

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, September 22, 2014
City Hall Council Chambers
301 South LeRoy Street

Mayor Sue Osborn called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

The invocation for the evening was the Lord's Prayer and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Bland (via telephone), Grossmeyer, Jacob, King, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn.
Absent: None.
Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager; Stephen Schultz, Legal Counsel and Dan Czarnecki, Director of Public Works.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Osborn commented the Community Center project is coming along and looks nice. She thanked the D.P.W. for their work on the new handicap ramp and sidewalk repairs in the parking lot behind City Hall. She commented the History Walk that took place this past weekend at Oakwood Cemetery was an outstanding event and a headstone dedication took place for a Civil War soldier which was a very moving ceremony.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Markland commented on the following:

- Updated Council on the Community Center and Cornerstone projects and stated the parking lots around Cornerstone should be in place by October 1st.
- The video for the Fire Hall project that will be submitted to the Michigan Municipal League for the Community Excellence Award is currently being put together and once received he will forward a copy to Council.
- There is proposed legislation that would change the way Downtown Development Authorities operate. The House will be taking testimony on the legislation and he will be in Lansing Wednesday to provide testimony. He gave Council a brief overview on how the proposed legislation would affect the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).
- He recently returned from the ICMA conference and commented a lot of the conference sessions were about the revitalization of downtown areas and stated revitalization is starting to take place all over the country.

Markland asked the City Council not to take action on Resolution 14-17 on tonight's agenda. The interest rate needs to be determined before approving the special assessment roll. He requested Council hold the public hearing to consider any comments. He talked with the D.P.W. Director and construction is not slated until next spring. Holding off on the resolution for a few weeks would not impact the project.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Lockwood commented the History Walk was a great event and stated historical preservation grants may be available to cover the cost of preserving the flag displayed at the History Walk and would like to have a discussion with the Library Board as they may be interested in the flag display. She gave an update on the Beautification Commission meeting and stated that the corn stalks will be put up on October 11th and the North Leroy Business District will decorate their end of town. She asked if the Beautification Commission could have input on the plantings that will be put in as part of the Streetscape project. Markland responded the Beautification Commission was part of the process when the plants and other items like benches and trash receptacles were chosen. He further stated the plants chosen have to be resistant to salt due to the plowing done in the winter. Lockwood asked that the school banners be allowed to stay up through October. She stated the newly formed Downtown District Merchants Association would like to meet with Administration to talk about the streetscape project and the landscaping involved. She thanked Dave and Sara McDermott for their work on Applefest and commented she cannot attend the October work session.

McDermott thanked the Fire and Police Departments for their assistance with Applefest.

King asked when the teal ribbons will be coming down and stated next year more restrictions are needed and those requesting to place ribbons need to stay in the area that was approved. She gave an update on the Loose Senior Center Fundraiser. She visited Dauner Haus today and updated residents on the projects going on in town. She asked if the proposed DDA legislation is enacted how that will impact financing already in place for certain projects. Markland responded the legislation he has read indicates financing already in place would be grandfathered in.

Bland commented he is presently in Mt. Pleasant at the Michigan Public Service Institute (MPSI) and stated many people from around the state have commented to him regarding the projects going on in Fenton.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Schultz commented he will be teaching a course at the MPSI tomorrow.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Osborn reviewed all items that were on the Consent Agenda.

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

- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$191,037.05.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the July 8, 2014 Parks and Recreation Board meeting, the July 10, 2014 Oakwood Cemetery Board meeting and the September 2, 2014 City Council work session.
- Approve change to Oakwood Cemetery General Rule #10.
- Accept the resignation of Donna Lloyd from the Library Board.

Osborn asked that Donna Lloyd be sent a letter of appreciation.

YEAS: Bland, Grossmeyer, Jacob, King, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

Osborn stated a public hearing will be held to hear all persons interested in the special assessment roll for the Water's Edge Townhomes improvements and reviewing the same.

Mayor Osborn opened the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.
Mayor Osborn closed the public hearing at 7:57 p.m. due to lack of comment.

RESOLUTION 14-17

A motion was made by Osborn and seconded by Lockwood to table Resolution 14-17, a resolution to accept the special assessment roll for the Water's Edge Townhomes Improvements. Motion carried by a voice vote.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE – None.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

City Clerk, Renee Wilson

Date approved: October 13, 2014