

The re-scheduled meeting of the Fennville City Commission was called to order in City Hall at 7:00 p.m., February 6, 2007, by Mayor Rummer.

Commissioners present: Morse, Meyaard, Suerth, Pantelleria, Rastall, Rummer.

Commissioners absent: none

Public Present: Colleen Rae, Local Observer.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Colleen Rae, resident of the City of Fennville voiced her complaint regarding the mailboxes around town being knocked off their post by the snow plow. The commissioners addressed the complaint, the city has a mailbox policy in place and if indeed a mailbox and/ or post are damaged by the snow plow the city will reimburse \$15 for the replacement of the mailbox and/or the post. If the mail box and/or post are damaged due to the weight of the snow the city does not reimburse any of the replacement costs for the mailbox and/or post.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Suerth, seconded by Rastall, moved to approve the minutes of the January 15th meeting as presented, motion carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. From Michigan Gas Utilities, notice of public hearing
- b. From Pete Palazzolo, request for tax abatement
- c. From Lakeshore Irrigation, maintenance agreement
Rastall, seconded by Pantelleria, moved to accept the 2007 Lakeshore Irrigation Maintenance Agreement, motion carried.
- d. From City Assessor Don Maxwell, approval of the 2006 poverty guidelines.
Meyaard, seconded by Rastall, moved to approve the 2006 Poverty Guidelines, motion carried.
- e. From Ryan Schmuck, notice of acceptance in the student ambassador program
- f. From Michigan Association of Planning, notice of upcoming ZBA training sessions

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance/Personnel ? Pantelleria reported that the Finance Committee met with the City Auditor, one of the main concerns that the Auditor has is all cash accounts for the city are being handled by only two people. The Auditor recommended to have the Finance Committee receive a copy of the city bank statements on a monthly basis in order to have another source double checking the accounts for errors. Therefore this double checking procedure will protect the City along with the employees. Pantelleria also reported that Birds Eye Foods is no longer looking at the creation of a renaissance zone.

City Services ? Suerth reported the Fire Department's next pancake breakfast is February 11th. The quotes are in for the replacement of the Ambulance Building roof, they will be discussed at the next ESC meeting in March. The Fire Department is still looking for a Fire Board Clerk.

City Properties ? Removal of snow in the downtown area was discussed.

Ordinances, Community Relations ? Morse and Pantelleria are in the midst of updating the City Recreation Plan.

Planning ? The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on February 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Administrative Committee ? Rummer reported that the newly formed Goose Festival committee have been meeting to start working on the upcoming Goose Festival; they will continue having regular meetings to work on the 2007 Goose Festival.

MISCELLANEOUS: Rastall, seconded by Morse, moved to nominate Dan Watson to fill the vacancy on the City Commission, motion carried.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Martin reported that W. Michigan Flocking has been in contact with him. Correspondence from our Attorney will include giving W. Michigan Flocking 90 days to pay the taxes owed plus the outstanding water/sewer bill. The commissioners discussed more in depth the 90 day time period.

Rastall, seconded by Meyard, moved to have Attorney Martin in correspondence to W. Michigan Flocking instruct them that the City has been more than patient and the 90 days are unacceptable, therefore the City sets the time limit for full payment at 30 days.

Attorney Martin also reported that Senator Birkholz is introducing a bill that would combine the County, City, and Township Planning Acts into one making for the creation of the Planning Enabling Act.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Pantelleria, seconded by Suerth, moved to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$21,240.58, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The next regular City Commission meeting will be held on February 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted: February 7, 2007

Julie Wright
City Clerk