

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, March 20, 2017
City Hall Council Chambers
301 South LeRoy Street

Mayor Sue Osborn called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

The invocation for the evening was the Lord's Prayer and 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; Jason Slater, Interim Chief of Police; and Michael Reilly, Building/Zoning Administrator.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Osborn stated the March Board of Review is finished. There were forty-seven applicants which is significantly less than previous years. She, along with most of the Council will be attending the MML conference in Lansing this week.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Markland commented on the following:

- Welcomed in Spring
- Everyone is working on the city budget that is due in April.
- Working on several projects coming up later in the summer.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Lockwood thanked administration and staff for their great work in getting the Community Center work on the roof done. ArtWalk Committee has met several times and the plans are coming along well. She will be attending National League of Cities this Friday.

McDermott thanked the Chief for the departments help with the Poker Tournament. It was well attended and raised a lot of money for the schools.

Grossmeyer thanked Markland for sharing the press release regarding FARR. There were twenty-three Churches invited and fifteen participated, making it a success.

Draves inquired as to when the next meeting would be to discuss the road millage. Markland advised that he would be putting out dates for that meeting Tuesday morning.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

Patterson stated he has been working on the following:

- Transfer of the property for the Poplar Street project.
- Transfer of property for the outdoor seating area at the Fenton Hotel.
- Transfer of property for the Ice Cream Parlor House.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Osborn reviewed all items that were on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Lockwood and seconded by McDermott to remove Mary Hansen's letter of resignation from the Parks and Recreation Board and place the item on the agenda.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

- Authorize payment of invoices in the amount of \$131,614.09
- Approve and place on file the minutes of the January 10, 2017 Oakwood Cemetery Board meeting, the February 14, 2017 Parks and Recreation Board meeting, the February 23, 2017 Planning Commission meeting, the February 6, 2017 City Council work session, the February 13, 2017 and February 27, 2017 City Council meetings.
- Approve a proclamation for Law Day 2017.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

RESIGNATION OF MARY HANSEN FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Lockwood referred to the letter of resignation from Mary Hansen contained in the meeting packet stating she wanted Smith to have the opportunity to give some clarification and explanation. Smith explained that she attended a meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board as a citizen and voiced her concerns regarding the use of Silver Lake Park by the Little League. Smith felt she was verbally attacked by a member of the board and that he raised up from his seat yelling at her. A representative from OHM told her they were shocked by how Smith was treated during the meeting. She stated she was calm and respectful during the meeting and at no time raised her voice. Later she called Mary Hansen at home stating Mary should have stopped the confrontational comments as the chairman of the board. Smith stated that in retrospect, she should have contacted the City Manager to handle the situation between Council members. McDermott stated that Smith basically accused four board members of collusion in reference to Little League being able to play for free and that Smith did not behave the way a council member should have. Mayor Osborn stated she contacted Hansen who reiterated what her resignation letter stated. Osborn stated that Council Members are held to a higher standard and when a problem arises it would be best to bring those complaints to the City Manager to handle.

A motion was made by Jacob and seconded by Grossmeyer to accept the resignation of Mary Hansen from the Parks and Recreation Board.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

From April 10, 2017 minutes regarding approval of the March 20, 2017 minutes:

Smith commented regarding the March 20th City Council meeting minutes and clarified that she left a message for Mary Hansen requesting a return phone call, which Mary returned the next day at will. Smith also stated that the Parks Board meeting she stated the Board was autonomous, not in collusion. McDermott clarified those are his comments.

ORDINANCE NO. 702

A motion was made by Lockwood and seconded by Grossmeyer to approve Ordinance No. 702, an Ordinance to provide for enforcement of the Michigan Building, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Code and to designate the City of Fenton as the enforcing agency and set a second reading and adoption at the March 27, 2017 City Council Meeting.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION CODES APPLICATION

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by McDermott to approve the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Construction Codes Application to Administer and Enforce and authorize the Mayor to sign the application.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

SECURITY CAMERAS AT MILL POND PARK

Interim Police Chief Slater reviewed the capabilities of the surveillance system. Discussion was that there will need to be signage advising of the surveillance of the gazebo and park. The security system will be installed prior to the repairs being completed.

A motion was made by Osborn and seconded by Draves to authorize the purchase of a video solution system from Absolute Sales and Investigations capable of capturing the Fenton Gazebo and nearby Mill Pond Park area.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST

Interim Police Chief Slater advised of the notification from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission that the Speedway Gas Stations, located at 3245 and 3340 Owen Road have applied for a SDM Liquor License which will allow each location to sell packaged beer and wine. Slater stated that there are no residential or church issues with these locations and there are already other stations and locations in the area with SDM licenses. Patterson stated no action is needed by Council unless there is an objection to allowing the licenses, there were none. Slater stated he will advise the Liquor Control Commission that there is no objection or concern by Council.

CHARTER COMMUNICATION FRANCHISE RENEWAL

A motion was made by McDermott and seconded by Grossmeyer to approve the Charter

Communication Franchise Renewal Agreement and authorize the City Manager to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City of Fenton.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

CALL TO AUDIENCE – Dawn Overmeyer, 825 Southwood voiced her concerns regarding the sale of liquor within such a close proximity of the schools. Markland stated that Target currently sells beer and wine.

Terry Steffey thanked the City for the opportunity to work on getting the gazebo repaired. He, in turn was thanked for doing the repairs at no cost to the City for his time.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

Deputy Clerk, Sue Walsh

Date approved: April 10, 2017