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CITY COMMISSION MEETING

City Hall, 125 South Maple Street, Fennville, MI 49408
TUESDAY, September 8, 2020
7:00 p.m.

In light of the recent orders to limit social interactions due to COVID-19, the City Commission allowed for participation through a virtual meeting site or by telephone.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pantelleria at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Almquist, Bolles, Hayden, Jamros, Machan, Suerth, Pantelleria

Absent: None

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved as submitted.

4. Public Comments

None at this time.

5. Approval of the following City Commission Minutes:

- a. Regular Meeting: [August 17, 2020](#)

Moved by Suerth, seconded by Pantelleria to approve the August 17, 2020 minutes as presented. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

6. Reports & Minutes

- a. MTS Report – July 2020

Reports were reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. The City Commission will be asked to take the following actions regarding marihuana establishments within the City of Fennville:

- a. Approve Ordinance 2020-09: An Ordinance to prohibit medical marihuana facilities in the Central Business District.

- b. Approve Ordinance 2020-10: An Ordinance to establish regulations on medical marihuana establishments within the City of Fennville.
- c. Approve Ordinance 2020-11: An Ordinance to amend regulations on adult use marihuana establishments within the City of Fennville.

Background Information: Based on recent City action regarding recreational marihuana, the Planning Commission discussed the medical marihuana regulations within the City. Based on action that was taken in 2013, medical marihuana establishments were only allowed as a home based business. Since the voters and City Commission have recently passed ordinance allowing for recreational marihuana the Planning Commission felt the City should also allow for medical marihuana establishments as well. They considered the regulatory ordinance and a zoning ordinance amendment to restrict the sale in the Central Business District during their meeting in July. And held a public hearing regarding the item on August 11th. The Planning Commission voted to recommend the ordinance for Commission Action.

To enact on the allowance of medical marihuana, the City Commission is being asked to consider 3 ordinances. The first is to restrict the establishments in the Central Business District. The second is a regulatory and licensing ordinance that was drafted to mirror the recreational ordinance passed in February.

The third is an ordinance to amend the recreational regulatory ordinance. The Planning Commission felt that the City should allow for a maximum of 2 establishments regardless of if it was recreational or medical and wording to that effect must be in both ordinances.

The only change since introduction was to update the licensing fee to \$5,000.

The ordinances were introduced at the last meeting and are ready for final consideration and approval. They will become effective upon publication.

Item A: Approve Ordinance 2020-09: An Ordinance to prohibit medical marihuana facilities in the Central Business District.

Moved by Bolles, seconded by Machan to approve Ordinance 2020-09: An Ordinance to prohibit medical marihuana facilities in the Central Business District. Voted Yes: Almquist, Bolles, Jamros, Machan, Suerth, Pantelleria. Voted No: Hayden. Motion carried.

Item B: Approve Ordinance 2020-10: An Ordinance to establish regulations on medical marihuana establishments within the City of Fennville.

Moved by Pantelleria, seconded by Bolles to approve Ordinance 2020-10: An Ordinance to establish regulations on medical marihuana establishments within the City of Fennville. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

Item C: Approve Ordinance 2020-11: An Ordinance to amend regulations on adult use marihuana establishments within the City of Fennville.

Moved by Suerth, seconded by Bolles to approve Ordinance 2020-11: An Ordinance to amend regulations on adult use marihuana establishments within the City of Fennville. Voted Yes: Almquist, Bolles, Jamros, Suerth. Voted No: Hayden, Machan, Pantelleria. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

8. The City Commission will be asked to approve a request from the Knights of Columbus to hold their Annual Tootsie Roll Drive downtown on October 9-11, 2020.

Moved by Machan, seconded by Bolles to approve a request from the Knights of Columbus to hold their Annual Tootsie Roll Drive downtown on October 9-11, 2020. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

9. The City Commission will begin discussions on a request from the Police Chief to consider additional full time personnel.

Background Information: It has been the desire of the Chief of Police to add a full time police officer to the City's police force. As the City begins to explore this request in greater detail, the Mayor felt it is important to make the Commission aware of the request and have a brief discussion. We understand there is quite a bit of research that needs to be done on item before a decision can be made and want the Commission to be aware of the request and encourage you to begin thinking about what information will be needed before making the decision.

Chief Rekucki addressed the Commission regarding his request to staff the department 18 hours Monday-Saturday. After much discussion, the City Commission asked for a personnel/finance committee meeting to discuss the item in greater detail and to begin gathering information regarding call volumes, budget implications and millage requests.

10. Reports of Standing Committees:

- a. Finance/Personnel: Committee meeting scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on September 14th .to discussion Police and DPW matters.
- b. City Services (Police, Ambulance & Fire): Fire Board meeting last week. Classes for medical first responders starting. Machan thanked Mike Andry for his service as the Fire Chief. New truck won't be in service until October. Redlined copies of the agreement for the contract employee between the City and Fire Board and the City and full time employee, wants to have another fire board meeting before presenting them to the City Services Committee. Discussion about the CARES Act funding for hazard pay, to be discussed further at the meeting on Monday 9/14.
- c. City Properties: Water leak on Maple Lane Apartments, thanked DPW staff for quick response.
- d. Ordinances/Community Relations: Brief discussion on trick-or-treating hours. Request from Police department to have 2 or 3 officers on duty that day.
- e. Planning: Nothing.
- f. Administrative/DDA: DDA is finalizing plans for Goose Festival activities.

11. Miscellaneous

None

12. City Administrator Report

The City Administrator reviewed the garbage collection days and gave a brief update on the infrastructure projects.

13. Approval of Bills

- a. Pay Request from B&L Excavating - \$154,272.60
- b. Invoices totaling \$61,817.16

Moved by Machan, seconded by Bolles to approve invoices totaling \$61,817.16. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolles, seconded by Machan to approve a pay request from B&L Excavating in the amount of \$154,272.60. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p. m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Amanda Morgan
City Administrator

Approved by City Commission: **DRAFT**