

**CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
**Monday, December 11, 2017**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**  
**301 South LeRoy Street**

Mayor Osborn called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The invocation for the evening was given by Reverend Tracy Little from St. Jude's Episcopal Church and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Bottecelli, Draves, Grossmeyer, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith.  
Absent: None.  
Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager; Stephen Schultz, Legal Counsel; Mike Hart, Assistant City Manager; Tonya Lall, Assessor; Mike Reilly, Zoning Administrator and Carmine Avantini, Planner.

Mayor Osborn presented Brad Jacob with a plaque honoring his eight years of service as a member of City Council. Council thanked him for his service.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS** – Osborn wished everyone Happy Holidays. She commented she attended the McDonald's grand opening this AM. She thanked the Jinglefest committee for their work.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT** – Markland reported on the following:

- Legislation recently was passed regarding retiree benefits.
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Lockwood thanked all those that helped with Jinglefest and gave a recap of the event.

Grossmeyer commented he will attend his first meeting as a member of the Parks and Recreation Board tomorrow.

Bottecelli stated she will attend her first I-69 Corridor meeting this Wednesday.

Smith stated she will miss Brad Jacob being on Council and commented she is excited for the upcoming year.

McDermott commented on the recent article in the Tri-County Times regarding the Streetscape Project.

Draves stated a new desk for the Children's section of the Library will be purchased with funds provided by the City and Friends of the Library. She commented the Library Board is working on raising funds to purchase the sculpture.

Council wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT** – Schultz commented the rules for medical marijuana facility licensing are now out and this issue will come to Council sometime next year. He stated it was an honor to work with Brad Jacob and commented his firm made a donation towards the purchase of the sculpture in front of the Library.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Osborn reviewed all items that were on the Consent Agenda. Lockwood stated the National League of Cities conference is scheduled the week of March 12<sup>th</sup> and suggested that the Council meeting be rescheduled to the following Monday, March 19, 2018.

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

- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$552,349.77.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the October 26, 2017 Planning Commission meeting, the November 6, 2017 City Council work session and the November 13, 2017 City Council meeting.
- Appoint Patricia Lockwood and Scott Grossmeyer to the Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation Authority Board.
- Appoint Patricia Lockwood to the Loose Senior Citizens Center Board.
- Adopt 2018 City Council meeting schedule, changing the March 12, 2018 meeting to March 19, 2018.

YEAS: Bottecelli, Draves, Grossmeyer, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

**OWEN ROAD REZONING**

Reilly stated this request was initiated by the Planning Commission and was brought to Council at last week's work session. Lockwood stated there were some questions at the work session as to how far back on the property the rezoning impacts. Reilly responded a revised map that correctly depicts the area proposed for rezoning was included in the meeting packet.

A motion was made by McDermott and seconded by Lockwood to approve the proposed rezoning and Preliminary PUD Site Plan for the Owen Road PUD. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**TAX REVERTED PROPERTY**

Markland stated there is tax reverted (undeveloped) property on Lemen Street not previously sold by the foreclosing governmental unit (Genesee County). Unless Council takes action to reject acceptance of the property, it will automatically revert to the City. He recommends Council direct the City Manager to notify Genesee County that it rejects the property.

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by McDermott to direct the City Manager to notify the Genesee County Treasurer that the City rejects the tax reverted property located on Lemen Street (Parcels #53-25-553-039 and #53-25-553-042). *No vote taken.*

Council discussed possibly taking ownership of the property and the pros and cons involved. Attorney Schultz stated if Council opts to accept the property, he recommends a Phase I Environmental Study be performed on the property.

A motion was made by Osborn and seconded by Lockwood to table this agenda item until after the closed session. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**CALL TO THE AUDIENCE** – Robert and Marie Bechtel, 721 N. Leroy, expressed concerns with the speed limit and pedestrian safety along North Leroy from North Road to the downtown area. They are especially concerned about the area of N. Leroy and 5<sup>th</sup> Street as a lot of children cross the road heading to Tomek Elementary or Bush Park. Administration will look into possibly installing a crosswalk in the area and conducting a speed study.

Brent Lopucki, 714 Grant Street suggested looking at downtown Brighton for crosswalk ideas. He expressed concerns at the May 23, 2017 City Council meeting about traffic in the area of Silver Lake Road and the U.S. 23 entrance/exit ramps. Markland responded the City’s traffic engineer is finishing up a traffic study in the vicinity of Torrey/North Roads and Poplar Street and will look at Silver Lake Road next.

**CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Osborn and seconded by Lockwood to enter into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation and the City Manager’s evaluation.

AYES: Draves, Grossmeyer, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith, Bottecelli.  
NAYS: None.  
ABSENT: None. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Recessed to Closed Session at 8:27 PM.

Reconvened to Open Session at 9:54 PM.

A motion was made by Osborn and seconded by Lockwood to give the City Manager a \$5,000 raise for calendar year 2018. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**TAX REVERTED PROPERTY**

A motion was made by Grossmeyer and second by Smith to remove ‘Tax Reverted Property’ from the table and re-open discussion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Lockwood and seconded by McDermott to delegate authority to City Manager to make a decision whether to accept or reject the property (Parcels #53-25-553-039 and #53-25-553-042) and if necessary, conduct a Phase I Environmental Study on the property. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 PM.

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Mayor Sue Osborn

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City Clerk, Renee Wilson

Date approved: January 22, 2018