



CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

City Hall, 125 South Maple Street, Fennville, MI 49408
Monday, November 2, 2020
7:00 p.m.

In light of the recent orders to limit social interactions due to COVID-19, the City Commission allowed for participation through a virtual meeting site and/or by telephone.

MINTUES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pantelleria at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Almquist, Bolles, Hayden, Jamros, Suerth, Pantelleria

Absent: Machan

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as presented.

4. Public Comments

Scott Beltman was present to address any questions the Commission has regarding the proposed ORV resolution.

5. Approval of the following City Commission Minutes:

- a. Regular Meeting: October 19, 2020

Moved by Suerth, seconded by Bolles, to approve the City Commission Minutes of October 19, 2020 as presented. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

6. Reports & Minutes

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. The City Commission will be asked to approve an ordinance to adopt an updated zoning map.

Background Information

During the meeting on 10/6/20 the Planning Commission made a recommendation for the City Commission to consider the approval of an ordinance to update the zoning map. MTS and staff

have been working with the Allegan County GIS mapping system to update the zoning maps. Unfortunately, we have found that the records on some items are not as reliable as we would like so we felt it was best for the Commission to formally adopt the updated map. Moving forward, staff will work with Allegan County to update the map each time a change is made.

Mayor Pantelleria stated that clarification is needed regarding the reported zoning of the Fire Department and the Fennville Medical Building before approval.

8. The City Commission will consider a proposal to adopt a Resolution to allow for ORVs to travel on City Streets.

Background Information

During the last meeting, the City Commission was approached by an area resident requesting they pass a resolution to allow ORVs to travel on City Streets. They are attempting to get all jurisdictions within the County to adopt the same resolution to provide for continuity throughout the entire County. The Chief of Police has been asked to review the resolution and provide his comments.

Several surrounding entities have adopted the proposed ORV Resolution. The resolution allows for persons under the age of 16 to operate with a safety certificate, but insurance is not required on the vehicles. The ORVs cannot travel on the road. The Fennville Chief of Police is against adopting such a resolution.

Moved by Bolles, seconded by Jamros, to approve the ORV Resolution as presented. Voted Yes: Bolles, Jamros; Voted No: Almquist, Hayden, Pantelleria, Suerth. Motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS

9. The City Commission will be asked to consider introducing an ordinance to Add Section 58-83 to Address Pedestrian Right of Way at Crosswalks.

Background Information:

The Police Chief requested the City Commission adopt the ordinance for the safety of the pedestrians, as well as the motorists. The ordinance would provide as follows:

The operator of a vehicle shall stop for a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk, or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection. The exception is at intersections where a police officer or a traffic control signal is regulating the movement of traffic. Additionally, at such regulated intersections, (stop signs or traffic signals) operators of vehicles shall stop for all pedestrians crossing or who have started to cross the roadway on the "go" or "walk" signal.

Pedestrians would have the right-of-way on marked and unmarked crosswalks on City streets. Signage would be installed.

Moved by Pantelleria, seconded by Suerth, to introduce an Ordinance Adding Section 58-83 to Address Pedestrian Right of Way at Crosswalks as presented. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

10. The City Commission will be asked to review repair requests for the Ambulance Building.

Background Information

The City of Fennville currently leases the building where the ambulance operations are housed to Life EMS. As part of that lease agreement, it is the lessor's responsibility for any single item repairs in excess of \$1000.

The City was unaware of many of the needed maintenance items until the change to the contract with Life EMS. In speaking with the Life staff, we felt it would be appropriate to stage the repairs needed. At this time, we would like to proceed with the replacement of the furnace and the repairs to the lighting in the truck bay. Staff does intend on seeking reimbursement from AMR for a few of the maintenance items that should have been addressed by them under their contract.

Suerth requested the list of repair requests be sent to the members of the ESC for their review and possible contribution to the cost of the repairs.

Moved by Suerth, seconded by Bolles, to approve the replacement, and payment of, the water heater and furnace at this time. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

11. Reports of Standing Committees:

- a. Finance/Personnel: Budget report at next meeting.
- b. City Services (Police, Ambulance & Fire): Training requirements for the Fire Dept has changed. The FAFB is going to schedule a working session to review the proposed employee handbook. The problem with the use of the fire hydrants for training has been discussed and the dept is working with the City DPW; question why the Fire Dept is being charged for City water. Fire Dept inquired if the City can plow the Fire Department parking lot; Morgan advised the Commission the City has been doing that and will continue. The USDA grant application for the Command vehicle purchase was denied. The Police support the ordinance regarding the crosswalks but do not support the resolution for the ORV use in the City. The Police departments need to discuss staffing changes.
- c. City Properties: Leaf pickup is going well. Trees purchased with the Consumers Energy Tree grant will be planted on 11/3/20. School cross walk lights are functioning.
- d. Ordinances/Community Relations: No report.
- e. Planning: No report. Next meeting will be 1/5/21.
- f. Administrative/DDA: Holiday lights are being installed on the trees. The movie nights went well.

12. Miscellaneous

None.

13. City Administrator Report

City projects are going well.

14. Approval of Bills

- a. Pay Applications
 - Payment to Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$17,300.94 for USDA Contract 2

- Payment to B&L Excavating in the amount of \$263,286 for USDA Contract 1
- b. Invoices totaling \$49,843.60.

a.

Moved by Pantelleria, seconded by Almquist, to approve payment of the USDA Contract 2 to Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$17,300.94. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

Moved by Pantelleria, seconded by Jamros, to approve payment of the USDA Contract 3 to B&L Excavating in the amount of \$263,843.60. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

b.

Moved by Pantelleria to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$49,843.60. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

15. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Perez
City Clerk/Treasurer