Farmington City Council Proceedings

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Farmington was held on July 19, 1965.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Mayor Brotherton.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Brotherton, Councilmen Allen, Peterson, Thayer and Yoder present. ABSENT: None.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT: City Manager Dinan, Clerk Quinn, Attorney Kelly and Chief Foltz.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Thayer seconded by Peterson that the minutes of regular meeting of the City Council held on July 6, 1965 be approved with the following corrections: OTHER MISCELLANEOUS:

Councilman Yoder requested that the "No Parking" signs located at Warner and Slocum be revised to allow visitors for homeowners and suggested that the hours be from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., except for Saturdays and Sundays; also include Councilman Yoder's question regarding dead elm trees removal and City Manager Dinan's statement that the City has an elm tree spraying program and the State Highway removes dead elms from the major streets. Motion carried, all ayes.

City Manager Dinan reported that the State Department of Agriculture is conducting a survey of diseased elm trees, and will arrange for removal on major streets and notices will be mailed to property owners giving a 10 day notice to remove diseased trees on private property.

Minutes of Other Boards

A. Zoning Board of Appeals Proceedings July 7, 1965 and July 14, 1965.

Proceedings read of Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on July 7, 1965.

Councilman Allen questioned if the fire requirements were discussed for the variance granted to Mr. Leroy Miller at 33300 Thomas.

Councilman Thayer stated that the fire requirements had been cleared by the Insurance Company and the liquid to be used was not highly inflammable. The City Manager will check the clearance by the Insurance Company.

Motion by Yoder seconded by Peterson to receive and file the Zoning Board of Appeals Proceedings held on July 7, 1965. Motion carried, all ayes.

Proceedings read of Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on July 14, 1965.

Councilman Allen stated that the Planning Commission had reviewed the Kingslane Apartment Development and determined that there should be a better turn around the easterly portion of the proposed service drive for traffic, especially fire equipment, to make a turn through the use of a cul de sac. He also questioned the installation of continuous sidewalks.

Motion by Peterson seconded by Thayer to receive and file the Planning Commission Proceedings, July 14, 1965. Motion carried, all ayes.

B. Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees Proceedings July 12, 1965.

Motion by Peterson seconded by Allen to receive and file Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees Proceedings, July 12, 1965. Motion carried, all ayes.

C. Planning Commission Proceedings, July 12, 1965.

In answer to question by Mayor Brotherton relative to discussion of master plan of Farmington Township annexation program, City Manager Dinan stated that the Planning Commission in general, approved the concept of new residential zoning for this area to be known as "Country Estates." This would allow for a minimum of 15,000 square foot lot area and this classification would not require installation of sidewalks or concrete paved streets unless desired by the majority within a specific area.

Motion by Peterson seconded by Yoder to receive and file proceedings of Planning Commission, July 12, 1965. Motion carried, all ayes.

Petitions and Communications

A. Letter from Historical Society Acknowledging Contribution for Marker.

Letter read from the Farmington Historical Society stating that they gratefully acknowledge the City contribution for the Farmington Historical Community Marker. Ground will be broken for the placing of the marker at the time of the Farmington Founders Festival in July. The formal ceremony for dedication is planned for mid September and it is hoped that all contributors will plan to be present. The marker will stand on the north lawn of the Farmington Municipal Building and will face Grand River Avenue.

Motion to receive and file communication from Farmington Historical Society. Motion carried, all ayes.

B. Letter from Joseph T. Brennan RE: Special Assessment Roll 65-17, Lot 5, Davis Add. Block No. 2.

Letter read from Joseph T. Brennan, Attorney, that he had been retained by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hall in connection with the assessment levied against the above captioned property by the City Council on June 21, 1965. In accordance with Chapter 11, Section 11.6 of the Farmington City Charter, they hereby serve notice upon the Council of their intention to file a suit contesting the collection of this special assessment and seeking to enjoin said collection.

Insofar as they are able to determine at this time, said suit will be based upon the following grounds:

1. That the Assessment District does not include all of the properties benefited by the proposed improvement and, therefore, is illegal.

2. That the assessment formula is arbitrary, that it does not properly measure benefits received by property within the District and that the assessment formula is not based upon cost.

3. That the assessment as levied against his client's property deprives them of property without due process of law because the improvement affords no substantial benefit to their property and because the assessment levied far exceeds the value of any incidential benefit which might possibly be realized in the future.

The recitation of the foregoing shall not constitute a waiver of any further grounds for action in connection with this assessment district which may be disclosed by discovery proceedings under the Michigan Court Rules.

Motion by Peterson seconded by Thayer to receive and file communication from Joseph T. Brennan, Attorney. Motion carried, all ayes.

C. Letter from Susan Kirchner, FATAC Chairman, Requesting Permission for use of Tennis Courts for Dance July 20, 1965 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Letter read from Susan Kirchner, FATAC Chairman, stating that the FATAC was not able to hold the dance on the tennis courts scheduled for June 29, 1965, due to bad weather and therefore, request permission to reschedule the dance for July 20, 1965, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

City Manager Dinan reported that YMCA Officials had contacted him regarding the anticipated attendance of approximately 400 and requested that two patrolmen be assigned as chaprones.

Motion by Thayer seconded by Peterson to grant permission to the Farmington Teen Activities to hold a dance on the tennis court in the City Park on Tuesday, July 20, 1965, from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and that two members of the Public Safety Department be assigned as chaperones. Motion carried, all ayes.

D. Letter from Farmington Historical Society Requesting Permission to Place Scroll of Contributors to Historical Marker in Municipal Building.

Letter read from the Farmington Historical Society stating that they are preparing a scroll of names recognizing all individuals and groups who have contributed to the cost of the historical marker that they would like to dedicate in September. This scroll is being made by a local artist and will rest in a frame measuring about 21" by 30". The Historical Society requests permission from the Council to hang this scroll for permanent display in the Municipal Building.

Motion by Allen seconded by Thayer that the City Council grant permission to the Farmington Historical Society to place scroll of names recognizing all individuals and groups who have contributed to the cost of the Historical Marker in the Municipal Building for a period of ninety days and thereafter, be returned to the Historical Society. Motion carried, all ayes.

Reports from City Manager

A. Report Construction Asphalt Pavement Nine Mile Rd. from Farmington Road East to Expressway Entrance.

City Manager Dinan submitted a report on the Improvement on Nine Mile Road from Farmington Road to 1,000 feet east (approximately). The report included copies of estimate of cost prepared by the Oakland County Road Commission for asphalt pavement and drainage for Nine Mile Road from Farmington Road to I-96 Ramp. This work includes ditching, installation of drainage, reshaping and widening existing grade (36 feet shoulder to shoulder), adding 8 inch compacted gravel, prime and place 2½ x 20 feet wide bituminous aggregate surface plus widening lanes at Farmington Road.

The Oakland County Road Commission has adopted a policy of participating 50 per cent of the cost of this type of installation and the balance would have to be borne either by the property owners adjacent to this pavement that would receive benefit or the City at large.

City Manager Dinan stated that he had contacted American Screw Products who own all of the property on the south side of Nine Mile Road which constitutes 50 per cent of assessable frontage regarding their reaction to setting up a special assessment district for 50 per cent of the overall cost and the County pay their 50 per cent share. American Screw Products informed the City Manager that they did not feel that they would be receiving a direct benefit and that it would basically be a service drive to the I-96 Expressway and the majority of traffic would be entering the Expressway at this entrance.

The City of Farmington has three options on this particular improvement program.

1. Abandon the program because of lack of 50 per cent majority requesting the improvement.

2. Proceed with a special assessment program even though the City has not received a petition or approval for more than 50 per cent of property owners involved.

3. Absorb 50 per cent of the cost of this improvement through the sale of bonds for City at large share with no assessment to the abutting property owners due to the fact that this section is considered to be a service drive to the I-96 Expressway and the majority of the traffic would not be directly with these industrial concerns.

City Manager Dinan stated that this particular project is vitally needed.

The Council discussed that estimated cost of $12,850.00 submitted by the Oakland County Road Commission for this type of improvement. It was the consensus of the Council that the property owners abutting this improvement assume 25 per cent share of this cost, the City at large 25 per cent and the Oakland County 50 per cent.

Mr. Charles Kelly, 23231 Cass, developer of the industrial area on the north side of Nine Mile Road, stated that he would be more in favor of the special assessment as proposed providing that this improvement be a permanent concrete improvement.

Mr. Richard Duncan, 21436 Birchwood, state that the flow of traffic was great and this road is used by a large number of City residents.

Motion by Allen seconded by Yoder that the City Manager refer the proposed improvement to the Oakland County Road Commission for review to provide permanent concrete paving on Nine Mile Road from Farmington Road east (approximately 1,000 feet) to I-96 Expressway entrance and to contact Industrial property owners relative to setting up a Special Assessment District. Motion carried, all ayes.

B. Report Radar Equipment Utilization Traffic Enforcement.

City Manager Dinan submitted a report from the Public Safety Department regarding the utilization of Model "700-C Speedalyzer Radar Unit." This equipment will be useful for improving the efficiency of traffic enforcement and very flexible as far as operation within the Department. This equipment only requires one officer to operate, can be transferred from one vehicle to another, is portable and simple to set up for traffic speed counts.

The firm price received is $1,245.00 which provides the built-in tuning fork for ease of set up and can be paid from the Contingency Fund 1965-66 Budget.

It was the consensus of the Council that this equipment be purchased due to lack of manpower, successful operation in other Cities and that it be used in discretion during the first six weeks of operation and that proper signs be posted.

Motion by Allen supported by Thayer to adopt the following resolution—

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City Council hereby approves the transfer of $1,245.00 from the contingency fund to Public Safety Department Account Number 302-k for the purchase of Model "700-C Speedalyzer Radar Unit".

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Allen, Brotherton, Peterson, Thayer, Yoder

NAYS: None

ABSEST: None

Resolution Declared Adopted July 19, 1965.

TRENA M. QUINN,
City Clerk

C. Report Authorization Receive Fence Bids DPW Yard and Magic Square.

City Manager Dinan requested authorization to receive bids for six foot cyclone fencing of D.P.W. Yard at Nine Mile Road and for the fencing in connection with the construction of the Magic Square at Cloverdale School site.

Motion by Yoder seconded by Peterson to authorize the City Manager to receive bids for fencing of the Department of Public Works yard and Magic Square at Cloverdale School site. Motion carried, all ayes.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Library Board Minutes, June 10, 1965.

Motion by Thayer seconded by Allen to receive and file proceedings of Farmington City and Township District Library Board of Trustees meeting, June 10, 1965. Motion carried, all ayes.

OTHER

Councilman Allen stated that he received information that the open sewer in question is located on the property owned by Mr. Francis Carrico, 31817 Valleyview, and suggested that the City Manager investigate this matter.

City Manager Dinan stated that a survey would be made if necessary.

Councilman Allen suggested that the City Manager investigate the possibility of providing coverall type of uniforms for the Department of Public Works and Water & Sewer Department employees with proper identification as City Employees.

Resolutions and Ordinances

A. Resolution No. 1, S.A.D. 65-20 Asphalt Paving Nine Mile Road and Farmington Road to 1,000 Feet.

No action taken by the Council.

Claims and Accounts.

A. Monthly Bills.

Motion by Peterson supported by Thayer that claims and accounts for June, 1965, be approved for payment as submitted.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Brotherton, Peterson, Thayer, Yoder, Allen.

NAYS: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Yoder seconded by Peterson that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried, all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

WILBUR V. BROTHERTON,
Mayor

TRENA M. QUINN,
City Clerk

NATE S. SHAPERO, noted Detroit business leader and philanthropist, shows Mary Ellen Gedman, Money Museum receptionist, the coin press recently added to the historic museum collection of NBD. Mr. Shapero is chairman of Cunningham Drug Stores, Inc., and a director of the National Bank of Detroit. The press is now on display at the NBD branch on Farmington Road at Alta Loma Street.

NBD Branch Schedules 2-Day Open House For Founders Days

The National Bank of Detroit in Farmington will begin its two-day observance of Founders Days with the issuance Wednesday, July 28, of a special commemorative coin as a souvenir of the community's first historic festival and of the first anniversary of NBD's new Farmington banking center.

Two days of open house activities, featuring special historic displays, refreshments and special costuming, are scheduled for regular banking hours Thursday and Friday at the office on Farmington Road at Alta Loma.

Chevrolet's Senior Woman — Outranked in total service only by her "boss" and another man, Mrs. Lena Martin, of 27959 Brandywine, Farmington, will retire at the end of July as the senior woman employe of the Chevrolet Motor Division. Mrs. Martin has worked for Chevrolet for 47 years and one month and has 48½ years of General Motors service. She is secretary to the director of production and material control.

Festival spokesmen announced that NBD's award-winning patriotic float will be featured in the community parade on Saturday.

FARMINGTON group vice president Byron E. Lapham said the bank displays will feature the theme "Then and Now," tracing the history and growth of banking in the community and illustrating the development through the years of NBD facilities as the city's local bank.

Souvenir items will include the commemorative coin, issuance of a new Farmington group banking brochure and a special "statement" from the Farmington State Bank telling the story of 30 years of banking in the area.

One of the displays in the bank will show colored slides from the construction of Farmington's first bank to the building of the new NBD office a year ago.

A featured display at the NBD open house will be a 19th Century coin press from the internationally famous Money Museum collection at National Bank of Detroit. The press was used to strike privately issued coins (similar to the type of souvenir half dollar token struck for Founders Days) following the Civil War.

Bids Sought for DPW Yard Fencing

The City Council authorized the city manager Monday night to go out for bids on a six foot high cyclone fence for the DPW yard on Nine Mile Road and also for fencing of the magic square recreation area being developed at the Cloverdale School site.

Money was allocated in the 1965-66 city budget for the cost of this week, City Manager John Dinan stated in requesting the councilmen's permission, to go out for bids.

Public Letter Box

To the Farmington
Board of Education

Dear Board Members:

The fact was recently brought to our attention, through an article in the Farmington Enterprise, that the contract for the 1965-1966 Farmington School System's milk supply is to be awarded.

Distressing was the fact that on an approximate bid of $100,500, the contract is to be awarded to a firm outside the community as opposed to the local dairy, though the difference between the two bids was less than .2 of one percent.

It seems hardly in keeping with the ideas of good community relations or good business to make a step in this direction.

The idea of a sum of community funds of this size leaving Farmington with little chance of any of its finding its way back into our local economy is distressing. The fact that a portion of these funds, were the contract awarded to the local company, would definitely find its way directly to the school board next year should be enough to sway the choice in this direction. This money would not only be returned through payment of taxes by the local dairy, but also through the taxes paid to the local governments by all the employees of this firm who live in this community and do their business in this community.

It seems that a local firm would be much more willing and able to render extra services in special situations. For example, would the few bottles of milk when it's determined that the amount to be used that day had been miscalculated? We're certain that the local supplier would not hesitate to deliver the needed amount and have it there on time for the noon lunches. Would the other company?

Were there good, sound reasons, on past poor performance by the local dairy, we would be in accord with the decision of the Board in this case. However, since nothing of this nature has been mentioned in this case, we would have to assume that the situation does not exist.

Following are a few figures which we feel the board should have taken into consideration before making their final decision:

School taxes (not including Comm. College) paid by the local firm in 1964 — $2163.09.

School taxes that would be lost should the local dealer sell the dairy (which would no longer be operated in Farmington) $934.64.

We respectfully urge that the decision be reconsidered.

Respectfully yours,
(Signed by
Farmington Business
People and Citizens)

To The Editor:

Thank you, Officials, Managers, Coaches and Umpires of South Farmington Baseball for Boys, for a good season. You seem to have found the policy for teaching and demonstrating fun and good sportsmanship.

Your time and effort is appreciated and we hope you will be back next year.

Parents of a 6 yr. participant

Local News Items

MARIE LONG
GR. 4-3114

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Twins Cheryl Lynn and Michael Scott celebrated their first birthdays on July 12 with brother Mark and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Foust Jr. of 33728 Grand River Avenue. A family party was enjoyed with birthday cake. Mr. Foust teaches in the Birmingham School System.

Mrs. Julia Bentley of Ada, Ohio, is spending her vacation with her sister and family, Mrs. Lucille Gere of Rollcrest Drive in Farmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stackler of Farmington enjoyed a two weeks' vacation recently. The first week was spent with her mother and brothers near Houghton, Michigan. The second week was spent at their summer home in Caseville, Michigan.

MRS. ARTHUR Schuetzler Sr. of Farmington and her sister, Mrs. Palmer Stephens and her daughter Gwen of Detroit, left on a vacation trip to New York City. They will visit another sister, Mrs. Leon Kelley.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Simcheck and children, Paul, Michael, Tommy and Nancy of Farmington will be spending their vacation at beautiful Crystal Lake at Beulah, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Gibbons, formerly of Margaretta, are now living at The Essex House. The Gibbons purchased a beautiful home on a hill in Quebec, Ontario, Canada, two years ago; but the winters proved too cold for them, so they decided to return to good old Michigan.

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