

April 20, 2009  
City of Fennville

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Fennville City Commission was called to order in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Rastall.

Commissioners present: Cummins, Meyaard, Morse, Pantelleria, Rastall, Suerth, and Watson  
Absent: No one

Public present: Jim Lytle, Fennville News; Deputy Dan Hoffman, Allegan County Sheriff's Department; Deputy Rob Flokstra, City of Fennville

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved with the addition of two items under Communications.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A proclamation made from Mayor Rastall awarded Deputy Hoffman honorary citizenship for his dedication, hard work and service to Fennville. Suerth then introduced Deputy Rob Flokstra, who is the new officer assigned to the City.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Moved Suerth, second Morse, to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2009 meeting as presented. Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

- MTS Report - Discussion.
- National Crime Victims' Rights Week
- Michigan Historic Preservation Conference
- West Michigan Regional Planning Commission, Request for Projects – Discussed possibility of listing business incubator project.
- Consumers Energy Rate Increase – Discussed whether or not to join with other communities to challenge this increase.
- VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 7911, Request to Distribute Poppies downtown from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, and from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on May 9<sup>th</sup>. **Moved Pantelleria, second Watson, to permit the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 7911 to distribute poppies on the dates and times cited in its request. Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.**
- Birds Eye Foods, Information Regarding Groundwater Conditions in Fennville and Allegan County – Discussion.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Class of 1963 Peace Festival, Request for Banner on M-89 – **Moved Morse, second Meyaard, to permit the Class of 1963 to hang a banner for its Peace Festival over M-89 from June 15 through June 20, banner to be removed upon completion of the event. Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.**

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE/PERSONNEL REPORT: Pantelleria reported the DNR has acknowledged receipt of both the grants the City had submitted. It has received a total of 162 applications. Pantelleria discovered the City has received two grants previously: 1989 - \$37,000 for the tennis courts, and 1993 - \$50,000 for Paradise Park.

The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at 6 p.m. at City Hall to begin the budget process for Fiscal Year 2010.

CITY SERVICES: Suerth reported the Fire Board will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy Flokstra requested two reserve officers to work during Su Casa's celebration of Cinco de Mayo scheduled for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. - **Moved Suerth, second Rastall, to direct Deputy Flokstra to schedule two reserve officers to work from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.**

CITY PROPERTIES: Cummins reported the DPW has put new mulch in Paradise Park. Replacement costs for four garage doors will be considered for inclusion in the 2010 budget.

ORDINANCES/COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Morse discussed the procedure for contacting owners of inoperable motor vehicles. He also discussed the ordinance section regarding bicycles and possible changes. He will continue to review it and bring his recommendations to the Commission.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Watson reported the Planning Commission requested to purchase two books: Michigan Laws Relating to Planning and Michigan Laws Relating to Economic Development, at a cost of \$35 per book. The expenditure will be charged to the Classes and Conferences budget line item. **Moved Watson, second Rastall, to purchase the Michigan Laws Relating to Planning and the Michigan Laws Relating to Economic Development books. Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.**

ADMINISTRATION/DDA: Rastall reported the next DDA meeting is May 6<sup>th</sup>.

MISCELLANEOUS: ProTec helps protect the public right-away for local communities. Membership fee is \$182.38. The West Michigan Strategic Alliance is holding a State of the Region conference. There is no cost but registration is required. The Michigan Conference on Housing is being held June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: **Moved Pantelleria, second Morse, to approve payment of bills as presented in the amount of \$21,533.39. Ayes: All. MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. The next meeting of the City Commission will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa A. Sheaffer  
Fennville Deputy City Clerk