

The regular scheduled meeting of the Fennville City Commission was called to order in City Hall at 7:00 p.m., May 21, 2007, by Mayor Rummer.

Commissioners present: Suerth, Rummer, Pantelleria, Meyaard.

Commissioners absent: Rastall, Watson, Morse

Public Present: Walt Kaechele, Allegan County News; Pat Hudson, Michigan Township Service; Colleen Rae, Local Observer; Edgar Suarez, SuCasa; Matt LaShell, Fennville resident.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Public Hearing was opened by Mayor Rummer to hear a Temporary Use Permit request from SuCasa. Edgar Suarez indicated that the new restaurant is scheduled to open sometime in June. Because there is no exact opening date Suarez is requesting a 60 day temporary use permit to give adequate enough time to have the old restaurant demolished and to accomplish the required parking. Pat Hudson from Michigan Township Services stated that the 60 days would begin the day the Occupancy Permit was issued for the new restaurant. Hudson also thought it would be wise of the City to request a security deposit from SuCasa in a guarantee that the old restaurant will be demolished in the time frame promised.

Meyaard seconded by Pantelleria, moved to grant SuCasa a temporary use permit for 60 days from the date the Occupancy Permit is issued and to provide a security deposit to the City, the amount depending on a bid from a reputable contractor, motion carried.

Meyaard, seconded by Pantelleria, moved to close the public hearing at 7:19p.m., motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Suerth, seconded by Pantelleria, moved to approve the minutes of the May 7th meeting as presented, motion carried, with Meyaard abstaining.**

COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. From Liquor Control Commission, amended liquor license resolution for SuCasa
- b. From Allegan Board of Commissioners, Resolution adopted proclaiming National Older American? s Month
- c. From West Michigan Cleaning Services, quote for City Hall
- d. From Impact Advertising, Transient Merchant permit application

- e. From MML, weekly Legislative Update
- f. From Attorney Haverdink, update on Zoning Ordinance Violations
- g. From Michigan Township Services, building permits issued
- h. From City Clerk, updated ordinance violations
- i. From MML, issue advisory
- j. From Arialink Telecom, METRO Act Permit Application form.

Meyaard, seconded by Suerth, moved to approve the METRO Act Permit from Arialink

Telecom, motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Finance/Personnel ? Pantelleria reported that the finance committee has decided to raise the current water/sewer rates by 5%, there have been no increases since 2003 and that increase was only for water consumption. Pantelleria stated that right now the current water/sewer rates are not meeting the costs of depreciation. The extra money from the increase will be adequate to cover the depreciation expense.

Pantelleria, seconded by Suerth, moved to increase water/sewer rates by 5%, new rates for water consumption will be 1.05 per 1,000 gallons, sewer consumption will be 1.79 per 1,000 gallons, readiness fees will also be increased by 5%, motion carried.

Pantelleria asked to schedule a final budget meeting for May 31st at 7:00p.m.

City Services ? Suerth reported that the Emergency Services Committee has received the final payment from Lee Township for the Ambulance building roof.

City Properties ? no report

Ordinances, Community Relations ? no report

Planning ? Meyaard reported that he has submitted the new maps to be inserted into the revised Land Use Plan.

Administrative Committee ? Rummer reported that the Brownfield Authority still needs 1 member.

Employee evaluations will be finished by the next meeting in June. The lights in Paradise Park still need to be hooked up and one of the current lights is burned out.

MISCELLANEOUS:

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Pantelleria, seconded by Suerth, moved to approve the bills presented in the amount of \$14,684.34, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. The next regular City Commission meeting will be held on June 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted: May 24, 2007

Julie Wright
City Clerk