

March 21, 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, Suerth.  
Absent: Brien

Public present: Colleen Rae, Local Observer; Robert Sliwoski; Steve Bishop & Paul Galdes, Fleis & Vandenbrink.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Add under Old Business – Fleis & Vandenbrink presentation for water treatment plant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Moved Suerth, second Pantelleria, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2011 meeting as presented.** Ayes: Meyaard, Watson, Pantelleria, Suerth, Rastall. Abstain: Cummins. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MTS Building Report: Reviewed the building report.

Knight of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive: **Moved Pantelleria, second Meyaard to allow the Knights of Columbus to have their annual Tootsie Roll Drive on April 15, 16, & 17, 2011 as requested.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS: Steve Bishop of Fleis & Vandenbrink explained the three options to pump backwash water:

1. Pump to sanitary sewer on Fennville St.
2. Forcemain to treatment plant.
3. Surface discharge to County drain.

Birdseye – Corporate has declined to pay the additional \$300,000.00 cost for the forcemain to the treatment plant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discounts for Veterans for Cemetery Lots: Discussion was held. There are national cemeteries which have options for veterans.

Farmers Market: **Moved Meyaard, second Cummins to allow the use of the city vacant lot for the Farmers Market.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL/PERSONNEL REPORT: Pantelleria will ask Pinnacle Corporation (Birdseye) to write a letter in regards to their denial for paying the additional cost for the backwash water so the City Attorney can respond. Asked Clerk Phenix to talk with our insurance agency to receive policy costs and plans. Pantelleria would like to have a budget meeting sometime in the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>.

CITY SERVICES: Suerth reported that Officer Flokstra will be leaving the City in April. Reviewed the ESC meeting.

CITY PROPERTIES: Discussion on streets in the City, and the paving of Second Street as requested last year by Ms. Calderon. Mayor Rastall read a report from the MDEQ in regards to the sewer/water system. Received a satisfactory rating.

ORDINANCES/COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Discussion on cemetery rules, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July & birthday celebration. Senator Birkholz day on January 28, and a plaque for the Fennville Men's Varsity Basketball team.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Suerth reported that the Planning Commission tabled the public hearing on the medical marijuana issue.

ADMINISTRATION/DDA: No report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **Moved Pantelleria, second Cummins, to approve payment of bills as printed in the amount of \$10,412.72.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. The next meeting of the City Commission will be held on Monday, April 4, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Phenix  
Fennville City Clerk