

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 17, 2014**

A Public Hearing of the Grant City Commission - Ordinance 27-2 Amendments to Section 4.16.2 Outdoor Wood Boilers on Monday, February 17, 2014 at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.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, Shawn Botsford - DPW Supervisor, Janet Botsford, DPW, and Robert Vanbelzen - Grant PD Officer
ABSENT: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks
EXCUSED: Commissioner Anne Pickard
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:
None
6. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:01 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order – Regular Meeting:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.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 Bouwkamp to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Unfinished Business:**
a. N/A
5. **New Business**
 - a. Ordinance 27-2: Section 4.16.2 - Outdoor Wood Boilers - Second and Final Reading Resolution
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Hallman to approve the Ordinance 27-2.
Motion carried unanimously
 - b. Resolution 14-03: Consideration: Amending the City of Grant Personnel Policy - HSA quarterly contributions.
Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Bouwkamp to approve the Resolution.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Resolution 14-04: Consideration: Approve contracting with Newaygo County for assessing services through March 31, 2018 (\$250 increases for each year.)
Motion: Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Portell to approve the Resolution.
Motion carried unanimously
 - d. Resolution 14-05: Consideration: To sell surplus property - replaced computers (\$50 each.)
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Smith to approve the Resolution.
Portell asked if we have any buyers, and Doug said we have a few. He explained we would first offer old, outdated computers to employees who used them first.
Motion carried unanimously.

6. Other Business

- a. **Public Safety:** Doug explained that Chief Vanbelzen announced his retirement for later this year. We have several different options provided in the packet. Doug explained he has already met with area cities and the Newaygo County Sheriff Department to discuss the many different options available. Mayor Fett said he will set up a committee to discuss this to look at all options and present them to the City Commission. He would like two City Commissioners to be on the committee with him for a total of three members.
- b. **Personnel:** Mayor Fett explained that Doug has an announcement to make, at which time Doug distributed his letter of resignation to each Commissioner. He announced that while he was not looking for it, a new opportunity presented itself that he was unable to pass up. Although it was a difficult decision, he will be taking a new position with Kendall College, and that his last day with the City of Grant will be on March 17th. He will continue to help the City after hours with hiring a replacement and to help keep us moving forward. Doug thanked everyone for the opportunity to work here with the elected officials and staff, and said he will continue to help the City out. Mayor Fett reiterated that he will need two City Commission members on this committee to work on this also. Everyone congratulated Doug on his new position and thanked him for his efforts and accomplishments.

7. Information Items / Updates

- a. **Amphitheatre project:** Weather is a big issue right now. As soon conditions are better, the steel will go up and the blocks will go up after.
- b. **135 S Maple St (former CSX Property):** We want to continue to move the vision for this property forward. At a minimum we will get Phase I completed, which includes a drive access, capping it with topsoil, and planting the three or four trees we still have from a previous grant. We will work on improving the greenspace, which will also enhance the existing park. This property will remain public parking.
- c. **CIPP Project:** This project is weather dependent. The sewer mains on M-37 to Merlin's Motorsports and up State Street by Gene's Family Market will be done. This will be about a three day project, but it cannot take place until the temperature will be above thirty-two degrees.
- d. **Wellhead Protection Plan:** We have more meetings coming up. Our \$3,000 cost is matched by the State in a grant.

8. Public Comments:

None

9. Adjournment without objection at 7:19 p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk