

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on November 1, 1971. Meeting called to order at 8 p.m. by Mayor Brotherton.

ROLL CALL: Allen, Brotherton, Richardson, Seibert, Yoder present.

Absent: None.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Dixon, Acting Clerk Vase, Attorney Kelly, Chief Deedman, and Director Jones.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Seibert supported by Allen to approve minutes of previous meeting as published.

Motion carried, all ayes.

MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS

PLANNING COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS OCTOBER 15, 1971

Motion by Yoder supported by Seibert to receive and file Planning Commission proceedings of October 29, 1971.

Motion carried, all ayes.

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 14, 1971

Review and file.

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES, OCTOBER 5, 1971

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PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

CM-1179-1 REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION FOR PIONEER WOMEN WEEK, NOVEMBER 7-14, 1971

Motion by Allen supported by Richardson to proclaim Pioneer Women Week November 7 through 14, 1971 in the City of Farmington. Motion carried, all ayes.

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB EXHIBIT AND SALE

Letter received from the Farmington Artists Club inviting the members of the City Council and the Staff to the Fall Exhibit and Sale which will be held at the Farmington Masonic Temple on November 12, 13 and 14, 1971.

The state the group has 106 members and is in its seventh year. The exhibit and sale is a semi-annual event and features a wide variety of styles, techniques and media. In addition to their regular Gallery and Art on a budget departments, they will also hold an Auction on Sunday afternoon.

Letter received and filed.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

CM-1179-1 AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF FARMINGTON AND BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR STREET PAVING REPAIRS IN CHATHAM HILLS

City Manager Dixon reported the City is in the process of negotiating with the paving contractor and George Pastor and Sons for back repairs to the roads that were never fully accepted by the City of Farmington when the property was annexed to the City in 1966. The City engineers have now had an opportunity to review the matter and have made certain recommendations for replacement of certain sections of concrete that were totally and structurally inadequate.

In August of this year the contractor came in and replaced approximately 90% of the work that was recommended by the engineers. He stated that he thought he was going to be reimbursed by the City of Farmington for the work done. Apparently there was a misunderstanding, therefore, he just completed the work that he had removed and did not finish the entire recommended repair work.

City Manager Dixon ascertained there was a \$5,762.25 contingent fund deposit placed with the Oakland County Road Commission when this paving was initially contracted in 1966, and was of the opinion that this money could be transferred to the City of Farmington to be used to defray future costs by the contractor in replacing certain sections of concrete in the Chatham Hills Subdivision and that this work should be completed during this paving season.

In order to transfer these funds to the City of Farmington, the Oakland County Road Commission requests indemnification of their Commission from any and all actions or causes of action, claims, demands, liabilities, loss, damage or expense of whatsoever kind and nature including court or attorney's fees which the Road Commission shall or may at any time sustain or incur by reason or in consequence of the transfer of the above mentioned fund to the City.

City Manager Dixon stated the City Attorney has negotiated this agreement with Oakland County Road Commission and the City will not advance these funds for this repair work unless authorization is received from the developer that they may be used for the purpose of the repair work.

Mr. Dixon told the Council members he was of the opinion that this was an excellent opportunity to rectify the problem of replacing certain sections of concrete that are more than 15 years old in the Chatham Hills Subdivision and he recommended that the City enter into this indemnification agreement with the Oakland County Road Commission so that the contingent fund of \$5,762.25 deposited with the City of Farmington could be used for future replacement of concrete in the Chatham Hills Subdivision.

Motion by Richardson supported by Yoder to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of Farmington enter into an Agreement with the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, providing that the said Board of County Road Commissioners shall turn over to the said City of Farmington the sum of Five Thousand and Sixty-two and Twenty-five Cents, \$5,762.25 dollars, now held by the said Board of County Road Commissioners as a Contingent Fund Deposit covering installation and repair of street paving for Chatham Hills Subdivision, Farmington Township, Michigan, which subdivision has heretofore been annexed into the City of Farmington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That said Agreement shall further provide that the said City shall indemnify the said Board and hold and save it harmless from and against any and all actions or causes of action, claims, demands, liabilities, loss, damage or expense of whatsoever kind and nature including court or attorney's fees which the said Board shall or may at any time sustain or incur as a result of the transfer of said Contingent Fund to the City of Farmington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That said Agreement shall be executed on behalf of the City of Farmington by its Mayor and City Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Allen, Brotherton, Richardson, Seibert, Yoder.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED NOVEMBER 1, 1971.

CM-1179-1 REPORT ESTIMATES PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS NORTH SIDE OF GRAND RIVER FROM FARMINGTON ROAD TO WARNER STREET.

City Manager Dixon reported he has had an opportunity to analyze the cost involved in construction of 20 off-street parking spaces, and the proposed removal of two existing buildings to improve the ingress and egress and traffic flow on the north side of Grand River from Farmington Road to Warner Street.

In estimating the cost of acquiring and constructing parking lot on the north side of Thomas Street the City Manager estimated the cost of the problems area to this proposition. On Lot 7 there is a three car garage and utility building built within the 25 ft. Because of the size of the structure and the limitation of access of the City Manager did not believe it would be feasible to relocate this building and therefore to cause a hardship to the property owners and be quite expensive to the City in affording this additional off-street parking at this location.

Analysing lots 4, 5, and 6, the City Manager did find that there was one standard one-acre garage that is probably used for storage and does not have any intrinsic value. The City Manager stated he has located the property on the north side of Thomas Street to a depth of 25 ft. at \$20.00 per front foot.

In addition to this, the owners of the former Cooke Building are required to construct parking at the rear 25 ft. of Lot 6 as a part of the approval of the use of the upper story for a dance studio. Therefore the City Manager stated the City should consider the construction of parking spaces on lots 4 and 5 which would produce 15 off-street parking spaces and the addition of seven spaces on Lot 6, would give a total of 22 off-street parking spaces.

Breaking this down would be equivalent to:

Land Acquisition \$2,000; Parking Lot Construction \$3,500.00; Masonry Wall 1,400.00; Engineering \$1,000.00; Contingencies \$1,100.00; making a total of \$9,500.00.

City Manager Dixon stated that in analyzing the two proposed buildings at the rear of the Fredericks Building and the City Manager estimated the cost of the Fredericks Building 1,000 sq. ft. to be \$15,000.00. The purchase of the Business Services Building would be \$850.00 per sq. ft. for 10,000 sq. ft. less taxes and insurance of \$150.00 per year and utilizing a 10% capitalization, would make a cost of \$8,000.00. The city would be acquiring 8 ft. of Grand River frontage extending 25 ft. to the City Manager.

City Manager Dixon contacted the new owners of the Fredericks Building, and they stated they would not be interested in selling a portion of their building because it was vital to the business of the building.

Presently, they have a prospective tenant who wants the entire first floor, including the rear portion of the building. They are not interested there in selling.

In analyzing the cost involved in acquiring this building, the City would not be gaining very much and would be spending up to \$20,000 to buy possibly four additional spaces and better than the present area.

It would be very expensive and not very practical in trying to establish a special assessment district which would be compatible with the property owners that would have to be paying for this benefit.

City Manager Dixon told the Council members he believed that the City Council should tailor their rights to the acquisition of the rear 25 ft. of lots 4 and 5 and the purchase of the Business Services Building on Grand River, which would produce 15 additional parking spaces on the north side of Thomas Street, 5 spaces adjacent to the Grace Insurance Building and better ingress from Grand River where the existing Business Services Building is located. Mr. Dixon told the members of the Council that he believed this entire package could be financed for \$18,000 which would cost the average commercial property owner in this area approx. \$40.00 per front foot on Grand River Avenue.

Motion by Seibert supported by Allen to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it necessary, in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare, to acquire and construct off-street parking lot improvements, consisting of asphalt surfacing, base, and drainage located on the north side of Thomas Street between Farmington Road and Warner Street,

AND WHEREAS, the Council deems it necessary to acquire and construct said parking lot improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City Manager is hereby directed and ordered to cause to be prepared plans and specifications for said parking lot improvements and a detailed estimate of the cost thereof.

2. The City Manager is directed to file the same, together with his recommendations as to what part of the cost thereof should be paid by special assessment and what part should be paid by the City at large, and the lands which should be included in the Special Assessment District, and the terms and conditions of the improvement and the life thereof, with the City Clerk for her examination.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Brotherton, Richardson, Seibert, Yoder, Allen.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED NOVEMBER 1, 1971.

Motion by Seibert supported by Allen to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The City Council has directed and ordered the City Manager to cause to be prepared plans and specifications and estimates of cost and other information concerning parking lot improvements on the north side of Thomas Street between Farmington Road and Warner Street;

AND WHEREAS, the City Manager has caused the same to be prepared and has filed the same with the City Clerk;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The plans and specifications and estimates of cost and the recommendations and findings of the City Manager shall be filed with the City Clerk for the use of the available funds for the same.

2. The City Council deems it necessary to acquire and construct Parking Lot Improvements.

3. The City Council determines that \$18,000.00 of the cost thereof shall be defrayed by special assessment against the property benefited thereby and the balance of the cost shall be paid by the City, and determines that the assessments shall be levied on the following first front lots:

4. The following described lots and parcels of land shall make the special assessment:

Chatham Hills Subdivision - Lots 1 and 2 and W 80 ft. of 3

Assessor's Plat No. 6 - Lot 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8.

David Addition - Lot 2, 3, 4.

5. The City Council shall hold a Public Hearing on December 6, 1971 at 8:00 p.m. at the City Hall in the City of Farmington, at which hearing any person affected by the said proposed improvements may be heard.

6. The City Clerk shall cause notice of said hearing to be published in the Farmington Enterprise, Farmington, Michigan, at least one not less than ten (10) days prior to the date of hearing, to each owner of property subject to assessment.

7. Said notice so published and mailed shall be in substantially the following form:

NOTICE OF HEARING

TAKE NOTICE THAT the City Council of the City of Farmington, Michigan, proposes to acquire and construct off-street parking improvements in order to relieve the flow of traffic in the downtown business area, and the City Council further proposes to specially assess a part or all of the cost of said improvements against the following described lots and parcels of land:

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8. The Council has caused the City Manager to have prepared plans and specifications and an estimate of cost of said improvement, and the same, together with the City Manager's recommendations and findings concerning said improvement, are on file with the City Clerk and are available for public examination.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the City Council will meet at the Council Chambers in the City Hall on December 6, 1971 at 8:00 p.m. o'clock for the purpose of hearing all persons affected by said parking lot improvements.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Richardson, Seibert, Yoder, Allen, Brotherton.

NAYS: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CM-1179-1 REPORT INTERVIEW WITH DETROIT EDISON COMPANY

City Manager Dixon reported a meeting was held on October 28, 1971 at Highland Park City Hall with representatives of the Detroit Edison Company and the City of Farmington. The purpose of the meeting was to review the proposed Detroit Edison increase in municipal street lighting rates. October 28, 1971 was the last date for intervention on behalf of municipalities through the State Appellate Commission. The Detroit Edison Company representatives stated that the rates for municipal street lighting are being increased, the majority of which are quite large. Warren, Livonia, Royal Oak, Dearborn Heights, Highland Park and the City of Detroit.

The Corporation Counsel of the City of Detroit stated they have already received commitments in the amount of \$25,000 to cover the cost involved in this providing permit increases pertaining to the entire rate increase and especially the proposed increase in domestic rate which amounts to over \$35,000 of the \$70,000 requested by Detroit Edison Company. They stated since the City of Detroit produces their own power, street lighting they are not affected by this aspect of the rate increase and therefore would not contest this rate structure other than the total rate.

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It was agreed that the most reasonable and fair way to share the cost of this cooperative effort for special counsel, accountants and expert witnesses is the proportionate cost to be determined by the ratio of that City's June 30, 1971 Detroit Edison charges for street lighting for all cities cooperating in the action. They also stated there should be a limit not to exceed \$2,000 from any one city for these costs.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

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