

Grant City Commission Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 19, 2020

The special meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Julie Hallman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**
PRESENT: Mayor Julie Hallman, Anne Pickard, Gabe Sanchez, Mark Dietz, and Gerard Williams
ABSENT:
EXCUSED: Kate Block
Others Present: Kasey Jernberg – City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**
Motion by Pickard, second by Williams to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment:**
None
6. **Reserved Time:**
None
7. **Consent Agenda Items:**
Motion by Dietz, second by to Pickard to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously
8. **Unfinished Business:**
None
9. **New Business, Consideration for:**
 - a. Resolution 20-2: May Special Election: Hallman suggested we suspend the rules so that we could have some discussion first.
Motion by Dietz, second by Sanchez to suspend the rules.
Motion carried unanimously
Hallman explained the Secretary of State had a conference call with Clerks across the State Tuesday afternoon and stated any May Elections would be conducted by mail only.
Jernberg stated each municipality was asked to consider withdrawing from the May Election and recertifying to August or November. If we move forward with May, every registered voter would be mailed an application for an absent voter ballot by the State.
Hallman stated she hates to wait until August.
Dietz asked if the school goes to August, who would pay for that and Jernberg stated the State does.
Williams asked if there would be any value in being on the ballot alone.
Jernberg asked how important is it that we go on the ballot with the schools. If we wait until August, we cannot levy until 2021.
Sanchez stated that if we wait voters see more taxes.
Dietz wonders how many people won't understand this.
Jernberg stated we might still be able to get out there in May.
Dietz agrees if things are fine with this virus situation in May.
Motion made by Williams, second by Dietz to stick with May.
Motion failed
Jernberg asked if there was any desire to wait until Friday to reconvene.
Williams and Jernberg discussed the hope that it is all cleared up by May while the rules are still evolving.
Hallman asked if anyone has additional questions.

Williams asked if the school were to drop out, could we reprint ballots with just our question on it. Jernberg and Powell stated we have asked and were told to mail out the ballots and just not canvass the school's proposal if they drop out.

Jernberg reiterated that to run the election by ourselves the last calculation was about \$3,500. He would hate to see us move to August and the school stick with May.

Motion made by Sanchez, second by Pickard to table the issue until 1pm Friday.

Motion carried unanimously

10. ***Other Business***

None

11. ***Information Items:***

None

12. ***Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:***

None

13. ***Adjournment:***

Motion made by Dietz, second by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Julie Hallman

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk