system would prevent the type of communication breakdown recently experienced with Hurricane Katrina. Senyko reported this is the most advanced system available and the disaster would have to be statewide to disrupt the radio transmissions. She expressed her desire to see Stockham written back into the City's budget.

Rauch expressed concern over the Stockham issue, but understands the legal issues. He inquired about employee evaluations. Senyko has received the proposed draft evaluation form from Schultz, and it will soon be distributed to department heads for comments.

Angeluski reported there has been some discussion in the weekly Water Plant meetings on the installation of new lines to alleviate remaining water problems. He also discussed his attendance at the recent special Planning Commission meeting for the Target final PUD approval. At that meeting he stressed the importance of a backup plan for handling traffic in the event that the proposed traffic signal malfunctions.

King reported the following: 1) She received a call that the railroad crossing on Poplar Street had raised ties and spikes. 2) She and Hammond need to have their ID photos taken. 3) She stressed the importance of having a mock disaster run through. 4) She will miss five consecutive meetings due to a vacation out of the country and asked to be excused.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Schultz has been kept busy reviewing PUD agreements, noting he and his staff work well with the Fenton's Building Department. He reported the first scheduled deadline for compliance on the East Street property has passed. An engineering study was obtained without cost estimates. The next scheduled deadline is September 29th.

MAYOR PRO TEM COMMENTS

Hammond reported that the newly proposed MTA garage probably won't happen soon. He

also complimented North and Rauch on their work with the Solid Waste Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Carl Hammond, Mayor Pro Tem

Melinda Carrier, City Clerk