

November 17, 2008  
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: Cummins, Meyaard, Morse, Rastall, Suerth, Watson.  
Absent: Pantelleria

Public present: Colleen Rae, Observer; Lester & Sally Bell; Mark Schrock; Steve Darpel; Robert Hutchinson; Ron & Michelle Reidzans; Deputy Hoffman.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Jim Suerth would like to move up the attorney for zoning ordinance to the front of the agenda.

ORDINANCE ATTORNEY: Discussion was held on the two applicants. Requested Clerk Phenix to ask Matt Antkoviak if he could attend the next Commission meeting on Dec. 1.

PUBLIC HEARING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Opened public hearing at 7:07 p.m. Reviewed the variance for 302 Walter St. Mark Schrock reported that they would like to operate their construction business along with woodworking facility, professional offices, storage and warehousing at this location. Robert Hutchinson explained the history of the building. Michelle Reidzans asked if there would be any heavy equipment stored on the property. Mark Schrock stated that only a small tractor and pick-ups would be stored inside the building. They will have normal business hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Concerns with parking were addressed. Concerns that the variance goes with the property and about the request that includes "as well as any other uses permitted under current R-2 zoning". Commission explained that the land was already zoned R-2 and R-2 is Single Family Residential, no retail is allowed in the R-2 district. Michelle Reidzans asked about deliveries. Mark Schrock replied that the only deliveries would be Fed-Ex, UPS and an occasional small box truck. Work will be contained inside of the building. Reviewed the unnecessary hardship. Moved Rastall, second Cummins to close the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. **Moved Morse, second Cummins to grant the special use variance to permit the following uses of the premises at 302 Walter St. – the operation of construction trade related businesses, woodworking facility, professional offices, storage and warehousing, architect and artist studios, as well as any other uses permitted under current R-2 zoning.** Ayes: Cummins, Watson, Morse, Suerth, Rastall, Meyaard. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Moved Suerth, second Rastall, to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2008 meeting as presented.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS: MTS Report reviewed.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Resolution Approving Interlocal Fire Agreement: Reviewed the Interlocal agreement, concerns was addressed. **Moved Suerth, second Watson to adopt the resolution approving the Interlocal Fire Agreement and permitting the City officials to sign the same.** Ayes: Morse, Suerth, Rastall, Watson. Nays: Meyaard, Cummins. MOTION CARRIED.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution to approve electronic transfers between checking accounts: **Moved Meyaard, second Cummins to approve Resolution 08-10, to allow electronic transfers between checking accounts.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL/PERSONNEL REPORT: Meyaard reviewed the water rate study that Pantelleria provided. Requested the clerk to check with other municipalities in regards to their rates.

CITY SERVICES: Suerth reviewed the police report.

CITY PROPERTIES: Cummins reported on Paradise Park. Will make a list of things to be repaired or replaced and categorized them by urgency.

ORDINANCES/COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Morse reported that there was a street light out at 117 W. Fennville. Next pancake breakfast will be held on Dec. 14, 2008 at the fire department.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Watson reported that they adopted their By-laws and the new Planning Commission member was in attendance.

ADMINISTRATION/DDA: Rastall reported that the DDA purchased an ad in the Allegan County Visitors' guide and that Jim Lytle resigned from the DDA.

MISCELLANEOUS: Discussion on Fennville recycling.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **Moved Meyaard, second Watson, to approve payment of bills as printed in the amount of \$18,357.87** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m. The next meeting of the City Commission will be held on Monday, December 1, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Phenix  
Fennville City Clerk