

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 21, 2011

The special meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, March 21, 2011, 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 Anne Pickard, Commissioner Cheryl Weeks, and Commissioner Kevin Smith

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug La Fave-City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Officer Mitch Rood, Dan VanBelzen – Chief of Police, Amanda Booth, A.J. McKinley, Mike Toth, Deb Bose, and Dan Pierce Jr.

ABSENT: Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp

EXCUSED: Commissioner Terri Yeomans
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** Added Item **b. Resolution 11-10** under New Business

Motion: Motion made by Weeks second by Hallman to approve the agenda.
 Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment:**

None
6. **Consent Agenda**

a-f. *Approval of the Consent Agenda*

Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Weeks to approve the consent agenda.
 Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Planning Commission vacancy (1) – Recommended by Mayor Fett: We still have a vacancy that needs to be filled.
 - b. Ordinance #21-1: Consideration for repealing Ord. #43 and Ord. #21 and First Reading for Ord. #21-1 Dog Ordinance

Motion: Motion made by Hallman second by Pickard to repeal and accept the First Reading of Ordinance #21-1 Dog Ordinance.
Mayor Fett contacted three underground fence vendors, and none of them would write a guarantee that their underground fence would contain dogs 100% of the time without any failure possibility.
Weeks expressed concern that the proposed fine is not incrementally higher with each subsequent offense.
 Motion carried unanimously.
8. **New Business**
 - a. Resolution 11-09: Resolution to approve amendment to Grant Area District Library Agreement

Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Weeks to approve the amendment to the Grant Area District Library Agreement.
 Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Resolution 11-10: Resolution authorizing the purchasing of a Sewer Lift Station Replacement Pump

Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 11-10 at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.00.
 Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Other Business**
 - a. Mike Toth, Fineline Electric – Wind Turbine Proposal WWTP: Mike Toth indicated a proposed wind turbine could wipe out about 70% of the wastewater treatment plant electric bill. It would be capable of producing 730kw hours a day, and a wind study would need to be completed first. The credits will keep the costs constant, which would also help with budgeting.
Doug La Fave commented that a wind turbine purchase would have a 5 - 6 year return on investment. This would eventually allow us to reduce the costs passed on to our sewer customers. Another proposal will be obtained for a comparison.

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. 2011-2012 FY Budget: The draft budget was submitted last month. The Governor's proposal breaks down State Revenue Sharing allocations into thirds. With our recent changes, retirement is below the threshold at 6%. The transparency 'Dashboard' is already being done, and our healthcare costs are already right in line with those proposals. This should translate into the City of Grant receiving most all of the cut revenue sharing back to us.
- b. Historical Marker-Wood Water Tower: Doug will inform everyone once the historical marker arrives.
- c. Verizon cell tower: The environmental review is done and we are good to go. Construction should begin any day now.
- d. MRWA Award: The award is obviously inaccurate in the packet, and Doug was really surprised to receive the City Manager of The Year Award.
- e. Gateway Signs: The Chamber of Commerce has made a commitment to replace both of the gateway signs located north and south of the City limits.
- f. DNRE-DTE grant: This \$1,000 grant was awarded to extend the streetscape trees south where the project ended.

11. **Public Comments:**

Mayor Fett opened up the Public Comment period by stating the City Commission will receive comments at this time, but this is not a back and forth question and answer period. Comments will be received only at this time.

Dan Pierce commented on the dog ordinance, and asked for highlights on the new ordinance.

Mayor Fett reminded everyone that public comment period is to receive comments only, and that staff is happy to answer specific questions after the meeting.

Dan Pierce stated that he thinks the process is not appropriate and that he felt he had wasted his time in attending the meeting.

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:23p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Grant City Clerk