Farmington City Council Proceedings

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Farmington was held on August 16, 1965.

Meeting called to order at 8:01 p.m. by Mayor Brotherton.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Brotherton, Councilmen Peterson, Thayer and Yoder present. ABSENT: Allen.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion by Yoder seconded by Peterson that the minutes of regular Council meeting held on August 2, 1965, and the minutes of Special meeting held on August 9, 1965 be approved as published. Motion carried, all ayes.

MINUTES OF OTHER BOARDS

A. PLANNING COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS, AUGUST 9, 1965.

Proceedings Read of Planning Comssion Meeting Held on August 9, 1965.

Motion by Thayer seconded by Peterson to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission and to establish a Public Hearing, Tuesday, September 7, 1965, at 8:00 p.m. on the request to rezone Lots 1, 2 and west 10 feet of Lot 3, Ebenezer Stewart's Plat, from R-1, One Family, to R-1-O, One Family Office District, also the east 50 feet of the west 60 feet of Lot 3, Ebenezer Stewart's Plat, from R-1, One Family, to R-1-P, One Family Parking. Motion carried, all ayes.

Motion by Thayer seconded by Yoder to receive and file proceedings of Planning Commission meeting held on August 9, 1965. Motion carried, all ayes.

B. BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS, July 20, 1965.

Proceedings read of Beautification Committee meeting held on July 20, 1965.

Motion by Peterson seconded by Yoder to receive and file proceedings of Beautification Committee meeting held on July 20, 1965. Motion carried, all ayes.

C. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PROCEEDINGS, AUGUST 11, 1965.

Proceedings read of Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on August 11, 1965.

Motion by Yoder seconded by Peterson to receive and file proceedings of Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held on August 11, 1965. Motion carried, all ayes.

D. DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES PROCEEDINGS, JULY 14, 1965.

Motion by Thayer seconded by Peterson to receive and file proceedings of District Library Board of Trustees meeting held July 14, 1965. Motion carried, all ayes.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. LETTER FROM MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE RE: DESIGNATING OF VOTING DELEGATES AT ANNUAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15-17, 1965.

Motion by Peterson seconded by Thayer to appoint John D. Dinan, City Manager as delegate and Wilbur V. Brotherton, Mayor, as alternate to the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Municipal League September 15-17, 1965, as representatives for the City of Farmington. Motion carried, all ayes.

B. LETTER FROM FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH RE: PRIVATE ROAD. Letter read from the Farmington Public Schools and Our Lady of Sorrows Parish requesting that the City of Farmington take ownership of road between the Our Lady of Sorrows church property and that of the Farmington Public School District. This road which extends from Shiawassee to Ten Mile Road was constructed by Our Lady of Sorrows and the School Board. In addition to serving the Church and School they feel that this road is used daily by many residents of the City.

They stated that the representatives of Our Lady of Sorrows and the Board of Education would like to meet with the City Council at the regular meeting, August 16, 1965, to furnish necessary information and to discuss an agreement regarding the repair of the existing pavement prior to the acceptance of this road by the City Council.

City Manager Dinan submitted copies of report prepared by Francis Papke, City Engineer on the method to rebuild the above described private road. The estimated cost would be approximately $7,500.00. In addition to the cost thereof, there would probably be a cost of shaping and regrading the existing ditches, approximately $1,000.00. Additional items of work would be sidewalk repairs and culvert replacement or repair.

The City would inspect all work performed under the contract awarded by the Church and School Board.

City Manager Dinan stated that this is the only thru road to Ten Mile Road between Farmington Road and Power Road. If the City accepts ownership of the above described road it would become a part of our local street system and the City would receive credit from the State Motor Vehicle returns for maintenance, signs, snow removal, etc.

Monsignor Thomas Beahan, Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, James Read, Assistant Superintendent of Farmington Public Schools and Mr. Emil Tetreault, School engineer were present and spoke on the traffic conditions, the report prepared by the City Engineer and the benefits to the Community by designating this road as a City street.

The City Council discussed the maintenance of other local streets receiving credit from the Motor Vehicle Returns under the local street system, the traffic situation and future sidewalk requirements if this road were designated as a local street.

It was the consensus of the Council that action regarding this matter be delayed until the second regular meeting of the Council in September, discuss this request with all members of the Council and to request that the Public Safety Department conduct traffic studies after school year starts and the City Engineer prepare a report for Council discussion.

Mr. Read, Farmington Public Schools, stated that the representatives present appreciated the Council's consideration of this request and would be happy to cooperate with the Public Safety Department by supplying school bus schedules or any information necessary to conduct the traffic studies.

Motion by Yoder seconded by Peterson that the Council table the acceptance of this road until second meeting of the Council in September for further study. Motion carried, all ayes.

C. LETTER FROM LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION RE: TRANSFER OWNERSHIP 1965-66 SDD & SDM LICENSE TO BEL-AIRE DRUG COMPANY FROM FRANK B. NAGER & JEROME H. LOGAN.

Letter read from Liquor Control Commission stating that they have received a request from Bel-Aire Drug Company, for transfer ownership of 1965-66 SDD and SDM License business located at 24089 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington, Michigan from Frank B. Nager and Jerome H. Logan and requested that the City Council adopt the enclosed resolution to approve or disapprove this request.

Motion by Thayer supported by Peterson to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the request from Bel-Aire Drug Company for transfer ownership of 1965-66 SDD and SDM licensed business located at 24089 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington, Michigan from Frank B. Nager and Jerome H. Logan, be recommended for approval.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Brotherton, Peterson, Thayer, Yoder.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Allen.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED August 16, 1965.

TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk.

D. LETTER MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RE: DUTCH ELM DISEASE.

Letter read from the Michigan Department of Agriculture relative to their methods on the progress on the Dutch Elm Disease program that they are cooperatively carrying on with the City of Farmington and they can understand our anxiety about the increase in the number of infected trees that are being found over the last year.

They state that there have been newspaper articles and periodicals printed indicating a new cure has been found for trees infected with Dutch Elm Disease. To the best of their knowledge, there is presently no known, authenticated treatment for an elm tree infected.

The State can not recommend the use of Bidrin, a systemic, which is not a cure for Dutch Elm Disease but simply a chemical as a preventative of inoculation of the fungus in a healthy tree. It would be prohibitive from the standpoint of cost as well as the overall application necessary for the program.

A review of the records for the past 15 years shows that these Cities who have conducted a good sanitation along with a complete spray program and prompt removal of diseased trees have had excellent results with losses aproximately only 1-1.5 per cent a year. They state that the delay in prompt removal of diseased trees will cause adjacent trees to become affected.

City Manager Dinan stated that there were over 200 trees tagged this year by the State and the City has removed 45 trees on City property. The Detroit Edison Company has assisted in topping large trees and the State Forestry Department started work on Grand River August 16, 1965. City Manager Dinan stated that second notices had been mailed to property owners having infected trees on private property and if they are not removed, the City will destroy them and bill the property owner.

REPORTS FROM CITY MANAGER

A. REPORT ON RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD OF BID ON TRACTOR AND FRONT END LOADER.

City Manager Dinan reported that the City Council tabled the award of the bid for the purchase of Tractor with Front End Loader until the Department of Public Works and Water Department had an opportunity to use the 1966 Ford Tractor with Front End Loader and International Harvester Tractor and Front End Loader.

The International Tractor and Front End Loader failed to meet the City of Farmington's specifications on the size of the front end loader, the lifting capacity and the number of Piy on the rear tires. The investigation reported that the International had some shortcomings; slow in starting, and when the front end loader and the backhoe were in use at the same time, the power steering apparatus could not be used. The Departments recommended that the City pay the additional $365.00 and award the bid to Broquet Ford Tractor Sales for the amount of $4,766.00. City Manager Dinan recommended that the bid be awarded to the second low bidder, The Broquet Ford Tractor Company, Inc., for a tractor with front end loader in the amount of $4,766.00.

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

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City Council award the bid for the tractor with Front End Loader to the second low bidder, The Broquet Ford Tractor Company, in the amount of $4,766.00.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Peterson, Thayer, Yoder.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Allen.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED August 16, 1965.

TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk.

B. REPORT ON BIDS FOR INSTALLATION OF FENCING DPW YARD AND MAGIC SQUARE.

City Manager Dinan reported that three bids were received and tabulated in the Clerk's office, at 10:00 a.m., August 6, 1965 for the fencing of the DPW Yard and Magic Square and recommended that the City Council award the bid to the low bidder, the Hercules Fence Company, in the amount of $3,988.00 for the fence erection at the DPW Yard and the Magic Square. Motion by Thayer supported by Peterson to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City Council award the bid for fence erection at the DPW Yard and the Magic Square to the low bidder, Hercules Fence Company, in the amount of $3,988.00.

ROLL CALL

AYES: Thayer, Yoder, Brotherton, Peterson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Allen.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED August 16, 1965.

TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk.

C. REPORT ON GIFT OF COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE TREE BY TED JOHNSON.

City Manager Dinan reported that Mr. Ted Johnson of Johnson Nursery has stated through Mrs. Hazel Leland that he would be willing to donate an 18 foot Colorado Blue Spruce tree to the City of Farmington to be installed in the lawn area in front of the Municipal Building. This is a generous overture on the part of Mr. Johnson and his only request would be that the tree be designated in memory of his mother, Mrs. Clarence Johnson and his wife's mother, Mrs. Power. Both of these ladies were very active in the Farmington area and he would appreciate this remembrance with this tree.

Motion by Peterson seconded by Yoder that the City Council accept the donation of a Colorado Blue Spruce tree from Mr. Ted Johnson to be designated in remembrance of Mrs. Clarence Johnson and Mrs. Power and the City Manager be authorized to make arrangements to move this tree to the City Hall property in the fall, estimated cost $150.00. Motion carried, all ayes.

D. REPORT UNIFORMS PUBLICE SERVICE DEPARTMENTS.

City Manager Dinan reported that he had investigated other communities policies on uniforms for their public works and water Departments field employees.

In analysing the policies, it is evident that the cities do participate in uniforming their public work and water department employees.

City Manager Dinan recommended that the City purchase uniforms for the Public Works and Water Department field employees for the summer months from April through October which would cost the City approximately $20.00 per man, three sets each or $240.00 per year. Each Employee would be responsible for cleaning and maintaining the uniforms. He suggested that bids be received prior to April 1966.

Councilman Allen submitted a small sketch of a typical type uniform for the employees.

Motion by Yoder seconded by Peterson to authorize the City Manager to receive bids prior to April 1966 for uniforms for Public Works and Water Department field employees. Motion carried, all ayes.

E. REPORT REGARDING CONCRETE PAVING NINE MILE ROAD EAST OF FARMINGTON ROAD.

City Manager Dinan submitted copies of a cost estimate for the concrete paving of Nine Mile Road from Farmington Road east to I-96 Ramp as prepared by Oakland County Road Commission. The Road Commission estimates the cost at approximately $25,000.00 for this eight inch uniform concrete pavement, 20 feet wide with necessary grading and drainage.

The formula that seemed to be most acceptable with the City Council was that the Oakland County Road Commission pay 50%, the City at large pay 25% and the abutting property owners pay 25%. The City would have to establish a special assessment district and the abutting property owners share would amount to approximately $3.00 per lineal foot which would be justified for the improvements to their property.

City Manager Dinan recommended that the City Council proceed to establish a special assessment district for this improvement and adopt Resolution No. 1 which authorizes the City Manager to proceed with necessary engineering plans. He stated that there would not be ample time to process this district for completion this paving season but the City should be in the position to receive bids during winter months for spring construction.

Letter read from Mr. W. E. Renner, American Screw Products Company, 33001 Nine Mile Road, stating that they have been informed that the City Council will be asked to adopt a resolution deeming it a necessity to improve Nine Mile Road, from Farmington Road east to the expressway entrance. They feel that the majority of traffic over this area road consists of vehicles entering the expressway and therefore the cost of improving or maintaining this road should be bourne by the State Highway Department or the Oakland County Road Commission.

They state that they would be opposed to any assessment for the improvement of subject road.

Motion by Peterson supported by Thayer to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION No. 1

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, was held on August, 16, 1965, at the City Hall in said City, at 8:04 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Councilmen Brotherton, Peterson, Thayer, Yoder.

ABSENT: Councilman Allen.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Councilman Peterson and supported by Councilman Thayer.

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it necessary, in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare, to acquire and construct street improvements; consisting of concrete pavement — 20 foot wide with grading and drainage

NINE MILE ROAD FROM FARMINGTON ROAD EAST TO I-96 RAMP

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 street 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 his findings as to the necessity of the improvement and the life thereof, with the City Clerk for his examination.

AYES: Councilmen Brotherton, Peterson, Thayer, Yoder.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Councilman Allen.

Resolution declared August 16, 1965.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

Motion by Thayer seconded by Yoder to establish the next regular meeting of the Council on Tuesday, September 7, 1965, at 8:00 p.m. due to Labor Day holiday. Motion carried, all ayes.

B. COUNCILMAN ALLEN RE: WADING POOL.

Letter read from Councilman Allen stating that he was unable to attend the Council meeting to discuss the possibility of planning a wading pool for the Citizens of Farmington. He stated that a wading pool, fence enclosure and buried filter pit would cost approximately $8,500.00. He stated that a previous experiment with wading pools proved most unfortunate and the modern design and supervision would not have the vulnerability of an unsupervised pool with exposed equipment. There are alternate possibilities in the selection of the area for a pilot construction. Cooperation of the school board, township or some other organization willing to participate would be desirable.

He suggested that if the Council feel that the proposed design has some merit, that this matter be turned over to the Planning Commission for further study as to location and participation. If this proposal is accepted, the operation should probably be for next year's use and necessary moneys to be set aside in the 1966-67 budget.

Councilman Allen submitted a proposed sketch of a wading pool for Council study.

It was the consensus of the Council that this proposal be tabled until the Master Plan has been adopted and a Recreational Director appointed and receive his recommendations on this proposal.

Motion by Thayer, seconded by Peterson to table Councilman Allen's proposal for further study. Motion carried, all ayes.

C. TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER No. 20.

Motion by Peterson supported by Yoder to adopt Traffic Control Order No. 20:

TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDER No. 20

Effective September 1, 1965, the following regulations of traffic shall be in effect:

A. The following street shall be designated as a "STOP" street:

*Grove at Orchard.

B. The following parking controls shall be in effect when posted:

"No Parking Any Time" on Cass from Grand River north to Shiawassee.

"No Parking Any Time" on Grace from Grand River north to Shiawassee.

"No Parking Any Time" on Adams from Grace west to Cass.

"No Parking Any Time" on Maple from Grand River south 150 feet.

C. Traffic Control Order No. 14 shall be cancelled.

*Supersets with existing Stop Signs.

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Date: August 16, 1965.

JOHN D. DINAN, City Manager.

Motion carried, all ayes.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

COUNCILMAN YODER

Councilman Yoder suggested that the Council review the Planning Commission recommendation adopted at their regular meeting held on May 10, 1965 regarding policy statement to be instituted in the appointment and retention of Planning Commissioners.

MAYOR BROTHERTON

Mayor Brotherton commended the City Manager on the informational letter mailed on August 6, 1965 to all property owners in the proposed annexation area. He suggested that meeting be scheduled to discuss financial data, Engineer's estimates for water and sewers, etc. City Manager Dinan stated that meetings would be scheduled in the near future to discuss liabilities, water and sewer installations with the residents so that the costs can become part of the record and to give a firm status so that the residents will know exactly the cost of these improvements.

The Planning Commission is completing a Master Plan and Zoning Classification for the area affected and the Council will meet with the Planning Commission and the residents so the zoning will be officially determined prior to the election.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

A. BANK RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES OF CITY OFFICIALS AT DETROIT BANK & TRUST, NATIONAL BANK OF DETROIT AND METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK OF FARMINGTON.

Motion by Thayer supported by Peterson to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED:

HEREBY DESIGNATES THE FOLLOWING CITY OFFICIALS AS SIGNERS FOR ALL TRANSACTIONS WITH THE DETROIT BANK AND TRUST, NATIONAL BANK OF DETROIT AND METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK OF FARMINGTON:

1. KATHRYN D. COTTER, TREASURER AND
2. JOHN D. DINAN, CITY MANAGER OR
3. WILBUR V. BROTHERTON MAYOR.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Thayer, Yoder, Brotherton, Peterson.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Allen.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED August 16, 1965.

TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk.

CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

A. MONTHLY BILLS

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

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilmen Brotherton, Peterson, Thayer, Yoder.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Allen.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Peterson seconded by Thayer to adjourn. Motion carried, all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

WILBUR V. BROTHERTON, Mayor

TRENA M. QUINN, City Clerk.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dent Cleary, 1 Lexington Court, Midland, Michigan, announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda Ruth, to Dall B. Willoughby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith B. Willoughby, 32998 Biddestone Lane, Farmington. Miss Cleary and her fiance are students at Kalamazoo College. Wedding plans are being made for April 16, 1966.

Bridge Players Win in Chicago

Edna Johnson, 29800 Middlebelt Road, and Ann Thomsen, 28162 Briar Hill, both of Farmington, won top scores in play during the Summer National Championships of the American Contract Bridge League.

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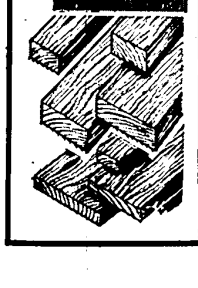

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