

October 17, 2011
City of Fennville

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

Commissioners Present: Rastall, Meyaard, Cummins, Watson, Pantelleria, Brien, Suerth

Public present: Colleen Rae, Local Observer; Jim Stark.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mayor Rastall opened the Public Hearing for the close of Maple Street project at 7:01 p.m. Pantelleria reviewed the costs of the project. 60% cost coming from the street fund and 40% of the cost coming from water & sewer. \$50,000.00 from the DDA and \$50,000.00 loan. **Moved Rastall, second Cummins to close the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED. **Moved Rastall, second Pantelleria to close the North Maple Street project.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add update on Acro to old business and Halloween hours under new business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Moved Suerth, second Pantelleria, to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2011 meetings as presented.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS: Reviewed the MTS building report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Civil Rights Policy: **Moved Rastall, second Meyaard to approve the Civil Rights Policy as presented:** Ayes: Pantelleria, Brien, Suerth, Rastall, Meyaard, Cummins, Watson. MOTION CARRIED.

Sign Ordinance – 2nd Reading: **Moved Rastall, second Meyaard to approve the sign ordinance as presented.** Ayes: Brien, Suerth, Rastall, Meyaard, Cummins, Watson, Pantelleria. MOTION CARRIED.

Acro Ink Factory: Rastall spoke with the MDEQ in regards to the barrels at Acro. They have sent a letter to have them remove, but have received no response. MDEQ will come out later this week to look at the property and will see if there is any state funds available to remove them, if not they will look for federal funds.

School Crossing Guard: Pantelleria gave an update on the school crossing guard. This is a city employee not a school employee. Rastall will talk with the school.

NEW BUSINESS:

Christmas Parade: The DDA would like to have the parade on Saturday, the 3rd of December instead of Friday, the 2nd. Still looking to see if Santa is available for the 3rd of December.

Moved Rastall, second Pantelleria to request MDOT to close M-89 on either 12-2 or 12-3-2011 for the Christmas Parade. Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

Advanced Cash Management Class – Treasurer: **Moved Meyaard, second Suerth to send the Treasurer to the Advanced Cash Management class on October 25, 2011.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

Halloween Hours: **Moved Suerth, second Watson to set Trick or Treat hours for Monday, October 31, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL/PERSONNEL REPORT: Pantelleria reviewed the quarterly budget. Set meeting for phase II of the EVIP for Monday, October 24th at 6:00 p.m.

CITY SERVICES: Next meeting for the Fire board is Monday October 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the library. Police report was presented.

CITY PROPERTIES: Cummins reported that the iron filtration plant will be finished mid November. Discussion on water expansion hook-ups.

ORDINANCES/COMMUNITY RELATIONS: No Report.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Watson reported that the Planning Commission will be discussing the Land Use Plan.

ADMINISTRATION/DDA: Rastall reported that the DDA has accepted bids to replace the roof on the 220 E. Main bldg and will also replace the heating. Rastall thanked Jim Suerth for his many years of service to the city.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **Moved Pantelleria, second Cummins to approve payment of the bills as printed in the amount of \$17,976.05.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. The next meeting of the City Commission will be held on Monday, November 7, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Phenix
Fennville City Clerk