



CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

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

MINUTES

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, Machan (7:02 pm), Suerth, Pantelleria

Absent: None

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of Agenda

Agenda approved as presented.

4. Public Comments

Dean Kapenga gave an Allegan County update for the Commission. Teri Bersee commented that she is in support of the police department increasing their hours for weekend coverage.

5. Approval of the following City Commission Minutes:

- a. Regular Meeting: [November 16, 2020](#)

Moved by Suerth, seconded by Jamros , to approve the City Commission Minutes of November 16,2020 as presented. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

6. Reports & Minutes

- a. MTS Report – October 2020
- b. Draft DDA Minutes – [December 2, 2020](#) - *Click on link to view draft minutes*

MTS October 2020 report and December 2, 2020 DDA Minutes reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. The Mayor will present the Year-To-Date Financial Report.

Mayor Pantelleria provided a year-to-date financial report to the Commission. Overall, the budget is at approximately 50%.

8. The City Commission will be asked to discuss the hours of part-time police personnel.

The Commission discussed the part-time police officers' hours, weekly and year-to-date. The Police Chief stated call volumes have been increasing and in an effort to provide the desired level of community policing, more hours are required than were anticipated when the budget was created. Different scenarios were discussed. City Administrator Morgan expressed the need for the Commission to revisit their priority setting to determine where the Commission wants to focus City spending; the last priority setting session had infrastructure as number one.

Moved by Suerth, seconded by Machan, to approve 63 hours per week for the part time police officers until the end of Fiscal Year 2021. Hours per officer to be under 30 hours per week if possible. Voted Yes: Bolles, Hayden, Machan, Suerth. Voted No: Almquist, Jamros, Pantelleria. Motion carried.

9. Reports of Standing Committees:

- a. Finance/Personnel: Jesse Harris started work today with the DPW.
- b. City Services (Police, Ambulance & Fire): Fire Board's November meeting was cancelled; next meeting will be 12/29/20. The training council's recommendation to Chief Hapke for Officer training was to wait until they update the training requirements.
- c. City Properties: The money for the Consumers Energy tree grant was received.
- d. Ordinances/Community Relations: Work is still being done to name part of Maple Street in honor of Patty Birkholz.
- e. Planning: Next meeting Jan 5, 2021.
- f. Administrative/DDA: Update on the holiday celebration events and donation boxes.

10. Miscellaneous

None

11. City Administrator Report

Water meter replacement project is on hold till after the New Year. Sewer work has begun and work on Fennville Street has begun. With employees working from home when possible, City Hall may be closed at times.

12. Approval of Bills

- a. Pay Application #3 from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$47,574.61.
- b. Invoices – \$17,397.09

Moved by Bolles, seconded by Jamros, to pay Application #3 from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$47,574.61. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

Moved by Pantelleria, seconded by Suerth, to approve payment of the bills as presented in the amount of \$17,397.09. Voted Yes: All. Motion carried.

13. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Perez
City Clerk/Treasurer

