

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 18, 2011

A public hearing of the Grant City Commission to receive comments on Ordinance No. 21-1 Dog Ordinance: Repealing Ordinance #43 and amending Ordinance #21 was held on Monday, April 18, 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, Commissioner Terri Yeomans, and Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp
OTHERS PRESENT: Doug La Fave-City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Dan VanBelzen – Chief of Police.
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: Commissioner Kevin Smith
4. **Public Comment on Repealing Ordinance #43 and on Amending Ordinance #21:**
None
5. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:03p.m.

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4. **Approval of the Agenda:**
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans 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 Weeks, second by Bouwkamp to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
a. Planning Commission vacancy (1): Mayor Fett is still looking for a candidate to fill the position. If anyone knows someone who is interested in filling the vacancy, please let Mayor Fett know.
8. **New Business**
a. Motion Item 1: Consider authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and sign lease amendments with AT&T.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to authorize City Manager to negotiate and sign lease agreements with AT&T.
Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution 11-11: Resolution for the replacement of well pump, processor and software for the water system totaling \$13, 623.35.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Weeks to approve Resolution 11-11.
Pickard commented that as long as we have the money, she feels this is fine.
Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Resolution 11-12: Resolution to approve revised amendment to Grant Area District Library Agreement.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 11-12.
Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Resolution 11-13: Resolution to amend Consumer's Energy Standard Street Contract.
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Hallman to approve Resolution 11-13.
La Fave commented that the lights affected will be replaced are currently high pressure sodium mercury vapor lights, at no cost to the City for this.
Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ordinance #21-1 Dog Ordinance: Repealing Ord. #43 and amending Ord. #21-Consideration for acceptance of second reading.
Motion: Motion made by Pickard, second by Yeomans to approve second and final reading of Ordinance #21-1.
La Fave commented that several people have stopped by or asked us about this ordinance, and they seemed satisfied enough since none of them are here tonight.
Fett discussed recent media attention surrounding pit bulls versus command dogs.
Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

None

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. 2011-2012 FY Budget: Mayor Fett likes the budget that was presented. When it is compared to other area cities, our budget looks really good. Doug mentioned the decline in taxable value is 1.7%, and commented that we have lost \$21,000 in general operating revenues throughout the struggling economic times. He also commented on another version of the statutory revenue sharing formula we will be looking at. There will be three main areas scored, which will add up to 62.96% of what we used to receive, which is all we are budgeting for. If there is any remaining balance, we could receive an additional distribution later. We plan to allocate street lighting utility payments out of the roads and right-of-ways fund next fiscal year. Also, the Waste Water Treatment operating budget is nearly completed.
- b. Wind Turbine: We are still collecting data.
- c. Verizon cell tower: We are good to go, and they should be breaking ground any day now.
- d. RFP-Solid Waste: Our contract will be up in December. We will be including recycle bins and 2 dumpsters in the new contract at no additional cost.
- e. Safe Routes to School sidewalks grant: We are still waiting to hear from The Fremont Area Community Foundation on the engineering grant proposal of \$23,000 alone. If granted, we are probably looking at 2012-2013 to get this project done.
- f. DNRE-DTE grant: We set a date to pick up the trees, and we are trying to get some uniformity with placement. We will plan to plant these trees on the City clean-up volunteer day on Friday, May 20, 2011.

11. **Public Comments:**

None

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Grant City Clerk