

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Fennville City Commission was called to order in City Hall at 7:00 p.m., January 15, 2007, by Mayor Pro-Tem Suerth.

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

Commissioners absent: Rummer

Public Present: Colleen Rae & Larry Cummins, Local Observer; Walt Kaechele, Allegan County News; Dan Watson, Planning Commission member

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Morse, seconded by Rastall, moved to approve the minutes of the January 2nd meeting with the following correction: Morse accomplished the first reading of Ordinance #224 should read: Morse accomplished the final reading of Ordinance #224, motion carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. From Allegan County Road Commissioners, notice of public meeting
- b. From USDA, notice of upcoming informational program
- c. Update of property ordinance violations

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance/Personnel ? Pantelleria reported BirdsEye is requesting consideration of establishing a Renaissance Zone more specific numbers will be reported at the February meeting.

Pantelleria, seconded by Rastall, moved to contribute \$10,776.05 to the city employee's retirement fund, motion carried.

City Services ? Suerth reported that the Fire Departments budget for next fiscal year has stayed the same as the current fiscal years budget. Police report for the month of December some of the calls included: 1- assault, 3-domestic disputes, 3-loud noise, 2-traffic complaints, 2-abandoned vehicle, 5-general assists.

Duncan McColl has resigned as the clerk for the Fire Board.

City Properties ? no report.

Ordinances, Community Relations ? Morse reported that the Community Center will open in March. A meeting this week will determine the Community Center costs/schedules.

Planning ? Rastall reported that Dale Pushman owner of Mama's Pizzeria is working on a site plan for the proposed railroad car. The Goose Festival committee is looking for volunteers anyone interested can contact Jim Lytle, Dan Rastall or Tom Tucker. A Goose Festival committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 22nd at 7p.m. Rastall also reported that Dan Watson is interested in filling the vacant seat on the City Commission.

Administrative Committee ? no report

MISCELLANEOUS:

ATTORNEY REPORT: City Attorney Martin reported that the City has the right to seize & sell equipment from W. Michigan Flocking plus the right to add 9% interest to what is owed. Martin recommends that the City Treasurer send notice to W. Michigan Flocking informing them that the City plans on seizing & selling equipment to pay for back taxes that are owed.

Rastall, seconded by Pantelleria, moved to authorize the City Treasurer seize and sell W. Michigan Flocking equipment to pay for back taxes owed, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **Pantelleria, seconded by Rastall, moved to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$13,385.61, motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m. The next regular City Commission meeting will be held on February 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted January 16, 2007

Julie Wright
City Clerk

