

**CITY OF FENTON COUNCIL WORK SESSION PROCEEDINGS**  
**Monday, November 7, 2016**  
**City Hall Conference Room**  
**301 South LeRoy Street**  
**7:30 PM**

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

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

Absent: None.

Others Present: Lynn Markland, City Manager; Dan Czarnecki, Director of Public Works.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Bill Austin, VFW Postmaster spoke on the VFW's efforts to raise \$80,000. The Post is asking for donations of any size. A brass plaque will be permanently mounted for donations over \$100. A special plaque will be permanently mounted for donations over \$1000. Mr. Austin made a request to link the Post's *GoFundMe* page to the City website. Mr. Austin encouraged all to attend the weekly Fish Fry at the VFW Post on Friday nights and thanked the Council for their time. Mayor Osborn stated that if the Council is in agreement, they would link the fundraising information on the City website. Grossmeyer agreed and also suggested linking the information on the City's Facebook page. Mayor Osborn polled the Council for their support and all were in favor.

**LAFF PATHWAY PRESENTATION**

Jeff Huhta of *Nowak & Fraus Engineers*, design consultants selected by the County for the LAFF Pathway presented information on the preliminary project scoping of the proposed trail. Mr. Huhta explained the trailblazing exercise done by walking and analyzing the North and South side options for the trail. The design committee met on November 1, 2016 where representatives of Southern Lakes Parks & Rec. from all three communities were present: Pat Lockwood - City of Fenton, Bob Krug - Fenton Township, and Ray Culbert - City of Linden. All three communities have done resolutions in support of this project. After much deliberation they concurred that the South side was the preferred option. Some pros and cons related to committee recommendation is that the South side is the least costly component, less right-of way easements, fewer driveway crossings, and pleasant lake and agricultural views. The North side presented issues with alignment, substantial easement acquisition, railroad right-of-way, and securing easements from the railroad. Mayor Osborn questioned the material of the pathway which is contemplated to be HMA - Hot Mix Asphalt. Markland pointed out a difficulty with the South side which is the crossing of the entrance/exit ramps to US23. LAFF Pathway representative Victor Lukasavitz stated that some additional study will need to be done to determine proper crossing locations. Markland suggested some type of island as a refuge for pedestrians or bikers crossing so they could cross one lane at a time. Markland conveyed that this type of pathway in our community is a great economic development tool. Funding options discussed include MDOT and DNR grant dollars. Grants will take place with the County.

Cislo Title has volunteered to assist with title searches and easements. Lockwood asked for any objections to the South side option. The intent is to complete this preliminary process by December. Grossmeyer is pleased with the South side option and thanked all involved for the hard work put into this. Smith questioned the responsibility of maintenance of the trail. Mr. Lukasavitz stated that Amy McMillan, Director of Genesee County Parks has offered to participate in general maintenance such as mowing, etc., not asphalt or boardwalk. It was suggested to have trail adoptions where a group will adopt and maintain a portion of the trail. McDermott likes the South side option but feels the public will want streets fixed before funding a trail. A Congestion Mitigation Grant is another creative funding option. Markland stated that there has been no discussion so far about funding from municipalities yet. Mayor Osborn polled all Council members for their preference of North or South trail location and votes were as follows: Draves-South, Grossmeyer-South, Jacob-South, Lockwood-South, McDermott-South, Osborn-South, Smith-South.

### **JINGLEFEST PARADE & RUN**

Pat Lockwood made a request for authorization to conduct the Jinglefest parade and run on Saturday, December 3, 2016. The Jinglejog race route was presented. Scott Grossmeyer, Parade Chairman reported on the parade route with staging to begin at the Ellen Street Campus. Grossmeyer and Lockwood reported on new cones, ropes, and signs purchased to enhance safety for all attending the event. Event details are listed on the Chamber of Commerce website which include two brunches with Santa at 11:00 am & 12:30 pm. A 5K Run at 3:00 pm and Jingle Jam entertainment tent from 3:00 – 6:00 pm. Lighted Parade at 6:00 pm with Christmas Carols at 6:45 pm. Tree lighting by Mayor Osborn at 7:00 pm with a brief fireworks display to follow. Ice sculptures downtown extending to North Leroy and Silver Parkway. Other features will be warming stations, live nativity scene, ice sculpture demonstrations, and pictures with Santa. Grossmeyer will register 2 vehicles for Council in the parade.

A motion was made by McDermott and Supported by Smith for authorization to conduct Jinglefest 2016. Motion Carried by voice vote.

### **COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Grossmeyer will not be able to attend next week's meeting but will return to the community if quorum is needed. Lockwood commented on the numerous homes with leaf piles in the streets and suggested posting a reminder on City's website, Facebook, and Tri-County Times for those not be aware that this is not the proper procedure for leaf removal. Markland will verify the ordinance on leaf removal. Smith reminded all of Ladies Night this Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **CALL TO THE AUDIENCE**

Patrick Crunk, owner of vacant land at 6<sup>th</sup> Street & Lemen with a stipulation of putting a private street in is receiving estimates and inquired about options due to that area being owned by a single home as opposed to the previous owner who was planning seven homes. Mayor Osborn inquired about a possibility of a special assessment. Markland suggested taking a look at a GIS and bringing to City Council. Dan Czarnecki suggested that this is a zoning issue.

Markland will ask Building Official Mike Reilly to compose a memo to be presented to City Council. Crunk thanked the Council for their time.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

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Mayor Sue Osborn

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Jennifer Kienast  
Substitute Recording Secretary

Date Approved:        November 14, 2016