

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, September 23, 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: Stephen Schultz, Legal Counsel; Rick Aro, Police Chief; Daniel Czarnecki, Director of Public Works.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Jacob stated he attended the Michigan Municipal League (MML) conference and that the conference had great topics and speakers

Lockwood stated the MML conference was one of the best conferences they've had and documentation from conference sessions are available to download from the MML website. She stated the Chairman of St. John's Applefest wanted to thank City Council for their support. She thanked the Police Department and DPW for their work related to Applefest.

King stated the outside of the Loose Center has been stained and the roof is done. The windows are in and work on the inside continues to move along. She stated VG's on North Leroy Street is having a classic car show in their parking lot this Saturday. She asked about Council pictures.

Bland stated Delio Barletta, owner of John's Pizzeria, passed away today and expressed his sympathies. He attended the Michigan Public Service Institute last week in Mt. Pleasant. He also stated the first Jinglefest meeting was today.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Schultz stated he enjoyed the MML Conference and was able to gather information on the food truck issue and hopes to have something for the Council to discuss at the next work session meeting. There was a meeting with representatives from Wellbridge and progress was made in working out issues and he hopes to bring something to the Council soon.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Osborn stated the MML Conference was very good and the conference has had outstanding programs the last two years. She thanked Fenton Home Furnishings owners Gerry and Kay Willey and their family for their generous donation to the Library and Community Center. She also stated the Council pictures are done and are waiting to be picked up.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – Doug Tebo, 409 Bent Oak Street, asked to speak on the Cemetery Maintenance agenda item.

CONSENT AGENDA

Osborn reviewed all items that were on the Consent Agenda.

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

- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$100,020.54.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the July 11, 2013 Oakwood Cemetery Board meeting; the August 13, 2013 Parks and Recreation Board meeting; the August 20, 2013 Downtown Development Authority meeting and the September 3, 2013 City Council Work Session meeting.
- Approve casting ballot for incumbent Directors for the Michigan Municipal League Liability & Property Pool Board of Directors.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None. Motion carried by roll call vote.

AWARD BID FOR OAKWOOD CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

Czarnecki stated on September 5, 2013, bids were opened for the mowing and other maintenance work at Oakwood Cemetery. Three bids were received and results were:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
C.J. Callaghan & Son	\$27,000	\$28,000	\$28,000
Odd Jobs Done Right	\$29,000	\$29,000	\$29,000
TNT Outdoor Services	\$31,800	\$31,800	\$31,800

The current contract is being performed by TNT Outdoor Services at a cost of \$30,600. This contract will expire on October 31, 2013. TNT has done a great job for the past several years and has a great working relationship with City staff, Fenton Cemetery Services and Cemetery Board Chairperson Doug Tebo. C.J. Callaghan currently is under contract with the City of Fenton to perform mowing and other lawn, tree and planting bed maintenance for City parks, buildings and the DDA properties.

King stated TNT has done a fantastic job maintaining the cemetery. Other people have had the contract in the past, but the cemetery now looks the best it's ever been. She understands it's a lot of money between bids and asked how many extra people C.J. Callaghan & Son would have working to maintain the cemetery as it's more detailed than other city properties.

Bland stated there was a nine month period in between maintenance contracts and during that time C.J. Callaghan & Son performed cemetery maintenance. Bland also stated Doug Tebo would bring any problems to the Council's attention and the City has an option to opt out of a contract with thirty days notice. He stated TNT has done an excellent job but he cannot vote for an option that would cost the city an additional \$12,000.

Doug Tebo stated TNT has maintained the cemetery for quite a few years. After the tornado hit, TNT did a tremendous amount of work over and above what was included in their contract without any additional payment. He stated the cemetery is gorgeous and he is very pleased with TNT and has never gotten complaints on the condition of the cemetery. When the

bids came in, the difference between C.J. Callaghan & Son and TNT was \$12,400 over the life of the contract which is more than the Cemetery Board receives in a year for capital improvement. It was not a unanimous vote but the Cemetery Board felt that was too much money to ignore knowing that times are tough.

Lockwood stated C.J. Callaghan & Son has done a great job in other areas of the City and is comfortable that if there are problems Doug Tebo will bring them to Council's attention.

Osborn agreed that TNT has done an outstanding job but she believes C.J. Callaghan & Son will do a good job and asked Doug Tebo to report back to Council if he has any concerns.

Smith stated the cemetery is in fantastic shape and complimented both Doug Tebo and TNT for the job they do.

A motion was made by Grossmeyer and seconded by King to award the Oakwood Cemetery Maintenance contract to CJ Callaghan & Son, Fenton, for a three year period at \$27,000 for 2014, \$28,000 for 2015 and \$28,000 for 2016. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

Osborn stated a letter of appreciation should be sent to TNT for their years of service.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE – Charlie Callaghan thanked the Council for choosing C.J. Callaghan and Son for Oakwood Cemetery maintenance and stated they will do the best job they can.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

City Clerk, Renee Wilson

Date approved: October 14, 2013