

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 18, 2013

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, March 18, 2013, 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 Anne Pickard, Commissioner Kevin Smith, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, and Commissioner Harold Portell

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, and Dan VanBelzen – Chief of Police.

ABSENT: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks

EXCUSED: None
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion: Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Portell to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

None
6. **Consent Agenda**
 - a-e. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Smith to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. N/A
8. **New Business**
 - a. Motion Item 1: Consideration: For purchase amount(s) and emergency repair(s) by the City Manager.

Fett stated that with how expensive things are today, we need to cap purchase expenditures by the Manager to \$5,000.

Pickard stated she thought \$2,000 would be a better amount for a cap.

La Fave explained that water and sewer repairs can get really expensive, so having some form of blanket approval with a review process would be best so we avoid any problems with our audit.

Motion: Motion made by Fett, second by Hallman to authorize the City Manager to make purchase expenditures with a cap of \$5,000, and to allow emergency repair expenditures for infrastructure up to \$25,000 at the Manager's discretion, with a consult of the Mayor or the Mayor Pro-Tem in absence of the Mayor, and for repairs anticipated to exceed \$25,000 an attempt should be made to call a special meeting of the City Commission first.
Motion carried unanimously
 - b. Motion Item 2: Consideration: For appointing the Employee Compensation Committee for FY 2013-2014 Budget.

Motion: Motion made by Fett, second by Smith to appoint Harold Portell, Matt Bouwkamp, Terry Fett, and Doug La Fave as the Employee Compensation Committee for the FY 2013-2014 Budget.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Resolution 13-09: Consideration: Authorizing the sale of steel salt spreader and for purchase of stainless steel salt spreader for winter snow maintenance for City streets (sale of spreader \$1,000 OBO by March 31 and purchase of stainless steel spreader \$1,931.25.)

Fett asked how the brine application was working, and Doug explained that it is working fine.

Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve the Resolution.
Motion carried unanimously
9. **Other Business**
 - a. N/A

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. CSX Property – Appraisal: The MDOT Muskegon TSC and the Real Estate Division of MDOT in Lansing have been reviewing the request by CSX. The big issue is that the property we are looking to purchase is old rail yard property, but is not an actual parcel to begin with. The next issue CSX is looking into is the access to the property that MDOT closed two or three years ago. We are optimistic we can still get this old rail yard property and improve the parking situation for businesses in that area.
- b. Safes Routes to School grant program: The revised program would cost us \$50,00 if we would have waited to do it until now. We utilized the grant program at the right time!
- c. City Taxable Value -PPT: The City’s overall taxable value increased by \$364,000, which equates to about \$3,700 in additional revenue. With the lost of Personal Property Taxes (PPT) expected after this next fiscal year, we are not going to receive anything to replace this revenue of about \$20,000.

11. **Public Comments:**

None

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

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk