

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, March 27, 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 the Lord's Prayer and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Absent: None.

Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager; Christopher Patterson, Legal Counsel; Mike Reilly, Building and Zoning Official and Dan Czarnecki, Director of Public Works.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS – Osborn commented last week's MML conference was very informative.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – Markland reported work is continuing on next year's budget and the all-day budget work session is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2017 beginning at 9 AM. He stated the meeting to discuss funding for street improvements in scheduled for April 17th at 5:00 PM.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Smith commented the MML conference was good. She reminded everyone that grave decorations at Oakwood Cemetery need to be removed by the end of the month. She thanked Mrs. Mullins and Mrs. Wolfgram for inviting her to speak to their students.

Lockwood gave an update on Beautification Commission activities. She gave an update on the recent Freedom Festival meeting and stated a lot of good information was received at the MML conference.

McDermott commented the parks spring cleanup is scheduled for April 1st.

Grossmeyer stated he enjoyed the MML conference. He brought back information from the conference for the Planning Commission to address.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT – None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None.

STUDENT PRESENTATION REGARDING CITY PARKS

Several students from Mrs. Mullins and Mrs. Wolfgram's second grade classes at State Road Elementary made a presentation to City Council on activities/equipment they would like to see incorporated into City parks. Council thanked the students for their presentation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Osborn reviewed all items that were on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Lockwood and seconded by Jacob to approve the consent agenda containing the following item:

- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$57,758.64.

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

NAYS: None.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 702

A motion was made by McDermott and seconded by Grossmeyer to adopt Ordinance No. 702, which provides for enforcement of the Michigan Building, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Code and to designate the City of Fenton as the enforcing agency. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION 17-5

Czarnecki stated this resolution would allow for a mute swan nest/egg destruction program on the Mill Pond. He is recommending Council approve the resolution.

A motion was made by Grossmeyer and seconded by McDermott to approve Resolution 17-5, a resolution in support of holding a mute swan nest/egg destruction program on the Mill Pond in 2017.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None. **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

JULY 3, 2017 CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Council discussed rescheduling the July 3, 2017 work session due to a conflict with Freedom Festival activities.

A motion was made by Osborn and seconded by Grossmeyer to reschedule the July 3, 2017 Council work session to Wednesday, July 5, 2017. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE – Anthony Brown, 318 W. Caroline and Daniel Taylor, 329 W. Caroline provided pictures to, and addressed Council about the condition of the property located at 324 W. Caroline.

Markland and Reilly updated Council regarding code enforcement activities with regards to the property at 324 W. Caroline. The City has gone to court and a judge has ordered the property be torn down. The property owners have offered the property to the City as they are unable to pay to have the house torn down. Should the City choose to take ownership of the property, a transfer of ownership would have to occur before any demolition work begins.

Markland asked for a consensus from Council as to whether the City should pursue taking possession of the property at 324 W. Caroline. Smith-yes; Jacob-yes; Lockwood-yes but more information is needed; McDermott-yes; Grossmeyer-yes; Draves-yes; Osborn-yes. This item will come to a future City Council meeting for formal action.

Stacia Taylor, 813 Southwood Drive, read to Council a letter (attached to the minutes) she prepared detailing sewer back-up issues she has experienced at her home. She stated she would

support any millage that may be put forward that would address these issues and offered to the help the City in any way she can.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

City Clerk, Renee Wilson

Date approved: April 24, 2017