

## MINUTES OF THE FENNVILLE CITY COMMISSION

**MARCH 17, 2008**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Fennville City Commission was called to order in City Hall at 7:00 P.M., March 17, 2008 by Mayor Rastall.

Commissioners present: Cumming, Meyaard, Morse, Pantelleria, Rastall, Suerth, and Watson.

Commissioner absent: None

Public present: Gary Tuhacek; Brent VanOss; Walt Kachele, Allegan County News; Colleen Rae, Local Observer; Dave Mueller, Grand Rapids Press.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approved as printed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Tuhacek reported that the cost estimate for Maple Street has enough sewer and water to do a match, but the State of Michigan doesn't have enough money at this time. He reported on signs for M-40; MML visit for loss control – no violations; personnel from DEQ would like to do a free rate study for the water; and reviewed a letter written to Utility Services in regards to the painting of the water tower. (see below) Discussion was held on the purchase of a generator to run the wells if the power goes out.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Moved Suerth, second Cummins to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2008 meeting. Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

### COMMUNICATION:

- A. DDA Appointment: **Moved Suerth, second Rastall to appoint Amy Cook to the DDA to replace Kym Zumbrink.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.
- B. Letter to Utility Services for the Water Tower: A quote for compensation from Utility Services Co. was reviewed. They also agreed to paint a logo on the water tower for free in compensation for the poor quality of work done by their company.
- C. Electrical Bids for Work in the Office: Would like to see the bids from Taylor and E & M electric without the phone lines.
- D. New Allegan County Jail: Allegan County Commissioners are inviting all local government officials to their meeting on March 20, 2008 to review the decision of the location of the Allegan County Jail.
- E. Fire Department Issues: Mayor Rastall reviewed the 12 points that were discussed at a meeting of the Township Supervisors from Clyde and Manlius, Mayor of Fennville and the Treasurers

from the government entities. **Moved Rastall, second Pantelleria to present these twelve points to the fire board representative.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. Finance/Personnel: Pantelleria will have a quarterly report next meeting and budget process will begin in May for 2008-2009 fiscal year.
- B. City Services: **Moved Suerth, second Pantelleria to approve the contract for AMR for the next three years.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.
- C. City Properties: Cummins reported on iron in water, playground equipment in Paradise Park and quotes for inspections of the equipment. General consensus was to work off the inspection that was done earlier to bring the equipment up to safety standards. Commission would like to ask Tuhacek if it is possible for the DPW to power wash and weather proof the playground equipment.
- D. Ordinance, Community Relations: Discussion on sign for City Hall, to be put on hold.
- E. Planning: Watson reported that the Planning Commission is working to combine and make more uniform the CCOD, CBD, and GBD. (City Center Overlay District, Central Business District and General Business District.)
- F. Administration/DDA: Suerth reported on the Downtown art project. The next DDA meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008. **Moved Rastall, second Meyaard to proclaim the month of April 2008 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the City of Fenntville.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS: Moved Pantelleria, second Morse, to approve the bills as printed in the amount of \$6,632.62.** Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. The next City Commission meeting will be held on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Phenix  
City Clerk