

City of Fennville
June 21, 2010

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: Dan Martin, Attorney; Lisa Sheaffer, Treasurer; Colleen Rae, Local Observer; Walt Kaechele, Allegan County News; Tim Brennan; Bob Sliwoski; Jack Vos & John Scholten, representing Chemical Bank.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda approved as printed.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – CHEMICAL BANK: Mayor Rastall opened the ZBA public hearing at 7:01 p.m. Reviewed the request for the change in exterior signs, addition of a wall sign, a ground and directional sign. Jack Vos, representing Chemical Bank, explained the changes and additions. The DDRC approved the signs. The ZBA needs to grant a variance from section 13.5 which doesn't allow internal lighting and 13.5A for a monument sign. **Moved Rastall, second Meyaard to close the public hearing at 7:22 p.m.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED. **Moved Meyaard, second Cummins to grant Chemical Bank the variance from section 13.5 and 13.5A to allow for internally lit signs and a monument sign.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED. **Moved Meyaard, second Cummins to allow Chemical Bank to place signs within the city road right of way at the East end of the parking lot.** Ayes: Watson, Pantelleria, Brien, Suerth, Meyaard, Cummins. Nay: Rastall. MOTION CARRIED. **Moved Pantelleria, second Suerth to allow Chemical Bank to place their sign within the city road right of way at West Fennville St.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2010 – 2011 BUDGET: Mayor Rastall opened the public hearing for the 2010 – 2011 budget at 7:29 p.m. Pantelleria reviewed the budget which includes a 2% raise for employees if the City Commission approves the raises. The general fund will use about \$51,000.00 of the savings. Local streets will deplete all of the savings in that fund. Treasurer Sheaffer gave several reasons for not asking employees to pay 5% for insurance, with suggestions on ways to save money. **Moved Rastall, second Cummins to close public hearing at 7:53 p.m.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Moved Suerth, second Watson, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2010 meeting as presented.** Ayes: Suerth, Meyaard, Cummins, Watson, Brien. Abstain: Rastall, Pantelleria. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS: Reviewed the MTS building report, and the letter from Pat Foster.

OLD BUSINESS:

Employee Insurance Renewal: Discussion on the plans offered the employees, the pros and cons of both the health plan and the vision/dental plan. Discussion on whether the employees should pay 5%. The employees would like to see the plan with the 80% HMO with no deductible with the \$30.00 co-pay for a cost of \$71,038.20, and the Companion Life dental/vision plan. **Moved Pantelleria, second Meyaard to approve the two policies to be part of the health care for the employees of the City of Fennville.** Ayes: Meyaard, Cummins, Watson, Pantelleria, Brien, Suerth. Nays: Rastall. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution for 2010 – 2011 Budget: Discussion on health care costs, raises, and health care contributions from the employees. **Moved Meyaard to request employees to make a 5% contribution for insurance costs.** Motion died for lack of support. **Moved Watson, second Pantelleria, to approve the resolution 10-04 for the 2010-2011 budget as presented.** Ayes: Meyaard, Cummins, Watson, Pantelleria, Brien, Suerth, Rastall. MOTION CARRIED.

DDRC Re-appointment: **Moved Rastall, second Cummins to re-appoint Tony Meyaard to the DDRC.** Ayes: Cummins, Watson, Pantelleria, Brien, Suerth, Rastall. Abstain: Meyaard. MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCIAL/PERSONNEL REPORT: Set up a meeting for reviews and discussion on possible raises for the employees on Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

CITY SERVICES: Suerth reviewed the police report. Discussion was held on the 2009-2010 Fennville Area Fire Department budget. **Moved Suerth, second Pantelleria to move \$1,600.00 from fund 735 to capital outlay for turn out gear replacement.** Ayes: Watson, Pantelleria, Suerth, Meyaard, Cummins. Nays: Brien, Rastall. MOTION CARRIED. Discussion on the 2010-2011 fire budget. Rastall stated that on Saturday night the fire department was responsible for the breakage of a water main. They did not open or shut the hydrant in the correct manner. He would like to have the cost for repair of the water main taken out of the grant match for the next budget. Would like to see the breakdown of fund 735 and what will be spent for what items. Discussion on a possible millage vote on the November ballot. Discussion on the grant that the fire department will receive for \$45,000.00 from Home Land Security. **Moved Rastall, second Pantelleria, to approve the purposed fire department budget pending break down of the cost center for fund 735 and the cost of the repair of the water main to come out of our cost of the grant portion.** Ayes: Pantelleria, Brien, Rastall, Meyaard, Cummins, Watson. Nays: Suerth. MOTION CARRIED.

CITY PROPERTIES: Cummins reported that the head stone that was vandalized in the cemetery has been repaired. Maple street construction will be finished around the middle of August. Would like to see Paradise Park bushes trimmed.

ORDINANCES/COMMUNITY RELATIONS: No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Planning Commission met last Wednesday, June 9, 2010.

ADMINISTRATION/DDA: Reviewed the DDA annual report. Streetscape design will be done this year, with construction starting in March. Reported on the Fennville Arts Movement. DDA approved a façade grant for Linda Barns and Dr. Meyer will be having the free dentistry again this year. Relay for Life made over \$56,000.00 this year.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Martin reported that he will be attending a conference for attorneys to learn more about medicinal marijuana.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **Moved Pantelleria, second Cummins, to approve payment of bills as printed in the amount of \$10,797.81.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m. The next meeting of the City Commission will be held on **TUESDAY JULY 6, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Phenix
Fennville City Clerk