

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 16, 2017

The special meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, January 16, 2017, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Julie Hallman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**
 - PRESENT: Mayor Julie Hallman, Anne Pickard, Matt Bouwkamp, Cheryl Weeks, and Kevin Smith
 - ABSENT: None
 - EXCUSED: Harold Portell and Kevin Smith
 - Others Present: Ryan Rudzis - City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Police Chief Brad Wade, DPW Supervisor Shawn Botsford, and Lisa Lightfoot
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to approve the agenda.
 - Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**

Lisa Lightfoot provided an update on behalf of the River Country Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber's quarterly meeting is this Wednesday at Fuego, and right now we have about twenty-five members attending. April 22nd is the Home & Garden Show. We have an events follow-up meeting at State Farm on the 27th at 2pm.
6. **Consent Agenda Items**
 - Motion** made by Weeks, second by Bouwkamp to approve the consent agenda.
 - Motion carried unanimously
7. **Unfinished Business**

None
8. **New Business**
 - a. Motion Item #1: Reappointment of Fred Finkbeiner to the Board of Review
 - Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to approve the motion.
 - Motion carried unanimously
 - b. Motion Item #2: Personnel policy changes regarding CCW's/CPL's
 - Motion** made by Weeks, second by Bouwkamp to approve the motion.
 - Motion carried unanimously
 - c. Discussion Item #1: Medical Marijuana Facilities

Rudzis stated there is no recommendation yet. This is moving very fast, and two businesses have approached us over the past couple years.

Hallman stated we could get some revenue if we allowed these, and Rudzis agreed.

Rudzis elaborated this issue will probably be on the ballot again. Once it becomes legal, there is only so much we can do.

Wade stated it's still considered a drug. Several states have made a lot of money from allowing these facilities. He has never arrested anyone for having it.

Weeks asked what they are asking when they call the City, and Rudzis explained the two scenarios.

Hallman stated that with no signage, there is no alert to anyone.

Rudzis stated this issue has been huge on the listserv.

Pickard stated that eventually it will happen.

Wade stated the hang up is with the Feds. The epidemic with people on pain medication is huge. He started seeing cards in 2008 or 2009.

Bouwkamp stated he is not comfortable with it. It is abused, and sooner or later there will be consequences from it. He can understand from a business perspective, but does not want to help it along.

Wade stated there are only a couple of tests you can do for it. There are too many "what ifs".

Hallman stated she would like to see the government think about unintended consequences before enacting it.

Bouwkamp stated the people who hand out the cards have no standards.

Rudzis said if there was a standard field sobriety test, we would be more comfortable with it.

Bouwkamp reiterated that we won't be able to get it back in the bottle either.

9. ***Other Business***

None

10. ***Information Items***

Hallman stated the Family Dollar is open, and it's a beautiful store. Tamazula is moving into the old Schroeder's store.

Pickard asked if the restaurant is moving also, and Rudzis explained the expansion.

Hallman asked about the Never Enough Auto building.

Pickard asked about the Mini Mart building.

Rudzis explained that DEQ will give upward of \$300,000.

Hallman stated that we have lots of conferences coming up for staff, and informed the Commission about a nice compliment she received about our City Treasurer, Melinda Harris.

11. ***Public Comments***

None

12. ***Adjournment***

Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Julie Hallman

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk