

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, August 14, 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; Christopher Patterson, City Attorney; Michael Hart, Assistant City Manager; Dan Brisson, DPW Director; Jeff Cross, Chief of Police; Tessa Stickel, Communications Coordinator.

Mayor Osborn called for a moment of silence for the passing of Fred Shulz.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Osborn commented on Art Walk and Veterans Memorial Park Dedication preparations.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Markland reported on the following:

- Road projects
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COMMENTS & REPORTS

Grossmeyer reminded all of the next Small Cities meeting.

Sage congratulated Hopkins on his promotion to Sergeant and was happy to see families present.

Lockwood reported on Back to the Bricks, Arts & Culture fall event, Veterans Memorial Park dedication on November 11th at 11:00 AM, and storm sewer back ups in basements this past weekend.

Bottecelli reminded all of two Storytelling events on September 9th.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Patterson reported on the following:

- Ordinance revisions
- Real Estate easements

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Damien Siwik requested to speak on the RFP for development of land in downtown.

PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Osborn administered the Oath of Office of Sergeant to Officer Cole Hopkins.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Osborn reviewed all items on the Consent Agenda:

- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$1,397,613.11.
- Authorize payment of Community Center invoices in the amount of \$7,653.74.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the following meetings:
 - May 16, 2023 DDA Meeting
 - July 24, 2023 City Council Meeting
 - August 7, 2023 City Council Work Session
- Approve the resignation of Doug James from the Downtown Development Authority.

A motion was made by Grossmeyer and supported by Lockwood to remove from the Consent Agenda approval of the resignation of Doug James from the Downtown Development Authority.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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.

PATHWAY EASEMENT FOR RIVERWALK PROJECT, HUNTINGTON BANK, 226 W. CAROLINE

A motion was made by Sage and supported by McDermott to approve the cost up to \$1,200 payable to Huntington National Bank for legal fees to review the Pathway and Ongoing Maintenance Easement and Pathway Temporary Construction Easement between the City and Huntington National Bank for the Riverwalk Project and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to execute the agreement.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PROPOSED OAKWOOD CEMETERY RATES

A motion was made by McDermott and supported by Bottecelli to approve the Oakwood Cemetery Rate Schedule as presented, effective immediately.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

CITY HALL OFFICE FURNITURE UPGRADES

A motion was made by Sage and supported by McDermott to approve the expenditure of \$38,325.88 for new employee furnishings with NBS (Commercial Interiors) for the City Hall building, and for City Manager Lynn Markland (or his designee) to sign the contract or other documents as necessary.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

MML ANNUAL MEETING

A motion was made by Osborn and supported by McDermott to select Lockwood as delegate and Sage as alternate for the annual business meeting at the MML Annual Convention.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON RFP TO REDEVELOP LAND IN DOWNTOWN FENTON WITH PARKING COMPONENT

Steve Barker of Catellus Group presented his plan for a boutique hotel and additional parking in the downtown area North of the Community Center.

Mayor Osborn took a consensus vote of the Council to allow the developer to work with administration and the DDA.

Grossmeyer – Yes

Sage – Yes

Lockwood – Yes

Jacob – Yes

McDermott – Yes

Bottecelli – Yes

Osborn – Yes

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None.

Adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

Jennifer Kienast, City Clerk

Date Approved: August 28, 2023