

The regular scheduled meeting of the Fennville City Commission was called to order in City Hall at 7:00 p.m., March 5, 2007, by Mayor Pro-Tem Suerth.

Commissioners present: Morse (left at 8:40p.m.), Suerth, Pantelleria, Watson, Rastall.

Commissioners absent: Rummer, Meygaard

Public Present: Colleen Rae & Larry Cummins, Local Observer; Walt Kaechele, Allegan County News; Dean Kapenga, Allegan County Commissioner; Dan Kitchen, Utility Service Co.; Dawn Soltysiak, Blue Coast Artists.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dan Kitchen from Utility Services Company gave a slide presentation as to what their company can do for the City's water tower. They are an asset management company that maintains the inner & outer areas of water towers. For one annual fee Utility Services will clean, paint, do routine maintenance on the water tower. For a 5 year contract it would cost the City \$31,625 for the first 4 years and then drop to \$14,916 for the 5<sup>th</sup> year. The 1<sup>st</sup> year maintenance would be renovating the interior and make necessary repairs. The 2<sup>nd</sup> year would be to make necessary exterior renovations. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> year they would do the necessary maintenance and repairs.

**Rastall, seconded by Morse, moved to enter into a contract with Utility Services Company for the maintenance of Fennville's water tower, motion carried.**

Newly elected Allegan County Commissioner Dean Kapenga introduced himself to the city commission. Dean spoke a little regarding the jail situation and also where the probate court and family courts are currently located.

Dawn Soltysiak, is part of the Blue Coast Artists, she approached the city commission asking if they would partner with the Blue Coast Artists to apply for a grant. Since Blue Coast Artists are not a non-profit organization they would have to have a government entity partner to be the umbrella for the grant application.

Dawn stated that she would do the grant writing and their group would fund the matching portion.

The City Attorney will review the grant application and reply back to the City with his recommendation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Morse, seconded by Watson, moved to approve the minutes of the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented, motion carried with Rastall abstaining.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. From the Knights of Columbus, annual Tootsie Roll Drive  
**Rastall, seconded by Pantelleria, moved to grant permission to the Knights of Columbus to hold their annual tootsie roll drive in the downtown area on March 30<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>, motion carried.**
- b. From Michigan Township Services, building permits issued for January
- c. From the MEDA, CDBG for Economic Development
- d. From City Clerk, Ordinance Violations update
- e. From Amanda Haverdink, letter to property owner at 446 N. Maple

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance/Personnel ? Pantelleria reported that he will obtain and review monthly city bank statements.

City Services ? Suerth reported that the Fire Department has acquired some new equipment and will be making a presentation at the next city commission meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>. The Police report for January/February some of the calls received were: 2-Traffic complaints, 3-warrant arrests, 7-larcenies, 4-loud noise, 6-domestic disputes. Suerth also reported that he has received 5 interested candidates for the Fire Board clerk position.

City Properties ? **Rastall, seconded by Morse, moved to extend the lease agreement with Birds Eye Foods for another two years for portions of Center and Sherman Street as described in Exhibit A, motion carried with Pantelleria abstaining.**

Gary sent a letter to the Flashes regarding their newspapers being thrown on the ground instead of being placed in the appropriate boxes. This has created problems such as the papers being sucked up in resident's snow blowers and the city snow blowers.

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

Planning ? Rastall reported that the Site Plan submitted by Mama's Pizzeria was reviewed at the February 14<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission

meeting. The Planning Commission found that the Site Plan did not include all the required information. The Site Plan will be reviewed again at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup>. There is currently an open seat on the Planning Commission.

Administrative Committee ? Suerth met with the manager of Lexington Square Apartments they are still taking applications for apartment rentals.

**MISCELLANEOUS: Rastall, seconded by Pantelleria, moved to renew JoAnn Moore's term on the Library Board, motion carried.**

Rastall updated the commission on the progress of the Goose Festival committee. Rastall stated that he has volunteers to head up all the different events of the Goose Festival except for the parade.

**Pantelleria, seconded by Watson, moved that the City of Fennville grant the Goose Festival a loan in the amount of \$5,000 for the reason of promoting the City's downtown and surrounding areas, motion carried.**

ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Martin reported that he has not heard a response from W. Michigan Flocking and that they City Treasurer could make necessary preparations to tag equipment at W. Michigan Flocking's facility in South Haven.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS: Pantelleria, seconded by Watson, moved to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$12,682.86, motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. The next regular City Commission meeting will be held on March 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted: March 6, 2007

Julie Wright  
City Clerk