

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 15, 2019

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, April 15, 2019, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Julie Hallman called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**
PRESENT: Mayor Julie Hallman, Anne Pickard, Matt Bouwkamp, Kevin Smith, Gabe Sanchez, Kate Block, and Gerard Williams
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: None
Others Present: Kasey Jernberg – City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Brad Wade – Chief of Police, Sgt Steven Paulsen, and Jennifer Koopman
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Block to approve the agenda with additions.
Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**
None
6. **Consent Agenda Items**
Motion made by Smith, second by Williams to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously
7. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Pincanna Presentation Discussion (Medical Marijuana): Hallman explained the history of what we as a City have voted on previously. After we voted down the original, The Pincanna came to us and presented. Chief Wade knows the Pincanna representative, and he thinks they are reputable.
Williams asked if approving it would allow for a storefront and Jernberg clarified that the Commission could approve several different types of licenses, including a license to allow for provisioning centers which could be a storefront.
Jernberg clarified the differences between Class A, B, and C growing licenses and explained by the number of plants allowed.
Wade explained that the only buyers would be required to have a medical marijuana card.
Block stated she is for it for people who are not helped by something else.
Hallman shared that just because we are not well versed does not mean we should say no to it.
Williams & Hallman discussed various medical conditions it might help.
Bouwkamp asked if there is an offer and asked where the nearest provisioning center is.
Block stated the closest one in Nunica is open.
Wade shared that another provisioning center will be in Newaygo.
Williams questioned how the permit fees we could charge worked, and Jernberg responded stating we are allowed to charge up to \$5,000 annually for each license allowed.
He reiterated that should the Commission wish to allow this, we would first have to amend the Ordinance.
Motion made by Block, second by Williams to amend the Ordinance to allow zero grow facilities A, B, C, to allow one provisioning center, to allow zero processing, to allow one safety and compliance center, and to allow one secure transportation license.
charging \$5,000 for each license.
Motion carried six yes to one no.
8. **New Business**

- a. River Country Chamber of Commerce: Jennifer Koopman stated the annual dinner will be at the Legends Ranch in Bitely, and the cost is \$75 per ticket. Transportation is by bus only.
- b. Motion Item #1: First Reading: Proposed Ordinance No. 57 – City of Grant Fire and Emergency Services: Hallman explained they want to be able to charge those responsible when they are left waiting on a utility.
Motion made by Pickard, second by Block to approve the first reading.
Motion carried unanimously
- c. Resolution 19-7: Approval of Consumers Energy Standard Lighting Contract
Motion made by Smith, second by Sanchez to approve the lighting contract.
Motion carried unanimously
- d. Resolution 19-8: Approval of Authorization for Change in Consumers Energy Standard Lighting Contract: Hallman explained that this is required because we have gone to the L.E.D. lights.
Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to approve the change to the lighting contract.
Motion carried unanimously
- e. Discussion Item #1: MLCC Correspondence: Hallman stated they want to transfer the liquor license from the Maple Island location to the Grant Wesco Store.
- f. Discussion Item #2: Burning Ordinance: Hallman explained that Commissioner Pickard asked us to discuss this again.
Pickard stated we have small lots that are sixty-six feet wide. With burning people with asthma or COPD cannot leave their windows open.
Bouwkamp stated the change of someone burning for two days is unlikely.
Williams suggested allowing burning brings the community out, and people chat with one another.
Salisbury explained he hauled six trailer loads the first brush pick-up. Tomorrow's pick-up will be another four to five hours. He does not mind using the claw, but he could tear up peoples' yards doing that.
Wade stated that Fremont has twelve full-time people doing this.
9. **Other Business**
None
10. **Information Items**
- a. City Clean-Up Week April 29, 2019 – May 4, 2019: Hallman reminded everyone that the dumpster will be down at the DPW.
- b. SBA Disaster Declaration: Jernberg stated that we are not aware of any Grant businesses damaged by the flooding.
11. **Public Comments**
None
12. **Adjournment**
Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Block to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Julie Hallman

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk