

**CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS**  
**Monday, December 7, 2015**  
**City Hall Conference Room**  
**301 South LeRoy Street**  
**7:30 PM**

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

Present: Draves, Grossmeyer, Jacob, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith.  
Absent: None.  
Others Present: Stephen Schultz, City Attorney; Lynn Markland, City Manager

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Les Bland and Tom Halligan would like speak to ordinance amendments regarding truck routes.

**ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS REGARDING TRUCK ROUTES**

Markland reviewed the memo recommending the amendment to the City of Fenton, Code of Ordinance, Sec. 32-58 which regulates heavy vehicular traffic. Currently the truck route is routed through the downtown streets of Shiawassee Ave., S. Leroy and Main Streets. The downtown streetscape project has been completed and the downtown streets are now a more pedestrian friendly environment. However, these roadways are no longer appropriate for large, heavy vehicles which currently use the truck route. The City Attorney has drafted an amendment to the Code of Ordinance which would modify the truck route to eliminate the downtown area. Heavy vehicular traffic would be redirected to Owen Road between US-23 and Alloy Drive, Alloy Drive between Owen Road and Silver Lake Road, and Silver Lake Road between the east and west City limits.

After review of the amendments recommended, discussion ensued regarding the best routes for trucks to use, signage and how to advise truck drivers. Osborn requested this item be placed on the January work session to give Schultz, Markland and Pete Lemourie time to look into the various options.

**EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FOR THE DPW**

Czarnecki reviewed the memo stating the DPW is in need of purchasing two new pickup trucks. These are used for daily operations, hauling materials and people to job sites, and in the winter for plowing. Due to the age, high mileage, and increased need of repair, they are in need of being replaced. One pickup would be purchased by the water department for use at the treatment facility and the other will be purchased by Public Works. Both purchases were discussed during the budget review. Vic Canever Chevrolet sealed bid was for \$37,355.30 each; and Hall Chrysler \$35,076.00 each. It is recommended by administration that the City Council approve the purchase of two new pickup trucks from Hall Chrysler Fenton, as specified for a total amount of \$70,152.00. Czarnecki stated that Council has always asked to go local, however, if the City went with the state bid, the price would be lower due to the volume of purchasing.

Smith stated she feels that although Hall Chrysler is outside the city limits they should be considered as they shop local. If the council went with the State purchasing program, that

dealership would be totally out of our area.

Osborn stated that Canevers pays taxes to the city and feels the business should be given to them.

Jacobs stated he thought the business should stay inside the city.

Lockwood stated we should support our local businesses.

McDermott stated we should maintain the sealed bid process and give to the lowest bidder.

Grossmeyer stated he would go with Canever to keep the business inside the city.

Draves stated we should go to the lowest bid, Hall Chrysler.

Markland advised that the Council could go with the State purchasing program or Oakland County, however, Council has always wanted to go with local dealerships.

Schultz advised that the Council could go with the higher bid if the public interest is better served by going with the higher bid.

Council agreed to address this request at their next meeting

### **PROPOSED ARTS & CULTURAL COMMISSION ORDINANCE**

Markland stated there has been research of the ordinance for the Arts & Cultural Commission which has been previously discussed. City Attorney has drawn up an ordinance to establish the commission.

Osborn stated this is a great idea. Osborn stated that Sec. 2-904(1)f needs to be changed to read; Work in conjunction and cooperation with the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. There will also be a change from five members to eleven. Osborn stated that these members could be from surrounding area and not just the City as they would not be approving money, they would be coming up with ideas.

Lockwood gave an overview of the intent of the Arts and Cultural Commission to be an advisory group among all arts and cultural areas. The Commission would work closely with individuals whose expertise is in these areas.

Discussion took place regarding being able to have residents from the surrounding area and not to limit it to City residents. All members agreed the Commission is a great idea.

Schultz advised the Charter states that if there is to be an official board or commission, even an ad hoc one, it can only include residents of the City. If there is going to be an ad hoc committee, which would not be created by ordinance, but instead be created by resolution to create an advisory committee that would give the council advice. If this is the case, it should be a resolution saying we are going to create an Arts & Culture Commission which is an ad hoc advisory committee to provide advice and ideas to the Council.

The Council agreed to address this item at their next meeting.

### **TAX REVERTED PROPERTY DISPOSITION**

Markland reviewed the memo regarding the property at 104 S. West Street and suggested it be rejected to let it go back to the Land Bank.

Osborn advised that the City usually takes land, not homes, and this home is in need of extensive repairs.

Lockwood advised that the current resident would be able to remain in the home if the property goes back to the Land Bank. This would also allow the Land Bank to work with the resident to get repairs to the property completed.

The Council agreed to address this item at their next meeting.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Osborn stated that Jinglefest was a wonderful event and wanted to thank Lockwood and Grossmeyer and all that worked on it for their hard work as it was one of the nicest she has ever attended. Osborn advised that she has been appointed as Vice Chair to the Finance Committee.

Lockwood advised that she was appointed to the National League of Cities Board of Trustees. She wanted to thank everyone that helped make Jinglefest happen and also advised that there would be a meeting on Friday morning at 9 AM to critique the event if anyone would like to give their feedback. Lockwood gave an update on the solid waste program stating that more information and education is needed.

McDermott stated that he and his family had a great time at Jinglefest.

Grossmeyer wanted to thank the DPW, Fire and Police Departments for all their help with Jinglefest as they really make the event happen.

Draves stated that this was the first Jinglefest she has attended and thought the event was wonderful.

Jacob stated that every year the event gets better and better. The only problem that he saw was that during the parade, the crowds starting encroaching into the roadway.

Smith stated that she marshalled Jingle Jog, there were 170 runners. Smith also stated that the fireworks were very nice and she has heard a lot of compliments regarding the event. Smith wanted to advise Lockwood that there was a lot trash and debris left in Silver Lake Park by Republic and they should be advised. Lockwood stated that any complaints should be given to Markland who will address any problems with Republic.

## **CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

Cheryl King want to thank everyone for such a great Jinglefest. She also advised that she would like to volunteer with fundraising for the Community Center.

Tom Halligan of 902 S. Leroy St. inquired as to why there is such a difference in the speed limits in town and would like to see parking lines painted on the streets. Markland advised that he spoke to the Chief of Police last week regarding this situation. Since there is an increase in pedestrian traffic in the downtown area, this is something that should be looked at. As of now, it is not part of the criteria that the State gives cities to use in determining the speed limits. Markland stated he thinks the parking issue will work itself out.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Osborn and seconded by Lockwood to enter into a Closed Session to discuss a client/attorney matter.

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

NAYS: None.

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

Recessed into Closed Session at 9:15 P.M.

Reconvened to Open Session at 9:46 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM.

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Mayor Sue Osborn

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City Deputy Clerk, Sue Walsh

Date approved:        January 11, 2016