

**CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS**  
**Tuesday, September 3, 2019**  
**City Hall Conference Room**  
**301 South LeRoy Street**  
**7:30 PM**

Mayor Osborn called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: Bottecelli, Draves, Grossmeyer, Lockwood, McDermott, Osborn, Smith.  
Absent: None.  
Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager; Jon Satkowiak, City Treasurer;  
Bob Cairnduff, Fire Chief.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.

**FIRE COST RECOVERY BILLING**

Cairnduff discussed current Fire Cost Recovery Billing procedures for non-residents and proposed a new system provided by Universal Credit Services (UCS) to improve our collection process. Jennifer Dietrich, CEO and Charity Olson, Corporate Council & Compliance Officer of UCS were present to answer questions. Billing would go directly to UCS and they would provide invoices and follow up phone calls. UCS is used and recommended by Tyrone Township. Cost would be as follows:

Phase 1

Per Invoice	\$20
Payment Plans	\$20

Phase 2

Defaults in Payment Plans	24%
Accounts Past 91 Days	24%
Collection on Old Accounts	28%

Markland stated that municipalities are not collection agencies and collection laws are better handled by professionals.

Grossmeyer inquired if electronic submission is an option. Cairnduff stated this will be a web portal with expedited submissions.

Bottecelli inquired how the four attempts at communication are handled. Olson stated that Phase 1 is from City of Fenton & Phase 2 is from UCS.

Lockwood inquired if communication will be directed to City officials if requested instead of UCS only. UCS will arrange that if requested.

Osborn stated this item will be placed on the agenda for the regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 2019.

## **RETIREE HEALTHCARE RESOLUTION**

Markland explained Public Act 202 regarding new requirements for retirement healthcare provided by municipalities and asked for discussion on the matter.

Bottecelli inquired what other cities are doing. Markland explained there are many differing programs.

Osborn stated that new employees hired after June 30, 2018 will be told to establish their own plan through HSA.

Smith inquired if eliminating this will impact the ability to hire good employees.

Grossmeyer stated that contract negotiations could include that in lieu of raises, money will be funded to HSA.

Lockwood stated she would like to know more of the reason behind PA202 and if there are other options to maintain retiree healthcare as opposed to eliminating it.

Markland asked for Council direction before adopting the resolution.

All Council Members gave direction to seek further options and not adopt the resolution.

## **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

McDermott reminded all that the Fenton Education Foundation 1<sup>st</sup> Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at AGS Middle School.

Smith reminded all that the Fenton Ghost Walk will be October 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. Guided tours will be 6:30-9:15 pm. Smith inquired if 50/50 Sidewalk Program is still in effect. Markland will check and advise.

Lockwood reminded all of the Fenton Education Foundation 15<sup>th</sup> Black Tie Event on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. Jinglefest meetings will begin in two weeks.

## **CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

Dan Taylor of 329 W. Caroline Street has walked every street within the city limits since June and stated what a beautiful and unique city we live in.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm

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Mayor Sue Osborn

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Jennifer Kienast  
Deputy Clerk

Date Approved: September 9, 2019