

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 29, 2014

A Public Hearing of the Grant City Commission - FY 2014-2015 Budget on Thursday, May 29, 2014 at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**
PRESENT: Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Julie Hallman , Commissioner Anne Pickard,
Commissioner Kevin Smith, and Commissioner Harold Portell
Others Present: Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Shawn Botsford - DPW Supervisor, Tyler DeVuono - DPW Staff, Janet Botsford - DPW Staff, Gary Nestle - IAI Staff, Nancy Murray, and Rich Ulrich.
ABSENT: Commissioners Cheryl Weeks and Matt Bouwkamp
EXCUSED: None
4. **Public Comment** on 2014-2015 FY Budgets:
None
6. **Adjournment** without objection at 5:33p.m.

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2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
None
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. Police Public Safety
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Smith to table this issue indefinitely.
Fett stated that we are not there yet.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Resolution 14-11: Consideration: To sell police service weapons at fair market value for Police Chief Retirement gift.
Motion: Motion made by Pickard, second by Portell to approve the sale of three specific service weapons to Dan Vanbelzen (using the total contributions of staff and elected officials.)
Motion carried unanimously.
7. New Business:
 - a. Resolution 14-10: Consideration: To adopt the City of grant 2014-2015 FY Budgets and appropriate funds, adopt the 2014-2015 Millage rates and 1% PTAF, 2014-2015 capital improvement items
Motion: Motion made by Pickard, second by Hallman to approve Resolution 14-10.
Pickard asked if everyone noticed the water and sewer rate increases.
Motion carried unanimously
 - b. Motion Item: Adoption of Grant Police Department Policy and Procedural Order
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Hallman to adopt the updated policy and procedural order.
Motion carried unanimously
8. **Other Business**

a. N/A

9. **Information Items/Updates**

a. N/A

10. **Public Comments:**

R Ulrich commented that he brought his business to Grant. He and his wife moved to Grant because he likes having and knowing the City's police officers. He does not want to see the City lose what we have. He expressed his preference to see the City Commission hire a new Chief of Police or at least keep our own department and officers like we have now.

T Fett replied that we are not considering getting rid of our police department. We are working diligently to make a decision that will keep the people safe and happy.

J Botsford commented that a lot of residents are concerned about this issue, and staff would like this resolved soon.

Fett responded that we will consider all options and opinions when making a decision. We want to safeguard the citizens and businesses.

Ulrich commented that we should be able to hire a replacement for less than we are paying now.

T DeVuono stated that Grant provides a starting point for new police officers as a stepping stone, and that this is a real benefit in the county.

N Murray stated her preference to maintain a local City police department.

J Botsford stated that she has been asked numerous times about this issue.

T DeVuono stated that Howard City has contracted with their County Sheriff's Department, and he has heard of several problems contracting with them.

11. **Adjournment** without objection at 5:48p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk