

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS
Monday, May 7, 2018
City Hall Conference Room
301 South LeRoy Street
7:30 PM

Mayor Pro Tem Lockwood called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Bottecelli, Draves, Grossmeyer, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn (via telephone), Smith.
Absent: None.
Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager; Michael Hart, Assistant City Manager/DDA Director; Dan Czarnecki, DPW Director; Cynthia Shane, Treasurer; Jon Satkowiak, Deputy Treasurer.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None.

RESOLUTION 18-07 GOOSE ROUND UP 2018

Czarnecki advised in order to apply for a permit to remove geese from the Mill Pond, the application requires a resolution by the local government approving the round up on the site. The resolution must indicate that some of the geese removed may be killed. Once approved, the round up can take place in mid-June when the geese are molting.

A motion was made by Bottecelli and seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 18-07 in support of holding a goose round up on the Mill Pond in 2018.

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

NAYS: None.

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

CITY OF FENTON 2018 UPDATE FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

Markland explained the five year financial plan is used as a guide for financial planning to help predict financial issues.

Paul Stauder from PFM Financial Advisors LLC stated over the last four or five years, the projection has improved significantly, however, still there are challenges.

Stauder stated overall, the 2018 update to the City's Five Year Financial Plan shows that the City currently has a strong General Fund Balance. The trend over the next several years indicates instability and a potential financial concern as operating expenditure growth is projected to continue to outpace operating revenue growth. The City should reconsider optional expenditures related to capital outlays. Stauder reviewed the Revenue vs. Expenditures on page 8 stating they are tracking positive. On page 10 Annual Operating Surplus/Deficit, Osborn inquired as to why there would be a deficit in 2018. Shane stated the deficit has been balanced out at the budget session after the figures were sent to Stauder.

Page 12 Property Tax Revenue is projected to increase by 9.56% from the end of 2016-17 through the end of 2021-22. The property tax revenue is projected to increase at approximately 1.3% for the current year and an average of 2.8% for the following four years.

Stauder stated the City's overall fund balance condition would be considered strong. However, budget projections for the next few years indicate a financial concern without corrective action or reliance on non-operating revenue like loans or property sales. Lockwood asked for clarification of this statement. Stauder advised this statement is due to non-recurring revenue sources making it difficult to project the impact on the fund balance.

Stauder stated overall, the city is making good decisions and have made the changes needed to keep things in line.

Markland thanked Stauder and the treasurer's office for their work on the financial plan.

CORNERSTONE BUILDING RESIDENT HOA RESERVED PARKING AGREEMENT UPDATE

Hart stated through much discussion regarding the original agreement as provided by the Corlin Group on behalf of the HOA, there are several parking issues that have occurred since the initial agreement which has expired. He will be developing a master reserved parking agreement with the HOA and a permit system including individual property owner agreement. Once the draft agreements are sufficiently developed, they will be presented to the Council Parking Sub-Committee with the potential for a support recommendation coming back to City Council for action.

MML LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

Markland stated recently the City of Escanaba won a significant victory in the Michigan Supreme Court regarding the fight to preserve the correct assessment of large box stores. The case has been remanded back to the Michigan Tax Tribunal for a determination of actual value. The City of Escanaba now needs additional help in the Michigan Tax Tribunal case. Markland would like the City Council to consider assistance for this case. Markland advised the decision of this case would likely have an impact on the city's assessments and we should assist in the defense and contribute to the MML Legal Defense Fund and designate it for the MML LDF-Escanaba fund.

After discussion, consensus was to donate \$1000.00 to the defense fund and take action on this item at the next Council meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Smith advised the Fenton Hotel opened the outdoor patio area and Sugar Shack had their ribbon cutting. Brighton will be placing a millage on the August ballot for streets. Markland stated the city will need to do something sooner than later to address the streets.

Lockwood requested from MML information reference municipalities that are working on street issues and once that information is given, she will bring it back to council.

Bottecelli stated we need a community group regarding streets.

Grossmeyer advised Saturday is the hazardous waste recycling event in Grand Blanc.

Draves advised the dog park is open and they are getting bids for the lawn mowing. The garden at the library will be installed in honor of Mrs. Blue Shoes, Pamela Henning around the sculpture.

Lockwood reminded all of the 24th visioning session at the Community Cultural Center at 6 PM. No meeting on the 28th due to Memorial Day, the meeting will be moved to the 29th. The 31st will be the meeting to go over the information obtained at the visioning session.

Osborn stated the June council meetings will be on the 4th, 11th and 18th, no meeting on the 25th several will be gone on the 25th. Markland inquired if the meeting would be needed on the 18th since there would be three in a row. It was agreed there would be no meeting on the 18th or the 25th.

Lockwood advised the DIA is going well. There is a sign-up sheet for those interested in getting trained as a tour guide. A bus tour will be made available to the public to go down to DIA on June 10th. ArtWalk met today and they have raised the bar on this event which is on July 14th.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

Sean Sage asked to have information go out to residents as to how their taxes are actually less than they were five years ago. Markland agreed stating over 40 mils are levied and the City receives 10 mils.

Tabitha Marsh introduced herself and advised she is running for 7th Judicial Circuit Court Judge.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Lockwood

City Clerk, Sue Walsh

Date Approved: June 11, 2018