

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 18, 2012

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, June 18, 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 Cheryl Weeks, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, and Commissioner Harold Portell
Others Present: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Lori Gardner – Deputy Clerk, Bob VanBelzen –Police Dept, Sam Scholtens, County Commissioner
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: Commissioner Kevin Smith
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Bouwkamp to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
Sam Scholtens discussed his concern with the synthetic drugs that are in the news. He is looking to take a proactive stance on this topic. So far they are still legal. There are bills in the State Legislature addressing this. He asked the Grant Police Department to provide any feedback. Mayor Fett asked Bob VanBelzen what to watch for in people. Sargent VanBelzen replied that some of it is comparable to marijuana and the “bath salts” are hallucinogenic.
6. **Consent Agenda**
a-e. Approval of the Consent Agenda
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Hallman to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
a. Board vacancy remaining-Planning Commission (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. Resolution 12-17: Consideration: for purchasing property and liability insurance for FY 2012-2013 (White Agency: \$15,789 or Burnam and Flower: \$18,066.)
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Portell to approve Resolution 12-17 with White Agency
Motion carried unanimously.
b. Resolution 12-18: Consideration: to adopt the City of Grant 2012 – 2017 Parks and Recreation Plan.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Portell to approve Resolution 12-18.
Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Other Business**
a. AirGrant – Proposal Review:
Doug LaFave asked the board how long of an agreement they wanted to sign with AirGrant. The entire board felt that 2 years was reasonable.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Weeks to approve proposal with AirGrant for two years.
Motion carried unanimously.
b. City Ordinances Review: Doug Lafave has been going over the city ordinances and we have had requests for chickens in the city. He suggested having certain areas that will be allowed to have chickens following certain guidelines. He suggested the more rural areas at the edges of town. Consensus was that there shouldn't be cut-outs allowing livestock. It was requested that the new ordinances state “no livestock”.
c. Ashland – Grant Fire Board – Upcoming vacancy Must be filled in July:
The City Commission needs to find someone to replace Anne Picard in the Fire Board. Anne's term is up in July and she is not interested in being reappointed. Mayor Fett expressed some frustration with some of

the Fire board members due to the reluctance to change the meeting time to the evenings. It is difficult for residents with concerns to attend meetings during the day. Mayor Fett asked anyone who is able to please attend the next meeting to voice these concerns.

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Safe Routes to School-sidewalks: Doug LaFave informed that all is set to go. He has sent out letters to all of the local contractors hoping to keep the business local. They do need to be MDOT certified. We are hoping to begin in October. The final prints are available to view in the public meeting room.
- b. Day at the Lake Event: Mayor Fett: It was a nice day sponsored by Spectrum Health. We had approximately 100 people attend and enjoy kayaking, canoeing and food. It brought a lot of interest to the Blanche Lake park. He is prototyping some new docks that he would like to eventually bring to the park for swimming. Spectrum Health and the Grant Area Chamber are interested in doing this again next year.

11. **Public Comments:**

None

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:18 p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Lori Gardner, Deputy Clerk