

MINUTES OF THE FENNVILLE CITY COMMISSION
February 4, 2008

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Fennville City Commission was called to order in City Hall at 7:00 p.m., February 4, 2008, by Mayor Rastall.

Commissioners present: Larry Cummins, Tony Meyaard, Larry Morse, Tom Pantelleria, Dan Rastall, Jim Suerth, and Dan Watson.

Commissioners absent: none

Public Present: Dean Kapenga, Allegan County Commission; Walt Kaechele, Allegan County News; Lowell Winne, Fennville Area Fire Department; Jim Lytle, Fennville DDA; Ray Diffenderffer, Fennville Recycling Enterprises; Al LaShell, LaShell Photography; Colleen Rae, Local Observer; Carlos and Eduardo Suarez, Su Casa

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - SU CASA: As there will be times when both the restaurant and the banquet hall will be in use at the same time; Pantelleria moved, second by Rastall, to grant the parking variance with the condition that the capacity of the building is kept to a 345-person limitation. Ayes: Cummins, Meyaard, Morse, Pantelleria, Rastall, Suerth. Nays: Watson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved as printed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ray Diffenderffer, Fennville Recycling Enterprises, had questions regarding the pick-up dates of the various waste haulers within the city. The majority of the waste haulers currently pick-up on Tuesdays and Fridays. One waste hauler changed its pick-up of residential waste to accommodate the City, and another was licensed for waste hauling. Commercial pick-up dates remain as needed.

Dean Kapenga, Allegan County Commission, discussed the increased fee of contracted services of the Sheriff's Department. He is working with the County's human resources to determine the breakdown of administration costs. Kapenga also discussed the need for a county ordinance banning phosphates. Other items discussed were the location of a new county jail at the Dumont Lake Complex and the need to have Saugatuck Harbor dredged.

Lowell Winne, new fire chief of the Fennville Area Fire Department, discussed working on the budget and the purchase of a 1970 squirt truck from Saugatuck Township.

Al LaShell gave a presentation on designing a new web site for the City. Rastall moved, second by Pantelleria, to pursue the web site venture with Al LaShell and in conjunction with the DDA. Ayes: All. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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LaShell also displayed some city logo samples. Also discussed was the need for a new internet provider.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Suerth moved, second by Watson, to approve the January 21st meeting minutes as presented. Ayes: All. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. The Commission reviewed the 2008 Irrigation Maintenance Agreement from Lakeshore Irrigation. Pantelleria moved, second by Morse, to enter into the maintenance agreement with Lakeshore Irrigation. Ayes: All. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- B. The Commission reviewed the Cub Scout request to block Memorial Drive during special pack meet events. Watson moved, second by Cummins, to close Memorial Drive between the hours of 12 noon and 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 19th and Saturday, May 17th. Ayes: All. **MOTION CARRIED.**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. Finance/Personnel: Pantelleria distributed a worksheet detailing the estimated costs of a city-managed police department. He also discussed the employee pension plan. Pantelleria moved, second by Morse, to approve payment to the retirement account of Julie Wright in the amount of 5% of her gross wages for 2007. Ayes: All. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- B. City Services (Police Ambulance, & Fire): Suerth gave the police report as well as on the activities of the fire department. Suerth moved, second by Meyaard, to give Saugatuck Township Fire District permission and authority to use the city water system and hydrants in the event of any major incident or fire in its southeast coverage area and in working with the Fennville Area Fire Department, who is familiar with the system. Ayes: All. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- C. City Properties: Cummins reported he is continuing to check references on independent contractors regarding the playground equipment in Paradise Park. The Commission also discussed the snow removal process in the downtown area.
- D. Ordinances/Community Relations: Morse reported he has three bids regarding the sign for city hall. He stated the Recreation Plan is currently in Lansing and will be reviewed March 1st. He has received two grant applications. One is not applicable as it requires a minimum of \$30,000 in project costs. The other grant has a minimum of \$15,000 in project costs and requires a fund match of 25%. Morse is working on reminders regarding certain ordinance that should be included in the city newsletter and on its web site. Morse thanked the commissioners who had attended the Chamber's annual banquet.
- E. Planning: Watson reported the next Planning Commission meeting is next Wednesday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m.

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F. Administrative/DDA: Rastall reported the DDA is meeting on Thursday, February 7th at 8 a.m. at city hall to discuss the logo and invited the other commissioners to attend if possible. He also had spoken with former mayor Claude Rummer regarding membership in the Michigan Association of Mayors, who had found it very beneficial. Suerth moved, second by Cummins to give permission to Dan Rastall to join the Michigan Association of Mayors and for the payment of membership dues of \$100. Ayes: All. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ATTORNEY REPORT: Dan Martin had no report other than he would not be present at the March meeting due to his vacation.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Pantelleria moved, second by Morse, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$4,833.13. Ayes: All. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. The next City Commission meeting will be held on February 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted February 5, 2008

Lisa A. Sheaffer
Deputy City Clerk