

March 8, 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, Watson, Pantelleria, Brien, Suerth.
Commissioners Absent: Cummins

Public present: Dan Martin, Attorney; Colleen Rae, Local Observer; Robert Sliwoski

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Wes Leonard.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved as printed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Moved Suerth, second Meyaard to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2011 meetings as presented.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS:

MTS Building Report: Reviewed.

Letter from Stella North – Cemetery Rules: Discussion on artificial flowers versus real flowers. Ordinance Community will take a look at the cemetery rules.

OLD BUSINESS:

Letter from Pinnacle Foods in regards to the extra costs for flushing. Attorney Martin is working on a contract which will include the extra cost for flushing.

Medical Marijuana: **Moved Rastall, second Pantelleria to put a six month moratorium for medical marijuana, including home based business, or until an ordinance has been drafted and approved.** Ayes: Watson, Pantelleria, Brien, Suerth, Rastall. Nay: Meyaard. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Library Board Appointment: **Moved Rastall, second Watson to appoint Margaret Bernard to the Library Board.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL/PERSONNEL REPORT: Pantelleria reviewed the finance committee meeting minutes. Reviewed the three options for the sanitary sewer: 1. Using County drains and sanitary

sewer. 2. Forcemain direct to the lagoon. 3. County drain only and dredging all the time. Reviewed costs. **Moved Meyaard, second Rastall to use option 2 for the expansion of the system.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED. Discussion on water rates and water quality. Commission would like the DPW workers to take an inventory of the streets and fill cracks ASAP.

CITY SERVICES: Suerth reviewed the police report and the final budget numbers for the Fire Department. ESC meets this Thursday. Last pancake breakfast this Sunday. On March 27, 2011 the explorers will have a pancake breakfast at the fire department.

CITY PROPERTIES: No Report.

ORDINANCES/COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Discussion on the celebration of the City's 50th birthday.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday. Medical Marijuana home occupation will be on the agenda.

ADMINISTRATION/DDA: Mayor Rastall stated that he is proud to represent this community and the way it has come together during this tragedy.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **Moved Pantelleria, second Meyaard, to approve payment of bills as printed in the amount of \$64,639.50.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. The next meeting of the City Commission will be held on Monday, March 21, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Phenix
Fennville City Clerk