

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 19, 2018

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, March 19, 2018, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Julie Hallman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**
PRESENT: Mayor Julie Hallman, Anne Pickard, Matt Bouwkamp, Kevin Smith, and Kate Block
ABSENT: Gabe Sanchez
EXCUSED:
Others Present: Ryan Rudzis - City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Brad Wade - Chief of Police, Jason Vanderstelt - County Clerk, Lisa Lightfoot.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
Addition of Item Item H. Intern under New Business:
Motion made by Pickard, second by Smith to approve the agenda with the addition.
Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**
None
6. **Consent Agenda Items**
Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously
7. **Unfinished Business**
None
8. **New Business**
 - a. River Country Chamber of Commerce: Lisa Lightfoot shared that the General Membership Meeting will be on April 18th at the Black Box in Fremont. Chad from the White Agency will be taking her place.
 - b. Application of Jerry Williams for City Commission vacancy: Mayor Hallman asked Jerry why he would be interested in serving on the City Commission.
Williams stated he has always loved Grant. He would like to help people love the City again. He has lived in Grant since he was five.
Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to appoint Gerard
Motion carried unanimously
 - c. Jason Vanderstelt, Newaygo County Clerk: Provided an update on the County Clerk's Office, including use of a new "electionreporting.com" website for current election results. You can print election results yourself. Results from previously used Election Magic, along with the County's website, and this new website will be combined. Hi-Lites will be distributing new County Directories soon. We have Election Cycle Preparation on Wednesday, which is an accreditation class.
 - d. Resolution 18-01: Sewer Deficit Elimination Plan
Motion made by Smith, second by Pickard to approve the plan.
Motion carried unanimously
 - e. Resolution 18-02: Continuing Disclosure Certificate
Hallman stated this is part of the process for the project.
Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Smith to approve.
Motion carried unanimously

- f. Chief Brad Wade drafted a letter of appreciation to Patrick Butters for his hundreds of hours fitting our police cars with all of the equipment for approximately one-tenth of the cost we would have paid to have it professionally done. About \$2,000 for 200 hours.
- g. Dog Discussion: Commissioner Pickard explained that a citizen in town has a neighbor with what appears to be a big, vicious dog. The concerned resident was planning to present information to Chief Wade soon. Wade stated that nobody has contacted him yet about this. He stated that while the dog looks scary, it's more likely it would lick you to death.
- h. Intern Discussion: Mayor Hallman has spoken with Kasey Jernberg about being an intern with the City Manager. Rudzis stated that Kasey is a hard worker, and he already knows our staff. Hallman stated we could sit down with Kasey and figure out paperwork.
9. ***Other Business***
None
10. ***Information Items***
a. Sherry Powell received her CMMC Recertification from the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.
11. ***Public Comments***
Wade stated that Sgt. Welch starts a new job on April 9th. Officer Paulsen will start to take over some of the things Sgt. Welch currently does. We are going to be short again. We have a candidate we are considering. Pickard provided an update on the gateway sign that was plowed over on M-37. The owner has given permission to the City to take the signs. Hallman thanked Anne for her work on this sign. We may just need to buy some new posts.
12. ***Closed Session***
Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to go into Closed Session at 7:27pm.
Motion carried unanimously

Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to go enter regular session at 7:52pm.
Motion carried unanimously

Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to extend the Manager's contract by six months from June 2nd.
Motion carried unanimously
13. ***Adjournment***
Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:52pm.
Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Julie Hallman

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk