

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 17, 2013

A Public Hearing of the Grant City Commission to receive comments on the S2 DEQ grant on improvements to the WWTP with assistance from the DEQ on Monday, June 17, 2013 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, Sherry Powell– Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Shawn Botsford– DPW Supervisor, Officer Bob VanBelzen – Grant Police Department, Gary Nestle and Kent Trierweiler of Infrastructure Alternatives, Inc., Don DeVries and David Johnson of Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, and Don Noordyk of West Michigan Broadband.
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: Commissioner Kevin Smith
4. **Public Comment** on the S2 DEQ grant on improvements to the WWTP with assistance from the DEQ:
Gary Nestle of Infrastructure Alternatives, Inc. distributed a diagram and literature explaining the problem of algae and possible solutions. The presence of algae causes suspended solids to rise to a level which exceeds the discharge permit parameters. The primary function of the pond is to chlorinate, and this project would handle this function through ultraviolet disinfection. The City has options from ideal tertiary filters and UV channel treatment process at \$688,882 if the City can qualify for DEQ grant assistance or at minimum a scaled down UV treatment process at \$258,425 that would be better than the existing polishing pond chlorination disinfection process. In this scenario the City would be utilizing the sewer replacement and improvement fund to pay for the improvements without any loan/bonds.
Portell asked what would happen in the area of the existing pond, and Gary explained that is where the structures would be placed.
5. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:10 p.m.

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1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Added Item 6. d. Resolution 13-16 under New Business
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Pickard to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
Dave Johnson of Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering was present along with Don DeVries to explain a proposal given to Doug on a grant program. The City will eventually be required to do an Asset Management Plan for the WWTP in order to get a NPDES permit. The State of Michigan along with the EPA decided every WWTP facility needs this snapshot, which is the sewer equivalent to a Water Reliability Study but is called an Asset Management Plan. In this case, there is a 90% grant for this, and it is first come first served. The grant allows municipalities to GIS their entire system, and it provides for everything needed. They are also allowing for storm water systems with televising and smoke testing. The grant also allows for aerial photographs. According to the 2010 Census data, Rural Development would likely consider the City's poverty threshold as possibly disadvantaged. A disadvantaged status would make the City eligible for a 100% grant and also get \$500,000 of free money at the end of it. Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering offered to fill out the application at no cost if the City were not successful in obtaining the grant. The highest percentage of outlay would be 10% if the City was not given disadvantaged status.
4. **Consent Agenda**
a-e. *Approval of the Consent Agenda*
Motion: Motion made by Week, second by Hallman to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Ordinance # 55: No action was taken

6. **New Business**

- a. Resolution 13-13: Consideration: To purchase property and liability insurance for FY 2013-2014 (MML \$13,954-Trident \$17,433 and Selective \$33,882).
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Weeks to approve the Resolution with MML for \$13,954.
Motion carried with 5 Yes and Portell abstaining.
- b. Resolution 13-14: Consideration: To allow the Grant Festival live music event to exceed rule of Ord. #44-Noise Ord.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve the Resolution.
Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Resolution 13-15: Consideration: To approve interior wet and dry painting of the water tower (MC Sandblasting and Paint \$47,600 and Colour Revue \$36,382)
Fett explained that we received an attractive offer with a lower cost, but they advised the City their company has not painted a water tower yet and references were limited with no relevant project history. We have to be very careful with our municipal water supply.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve the Resolution with MC Sandblasting for \$47,600.
Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Resolution 13-16: Consideration: For adopting the final project plan for wastewater system improvements and designating an authorized project representative (S-2 grant as noted for the public hearing)
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Hallman to approve the Resolution.
Motion carried unanimously.
Weeks asked how the grant Dave Johnson mentioned would tie in with this project. Doug explained that we do not know what the rules will be for that yet. We are dealing with time restrictions on this grant.

7. **Other Business**

- a. WMBB Lease: Don Noordyk explained he came tonight to clarify some communications he feels have been misrepresented. He would like the City Commission to reconsider the decision not to renew his lease. He explained he has installed one primary and one backup point to point. He did not want to give away his trade secrets and give competitors that information. The second point to point was temporary only. His is a 24 GHz system, and there is no competing frequency. From his vantage point he felt he already had the City's permission to install those. He ordered a unit in April of 2012 and his contract started in July 2012. He fully intended to put up the air fiber unit as soon as possible, but it was backordered and took six months. He disagreed with adding two shields without permission. The accusation was hard for him to understand because the concern about interference was addressed by adding shields that he only added to be a nice guy since they were not required. He clarified that he felt shields were not considered equipment. He discussed integrity and explained his viewpoint that "Day one" does not represent a specific date, but actually a "Process of deployment" and representing the "scope of his plan". He asked to put no more than two pieces of equipment up, and that is what he feels he has done. In the "spirit of the agreement", shields are not representative of equipment. He placed two radios, frequencies, and antennas. The air fiber was in the scope of his work. He explained that Doug was a great City Manager to work with, and he did everything he said he would do.
- b. Manager Review: Mayor Fett congratulated Doug on doing a great job. Out of a possible thirty points, he received twenty-eight and a half. With that, he hopes the City Commission agrees with the proposed raise to put him at \$57,500.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Portell to approve the salary increase to \$57,500.
Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. CSX Property – Appraisal: Mayor Fett explained we are moving ahead with this. He is not comfortable with the "people gathering" on the property sentence. Doug said he spoke with Dave Wierzbicki of DEQ this morning, and basically we still have to do the environmental work. The deed restriction would include a cap on the property. This project could be really great for businesses in the community.

Portell asked if thru traffic would be cut off, and Doug explained that technically nobody owns that property. He thinks some kind of access could be addressed.

Portell asked about the fence requirement, and Doug replied that he is currently looking into the required fence.

- b. FAFAC Amphitheatre grant: We can go down after the meeting and look at two possible locations that are staked out. Looking at parking, by the baseball field might be the best fit.

Hallman asked if the staked out areas are the actual size, and Shawn said they are the exact dimensions.

9. **Public Comments:**

Pickard asked if the City Commission was going to discuss Mr. Noordyk's comments.

Fett stated that contracts take all of the innuendo out of it. No advance notice was given of any delays. The comment about not being equipment is incorrect because it (shields) is equipment.

Discussion about "the spirit of the contract" was brief.

- 12. **Adjournment** without objection at 8:03 p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk

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