

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 20, 2014**

A Public Hearing of the Grant City Commission to receive comments on an MEDC Low to Mod Income Survey by RCAP on Monday, January 20, 2014 at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**
PRESENT: Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Julie Hallman , Commissioner Kevin Smith, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, and Commissioner Harold Portell
Others Present: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Officer Bob Vanbelzen – Grant Police Department, and Christie Cook of RCAP
Chief of Police
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: Commissioners Anne Pickard and Cheryl Weeks
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Hallman to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment on Ordinance #56:**
Christie Cook explained RCAP is a non-profit Michigan community action agency that will be conducting an income survey throughout the City of Grant. If the City if found to be eligible after a third party certification, the City would qualify for MEDC grant funding for infrastructure. The survey asks for very sensitive information about income, and it includes all members in the household. The survey determines the median household income.
Portell asked Christie to elaborate on the kinds of infrastructure we could possible obtain grant funding for, as well as clarification on survey participation.
Cook explained that it could be anything from new job creation, maintaining existing jobs, sidewalks, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water, to curbs, streetscape, and facade grants. She said they typically have a high percentage of completed surveys.
6. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:09p.m.

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1. **Call to Order – Regular Meeting:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:09p.m.
2. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
None
3. **Consent Agenda**
a-e. Approval of the Consent Agenda
Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Portell to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
a. N/A
5. **New Business**
 - a. Resolution 14-01: Consideration: to confirm the Mayors appointments to City boards – Downtown Development Authority (Lori Gardner and Chris Sorden through January, 2018)
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Bouwkamp to approve the resolution.
Motion carried unanimously
 - b. Resolution 14-02: Consideration: authorizing continued financial support of NCEDO (\$3,000 annual support)
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Hallman to approve the Resolution.
Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Ordinance #27-2: Section 4.16.2–Outdoor Wood Boilers–Recommended by Planning Commission–First Reading
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Smith to approve the first reading.
Hallman asked about the stipulation of October through April, and if that is intended to heat a house only.
La Fave replied that the intent is for heating the home primarily. He pointed out that we also have guidelines for the materials which can be burned for to protect neighboring properties.
Motion carried unanimously

6. **Other Business**

- a. Grant Police Department: Dan Vanbelzen has announced that he plans to phase into retirement by late summer or early fall. In lieu of a retirement party or celebration, he requested to be instead given his service revolver and an older rifle purchased by the department.

7. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Amphitheatre project: The steel should be delivered tomorrow.
- b. City (former CSX property) Site Plan: We will have two ways to enter the property. One is just south and the other is just north of the wooden water tower. Doug said we will be applying for some grants with the DNR and The Fremont Area Community Foundation for some green space improvements. He will be talking to Wilbur-Ellis and area farmers to try to get them involved also. When asked about the possibility of obtaining an easement from Old Iron to access from Commerce west of M-37, Doug explained that they would not grant an easement to the City.
- c. City of Grant/MDOT/GPS Way finding Signage: For the State of Michigan's EVIP Collaboration 2014 requirement, we are adding this signage for Grant Public Schools. It will be a nice partnership, and it is easily achievable.
- d. Wellhead Protection Plan: We had the first meeting already, and we will have three more over the coming months. We had an overview of the wells, and discuss everything related to protecting our public water supply. The most important item we learned is that any activity within the WHPP area is reviewed by the Health Department.

8. **Public Comments:**

None

9. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:22p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk