

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

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, March 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 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, Shawn Botsford – DPW Supervisor, Janet Botsford– DPW Staff, Gary Nestle – Infrastructure Alternatives WWTP Staff, Robert Vanbelzen – Grant PD Officer, Pat Gardner – Newaygo County Commissioner, and Ken Delaat –Times Indicator.
  - ABSENT:** Commissioner Cheryl Weeks
  - EXCUSED:** None
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**
  - Motion:** Motion made by Portell, second by Hallman to approve the agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
  - Delaat took a photo of the City Commission and Doug La Fave.
  - Gardner thanked Doug for his service to the City. He has helped the businesses and the taxpayers, but he has also helped at a County level. Pat said he would like the hiring committee to ensure the City will continue the progress Doug has created.
6. **Consent Agenda**
  - a-e. *Approval of the Consent Agenda*
    - Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Smith to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. N/A
8. **New Business**
  - a. Resolution 14-06: Consideration: To apply for a Michigan DNR recreational passport grant for ADA compliant playground equipment and swing set.
    - Motion:** Motion made by Portell, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 14-06.
9. **Other Business**
  - a. Public Safety Options-Future: Doug previously sent the four different options for when Dan Vanbelzen retires this summer. He encouraged everyone on the City Commission to talk to their neighbors about it. All of the options are affordable, but each is a little different. The option for White Cloud is for administrative services only, but we could hire another full-time Chief for that cost.
  - b. City Caboose-Water Tower Park: We received a verbal request from John Byrna to consider leasing the Caboose at Water Tower Park to sell ice cream out of it. He might be interested in submitting a proposal to the City Commission to do this. This is a discussion for the City Commission to decide. Doug expressed thoughts that it would be expensive, but clarified that Kevin Smith had requested the issue be on the agenda for discussion. Unless he sold product out of a cooler, he would have to hook-up to sanitary on M-37. When Wilbur-Ellis connected to sanitary sewer on M-37, the cost was somewhere in the area of ten to fifteen thousand. A connection to the Caboose would be similar in cost.
    - Consensus** was to allow John Byrna to submit a proposal to the City Commission.

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Amphitheatre: Mayor Fett commented the project is pretty self explanatory. Doug stated that Shawn and his staff would be hooking up the cameras. Doug stated this project is about 80% complete.
- b. 135 S Maple St (former CSX Property): We have a grant into The Fremont Area Community Foundation. If we get the grant funds, there is enough in General Fund and the Roads & Right-of-Ways Fund to plug in and move the project forward.
- c. DEQ – Wellhead protection grant: Any time this week a crew will be here to do the cured in place project (CIPP.) This is a two to three day simple project, and we will just pay the bill.
- d. Wayfinding Signs-GPS-Fine Arts Center on M-37: We ordered the wayfinding signs and they came in under the cost we expected. The permit is in place with MDOT. These signs are going in the southwest corner of State and M-37. The installation is scheduled for April. On the topic of signage, Mayor Fett mentioned a temporary sign change is needed in front of VanWieren's office on Front Street. They need a handicap sign instead of a fifteen-minute parking sign.

11. **Public Comments:**

Nestle said he was at a conference several weeks ago. One technology they were working on is an anaerobic digester that works at less than fifty degrees. They are going to come and get twenty-five gallons of our sludge for their seed.

Hallman asked if the City would be sending flowers for the funeral for Karl Hunter's father, and Sherry offered to get something ordered.

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:19 p.m.

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Mayor Terry Fett

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Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk