

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, January 8, 2018
City Hall Council Chambers
301 South LeRoy Street

Mayor Osborn called the meeting to order at 7:32 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; Christopher Patterson, Legal Counsel and Dan Czarnecki, Director of Public Works.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Osborn wished all a Happy New Year.

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

- The amendment to the Lexington Oaks Master Deed has been added to tonight's agenda.
- He will speak at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Forecast Breakfast on Wednesday morning.
- He commented Deputy Director of Public Works Kelly Fletcher is retiring and his retirement luncheon is scheduled for this Thursday at 12 PM at City Hall.
- A retirement notice was received from Water Plant Employee Bob Stucker; he will be retiring at the end of the month.
- He received a resignation notice from the City Clerk effective January 26th. He thanked her for service.

Markland commented a furnace at the Police Department went out today. Quotes have not been obtained for a replacement. Since Council does not meet for two more weeks, he would like authority to purchase a new furnace. After discussion, Council consensus was to give the City Manager the authority to make the purchase and Council will ratify the purchase at its next meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Lockwood commented there is a Loose Senior Center board meeting this Thursday and the agenda includes an agreement with Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation. She stated later this week, representatives from Southern Lakes will meet with the County regarding non-motorized trails.

Grossmeyer stated he is looking forward to serving on the Southern Lakes Parks and Recreation Board.

Bottecelli gave an update on the I-69 International Trade Corridor meeting she attended in December.

McDermott complimented Councilwoman Lockwood on her work on the Loose Senior Center agreement with Southern Lakes.

Council thanked the City Clerk for her service.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – Patterson stated his office has been working with the Building Official on a parking easement for a new development and a few other projects.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Osborn reviewed all items that were on the Consent Agenda. Lockwood inquired about Traffic Control Order 17-02. Slater clarified this order replaces signs already installed with new signs that add the words ‘Here to Corner’.

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

- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$119,582.90.
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the October 10, 2017 Parks and Recreation Board meeting; the October 17, 2017 Downtown Development Authority meeting; the November 27, 2017 City Council meeting and the December 4, 2017 City Council work session.
- Appoint Robbie Carnes to a first term on the Parks and Recreation Board.
- Approve Traffic Control Order 17-02, which replaces Traffic Control Order 14-04 and installs ‘No Parking – Here to Corner’ signs along Appletree Lane.
- Approve Traffic Control Order 17-03, which installs a “15 minute parking” sign at a parking space in the southwest corner of the City municipal parking lot in the 400 block of S. Leroy Street.
- Approve Traffic Control Order 17-04 which installs a 25MPH speed limit sign along eastbound E. Ellen Street, east of East Street.
- Approve request from Knights of Columbus #7418 to solicit money during a one day “Tootsie Roll” Drive on March 24, 2018.

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

NAYS: None.

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

SHIAWASSEE RIVER WATER TRAIL COALITION MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

Markland stated this was discussed at last week’s City Council work session. This agreement does not commit the City to any expenditure of funds but would help the coalition to get federal designation and possible funding. He recommends approving the agreement.

A motion was made by McDermott and seconded by Smith to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Lockwood and seconded by McDermott to appoint Brad Jacob as the delegate to the Shiawassee River Water Trail Coalition and Debbie McCarty as alternate. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

ASSESSING CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF GRAND BLANC

Markland stated this was discussed at last week’s work session. The funds received from this contract allow the City to provide more extensive and complete assessing tasks. The assessing records of Fenton and other cities that the City of Fenton provides services to (Grand Blanc and Linden) have passed audits by the Michigan Tax Commission (MTC) and the assessing records for the three communities meet MTC standards. He is recommending approval of the contract. Council discussed the costs involved in providing assessing services.

A motion was made by McDermott and seconded by Smith to approve a contract to provide assessing services to the City of Grand Blanc and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to sign the agreement. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO LEXINGTON OAKS MASTER DEED

Markland stated some additions have been added to the document which clarify that maintenance of any of the areas outside of the right-of-way where piping infrastructure is present that cannot be accessed by the City’s vactor truck is the responsibility of the Homeowner’s Association. He noted in the second sentence of the document the date should be changed from 2017 to 2018.

Mary Mitchell of Mitchell Builders asked the status of turning over the lift station to the City. Markland stated a resolution will be prepared to accept the remaining utilities into the City’s system and should be ready for action at the next Council meeting.

A motion was made by McDermott and seconded by Smith to approve the First Amendment to the Master Deed of Lexington Oaks. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE – Mike Karnowski, owner of the vacant lots located at 1000 and 1010 South Leroy Street, asked about the status of extending sewer along South Leroy Street. Markland responded information is being gathered regarding the costs involved. Once the information is received, a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the costs with the residents that would be impacted by the proposed extension.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

City Clerk, Renee Wilson

Date approved: January 22, 2018