

CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS
Tuesday, September 4, 2018
City Hall Conference Room
301 South LeRoy Street
7:30 PM

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Bottecelli, Draves, Grossmeyer, Lockwood (arrived at 7:41 PM),
McDermott, Osborn, Smith.

Absent: None.

Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager; Jason Slater, Police Chief; Dan Czarnecki,
DPW Director; Steve Guy, Water Plant Supervisor.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None.

MUNETRIX PRESENTATION

Markland gave a brief introduction of Bob Kittle from Munetrix advising they have developed an analytics program using reports that municipalities send to the State of Michigan.

Kittle gave a presentation on the features of the Munetrix software and reviewed the benefits to the various city departments.

After favorable discussion, this item will be on the agenda for the September 10, 2018 meeting for approval.

LEAD AND COPPER RULE REVISIONS

Guy advised there have been revisions to the State of Michigan lead and copper rules administered by the MDEQ. The number one priority of the newly revised rule is to get the lead out of the water system. Guy stated it will take time and money to implement the changes of the revised rule. The biggest change to the rule that will affect the City of Fenton is the definition of a lead service line. The revised rule now classifies service lines made of galvanized pipe that are connected to goosenecks or pigtail connectors made of lead to be treated as if they were lead service lines for their entire length. In Fenton's water system, there are no known solid lead service lines, meaning lines from the main to the homes that are made of only lead. However, lead goosenecks connected to galvanized pipe, at one time, was used in the water system and some are suspected to still exist.

Lead and copper monitoring sites with the most potential to leach lead under the old rule and under the revised rule were and are classified as tier one sites. In the past, houses with copper pipes with lead solder have always been used by the city for lead and copper monitoring because they were determined to be the tier one sites. The revisions to the rule classifies the copper pipe with lead solder sites as tier three sites and lines with lead goosenecks connected to galvanized pipe as tier one sites. The previous sites that were used since the rules inception by Fenton will need to change to sites where a lead gooseneck was used to connect galvanized pipes to the water main. The previous lead solder sites are now low priority.

Guy and the DPW are in the process of putting together a materials inventory of the system. This is required by the revised rule to identify any lines with a lead gooseneck in the system. The inventory list is due by 2020 to the MDEQ. All suspected lines that meet the new definition need to be in the materials inventory which is due in 2020. By 2025, all of these sites are required to be verified.

In 2021, the water system must begin replacing the lead gooseneck service lines at a rate of at least 5% per year. The city has a maximum of 20 years to complete the replacement of all affected service lines in addition to replacing the lead/galvanized city portion of the water service line from the water main to the curb stop in the yard. Under the revised rule, the water supply is required to offer to replace the private portion of a galvanized line that is connected to lead gooseneck at the city's expense.

Currently, there are no known lead service lines in the city. Markland added, there are no identifiable problems with lead levels in the city's system. The galvanized service lines either currently or previously connected to a lead gooseneck are considered to be treated the same as a lead service line and are required to be replaced. Guy stated there are approximately 60 possible lines to be replaced, however, this needs to be verified. Homes built between 1800 and 1925 are the homes suspected of having service lines that consist of lead goosenecks and galvanized pipe based on the historic dates when this type of material was used for service line installations, and from observations by distribution personnel in the field. Because previous city policy was to remove a lead gooseneck if they were uncovered, there may be some galvanized only lines that were previously hooked to lead goosenecks that must also be found, verified and replaced.

Czarnecki advised this is informational at this point and will return to council when more information can be gathered.

MINOR IN POSSESSION LAW CHANGE

Slater advised on January 1, 2018, the State of Michigan amended MCL 436.1703 changing the penalties for the Purchase, Possession or Consumptions of Alcoholic liquor by persons less than twenty-one years of age. Under the old statute, the charge was classified as a misdemeanor crime. The newly amended State Statute breaks down the charge into a first, second and third offense. Slater reviewed Ordinance 705. This amendment will also repeal all provisions contained in Chapter 18, Section 18.4 along with all provisions in other City Ordinances which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance. By amending our current Ordinance to mirror state law, we are then able to handle these offense on a local level.

This item will be on the September 10, 2018 meeting for the second reading and approval.

NORTH LEROY SPEED STUDY

Slater stated over the course of several days, the police department's speed trailer was placed on N. Leroy near 5th Street recording northbound and southbound traffic in an attempt to determine the pace of vehicles traveling in that area. It found vehicles were traveling at or below the posted speed limit. Vehicles traveling southbound had an average speed of 30.3 mph. and northbound was 29.6 mph. Only 12% of southbound and 7.3% of northbound vehicles recorded were traveling between 1 and 10 mph over the speed limit.

Markland offered a suggestion of an island to be built in the center turn lane to help pedestrians cross the street more safely near 5th Street.

Slater stated, based on the information obtained, no other action is required. Council agreed to take no action.

CORNERSTONE SHELTER REQUEST

Council reviewed a letter from Pamela Fairbanks regarding the placement of a “North Fenton Shelter” on city owned property. Consensus was to deny the request.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Lockwood acknowledged Dick Bagnall’s passing. The non-motorized pathways is moving forward. Thursday is the Fenton Area Public Schools Education Foundation Honorees Black Tie Event. Jinglefest meeting will be September 28th. The flower baskets downtown will be switched out with fall mums.

Bottecelli stated Concert in the Park was a great time and well attended.

Smith reminded all Saturday is the Cemetery History Walk.

CALL TO THE AUDIENCE – None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 PM.

Mayor Sue Osborn

City Clerk, Sue Walsh

Date Approved: 09/24/2018