

City of Fennville
February 1, 2010

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Fennville was called to order in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Rastall.

Commissioners Present: Rastall, Meyaard, Cummins, Watson, Pantelleria, Brien, Suerth.

Public present: Dan Martin, Attorney; Colleen Rae, Local Observer; Robert Sliwoski; Timothy Brennan; Ralph Houston; Al LaShell; Claude Rummer; Amy Cook; Michael Leonard; Rick Stout, Fleis & Vandenbrink; Lisa Sheaffer.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC HEARING – DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE: Mayor Rastall opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Rick Stout from Fleis & Vandenbrink explained the grant and the Streetscape preliminary plan. Explained the bump outs, sidewalk improvements, trees and benches. Amy Cook stated that the process was started several years ago. Concerns on truck turning and the radius. Colleen Rae: Has MDOT approved of the plan? Discussion has been held with MDOT. Pantelleria: Are you incorporating banners and Christmas light placement? Yes. Concerns about low maintenance and possible irrigation were discussed. Cummins: Are you considering LED lights? Rick explained that LED lights have a 30% up charge and it has not been proven that they are worth the extra charge. Two out of fifteen plans that he has worked on in the past have used LED lights. Pantelleria: Are any store front improvements being done? Cook: Not in this plan. Pantelleria: when will the project be started? Cook: We are trying to coincide with the Maple Street project. Pantelleria: will there be underground sprinkling and who will maintain it? There will be underground irrigation and it will be low maintenance, the same as the garden maintenance. Watson: will the bump outs make problems with the snow removal? No. Gary Tuhacek has been involved with some of the planning to make sure that there will be no extra maintenance for City staff. Rae: Will there be room for a left turn lane? No, we will not be changing the width of the street. Bob Sliwoski: Is there any additional parking planned? None anticipated. We are in negotiation with the bank for leasing part of their parking lot to help over flow. Rastall: We will also have the parking lot next to City Hall for addition parking. **Moved Rastall, second Cummins to close the public hearing at 7:23 p.m.** Ayes: All. **MOTION CARRIED. Moved Pantelleria, second Cummins to adopt Resolution 10-01 to support the efforts in submitting an application for funds from the Michigan Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00.** Ayes: Cummins, Watson, Pantelleria, Brien, Suerth, Rastall, Meyaard. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved as printed.

PRESENTATION TO MICHAEL LEONARD: Mayor Rastall thanked Mr. Leonard for work in making the downtown area more accessible and presented him with a proclamation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Moved Suerth, second Pantelleria, to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2010, meeting as presented. Ayes: MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mary Kramer set a letter stating that they will now release funds for the grant for Maple Street. Rastall reviewed the district library report. Discussion was held on the cancellation of Winterlude.

OLD BUSINESS: Outside Lighting: Next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: 2010 Irrigation Maintenance Agreement: **Moved Meyaard, second Cummins to approve the 2010 Irrigation Maintenance Agreement. Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.**

FINANCIAL/PERSONNEL REPORT: Pantelleria is still trying to get information for a SIB loan and hopes to have the answer later this week or the first of next week. He is working on an application for a Land & Water fund grant for Paradise Park. Will need to look at another increase in the water rates of 10% in July.

CITY SERVICES: Reviewed police reports from November, December and January. Discussion was held on the fire department budget. Suerth will have the proposed budget next meeting. Suerth and Brien will meet with Sarah Clark to discuss the late charge and interest on the truck payment and why it was late. Next pancake breakfast will be on February 14, 2010.

CITY PROPERTIES: Flood lights in the park fixed and on again.

ORDINANCES/COMMUNITY RELATIONS: No Report.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 10, 2010.

ADMINISTRATION/DDA: Rastall reported on the Chamber dinner.

ATTORNEY REPORT: No Report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Moved Pantelleria, second Watson, to approve payment of bills as printed in the amount of \$57,425.50. Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m. The next meeting of the City Commission will be held on Monday, February 15th, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Phenix
Fennville City Clerk