

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 16, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, April 16, 2012, 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, Dan VanBelzen – Chief of Police, Sam Scholtens, Ben Looy, and Chris Vonner.  
ABSENT: None  
EXCUSED: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks
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:**

None
6. **Consent Agenda**

a-e. *Approval of the Consent Agenda*  
**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**

a. Board vacancy remaining-Planning Commission (1): We still have one vacancy to fill.
8. **New Business**

a. Motion Item 1: Consideration: Personnel Policy change for Regular Part Time Employees – three paid vacation days per year after 1 year of employment.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Portell to change the Personnel Policy for Regular Part Time Employees to receive three paid vacation days per year after 1 year of employment.  
Motion carried unanimously.

b. Motion Item 2: Consideration: City Manager contract.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Smith to approve the contract.  
Fett stated we are giving Doug a four-year contract, providing four weeks of vacation and extending the severance package.  
Motion carried unanimously.

c. Resolution 12-11: Consideration: for purchasing crack sealer for preventative maintenance on City streets (\$2,847.60 split between Major and Local Streets.)  
**Motion:** Motion made by Smith, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 12-11.  
Pickard asked if these funds came from leftover money.  
La Fave replied that because of less snowfall, extra funds remain available in the Major and Local Streets budgets.  
Motion carried unanimously.

d. Resolution 12-12: Consideration: approving partnering with Newaygo County for assessing services (2 year contract, \$7,250 April 2012 – March 2013 and \$7,500 April 2013 – March 2014)  
**Motion:** Motion made by Portell, second by Hallman to approve Resolution 12-12.  
Pickard questioned if this was just a continuation of what we are already doing, which was confirmed by Doug.  
Motion carried unanimously.

e. Resolution 12-13: Consideration: for the replacement of the polyphosphate scale at the City water plant/well house (\$2,225 + shipping.)  
**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 12-13.  
Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

- a. West Michigan Broadband Proposal– Ben Looy: Don Noordyk had previously submitted a letter of request and a proposal to the City on behalf of West Michigan Broadband. They currently own or rent sixteen towers in Newaygo County. They are looking for a point-to-point microwave wireless channel media, and they need to centrally locate to connect to Charter Communication’s fiber. The proposal includes two units. They are both small dish types, and the second is a back-up unit. It would channel from the water tower to another tower on Ferris, with no customers on this.

Fett stated most communities are getting \$1.00 per foot, and some are getting more.

Portell clarified to make sure this would not interfere with anything else already on the tower.

Looy stated that would be no interference with anything else on the tower.

**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve the West Michigan Broadband Proposal for \$145.00 per month for three years, then renegotiating at that time, and allowing Doug La Fave to work out the details.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Safe Routes to School-sidewalks: We are waiting on DEQ for a portion on Commerce Street. We are still hoping for construction this summer to avoid interfering with the school year.
- b. 5 year parks and recreation plan update (DNR): The five-year plan is with the Planning Commission now, and once the recommendation for approval is made, it will come to the City Commission for approval. Fett stated as a City we have done a lot, and we are discussing some more to keep improving things.
- c. Non Hazardous and Hazardous clean-up/drop off for 2012: We are looking for volunteers to check-in and verify participants are residents. Fett asked if latex paint is allowed. La Fave clarified the dates schedule are May 7<sup>th</sup> thru May 10<sup>th</sup>, between 7am and 7pm to allow all residents and opportunity to find some time that week to participate.
- d. 2012 – 2013 FY City Budget: Doug has the draft budgets out and posted for 2012-2013. All knowns are plugged in. A slight increase in property tax revenue indicates it seems to be stabilizing a bit. Capital streets project are also plugged in.

Hallman stated she is pleased to see the leaves removal equipment in the budget.

Pickard said she is pleased to see more revenues than expenses in the proposed budget.

11. **Public Comments:**

None

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

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Mayor Terry Fett

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Sherry Powell, Grant City Clerk