

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, February 13, 2023
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 the Lord's Prayer and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Bottecelli, Grossmeyer, Jacob, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Sage.
Absent: None.
Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager; Chris Patterson, City Attorney; Michael Hart, Assistant City Manager.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Osborn reported that a proposed Food Truck Ordinance will be presented at the April Council Work Session.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Markland reported on the following:

- Budget Session will be April 22nd at the Fire Station
- Detective Scott Townsend retiring March 3rd

COMMENTS & REPORTS

Grossmeyer reported first quarter figures from MTA which are down 48%:

Your Ride:	1531
Special Services:	1142
Lift Passengers:	486

Grossmeyer also reported that participation was up at the last Community Expo meeting.

Sage reported the Museum Board met and the structural engineer suggested opening the Museum, keeping the porch closed. The Sidewalk Committee met as well.

Lockwood reported the Arts & Culture Commission will be partnering with the Flint Institute of Arts (FIA). The Sculpture Committee will be meeting soon with new sculptures coming in May.

Bottecelli reported the Flint Institute of Arts is free seven days a week and is happy to be partnering with the Arts & Culture Commission.

McDermott reported that the Sidewalk Committee will present a recommendation to Council at the April Work Session.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Patterson reported on the following:

- Ordinance regarding Youth Tobacco Act
- Three pending litigations
- Planning Commission applicant
- Parker Property case dismissed in favor of the city

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Damien Siwik requested to speak on the depot repairs.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Osborn reviewed all items on the Consent Agenda:

- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$1,039,463.53.
- Authorize payment of Community Center invoices in the amount of \$21,357.39.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the following meetings:
 - October 26, 2022 Beautification Commission meeting
 - October 28, 2022 Veteran's Memorial Committee meeting
 - November 15, 2022 Museum Board meeting
 - November 17, 2022 Planning Commission meeting
 - December 9, 2022 Arts & Culture Commission meeting
 - December 13, 2022 Parks Board meeting
 - January 23, 2023 City Council meeting
 - February 6, 2023 Council Work Session

A motion was made by Lockwood and supported by McDermott to approve the consent agenda as presented.

YEAS: Bottecelli, Grossmeyer, Jacob, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Sage.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PITNEY BOWES POSTAGE MACHINE CONTRACT RENEWAL

A motion was made by Grossmeyer and supported by Jacob to approve the new lease for a five (5) year term per the lease agreement in the total amount of \$10,702.80 and to authorize the City Manager or designee to sign the proposal as submitted.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

DEPOT REPAIRS

A motion was made by McDermott and supported by Bottecelli to move forward with the remodel work in the Depot at a cost of \$3,900.00 from Senior Home Solutions.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

CALL TO AUDIENCE – None.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THREE PENDING CASES FILED AGAINST CITY POLICE OFFICERS BY ALAN HOPKINS IN THE DISTRICT COURT

A motion was made by Osborn and supported by Lockwood to enter into closed session with the city attorney to discuss trial and settlement strategy regarding Hopkins lawsuits against city police officers at 8:02 pm.

YEAS: Grossmeyer, Jacob, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Sage, Grossmeyer.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by McDermott and supported by Grossmeyer to reconvene to open session at 8:30 pm. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

Jennifer Kienast, City Clerk

Date Approved: February 27, 2023