

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 19, 2017

The special meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, June 19, 2017, 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, Cheryl Weeks, Kevin Smith and Gabe Sanchez
 - ABSENT: None
 - EXCUSED: Harold Portell
 - Others Present: Ryan Rudzis - City Manager, Melinda Harris - City Treasurer/Deputy Clerk, Jenn Koopman, Dale Twing - Newaygo County Drain Commissioner, Jon Bumstead, and Janet Botsford - DPW Staff.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Smith to approve the agenda.
 - Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**
 - Koopman gave an update on River Chamber of Commerce news. 27 new members have joined the River Country Chamber but lost 11 members as well. Memorial Day in Newaygo went well. The Newaygo Kids Day went very well. The Harvest Moon festival in Grant is coming along. The Chamber is doing some strategic planning for if and when Colleen will retire but that they hope she does not.
6. **Consent Agenda Items**
 - Motion** made by Weeks, second by Pickard to approve the consent agenda.
 - Motion carried unanimously
7. **Unfinished Business**
 - None
8. **New Business**
 - a. Motion Item #1: Approval of the purchase of a police vehicle to replace 2012 Chevy Impala: The condenser for air is gone and the alternator has issues. We have a problems with this car since we got it. With 70,000 miles we should get a decent price for it. Impalas have changed a lot since we first started using them. We are looking for an appraisal. Once sold, we hope to put \$4,000 back into the budget.
Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to approve the motion of up to \$8,000.
Motion carried unanimously
 - b. Motion Item #2: Approval of 50% of survey cost for property swap with Grant Public Schools: The survey for the tennis court area is \$1,850.
Pickard asked where this tennis court area is located.
Motion made by Smith, second by Weeks to approve the motion.
Motion carried unanimously
 - c. Update on Front Street Drain Project from Newaygo County Drain Commissioner Dale Twing:
Twing provided updates on the drain project, stating they are still waiting to hear back from the Railroad regarding a 60 inch pipe that needs to go underneath the railroad tracks. He stated a cost benefit analysis was done for the project. Mr. Twing stated that he hopes the high banks behind the Wastewater Treatment plant can be done in winter as contractors are very busy this time of year and hopes that this part of the project can be done in the slower time for contractors. MDOT is picking up a lot of the cost for this project. Mr. Twing stated there is a muck field that will be turned into a lake as well.

Bouwkamp asked how they figure out the cost to the people in the district. Mr. Twing stated some of the figures comes from the size of property people own (acreage, whether they are upstream or downstream, how far away they are, ect.) He stated that they do what will strictly benefit the residents.

9. ***Other Business***

None

10. ***Information Items***

Wade stated there is a note from his as Chief in the report. We had 8 larceny of cars in the last three weeks, and 4 young men have been identified. A special thanks was given to Corporal Contreras and Officer Welch were very involved with finding these 4 young men and wanted to say a special thank you to them. He stated that Officer Welch lives in Kent County and went to pawn shops in his area looking for the stolen goods. He was successful in finding items that had been stolen, which allowed him and Corporal Contreras to find these young men. Chief Wade also stated that Corporal Contreras will be leaving the Grant Police Department in September for a job in Savannah Georgia. Chief Wade also let the council know of two new hires that have started with the department; Adam Lenartz and Brian Shuker. Officer Lenartz is ready to go to work on his own. He did work briefly with the Kent County Police Department. Officer Shuker comes to us from the Gerald R. Ford Airport Police. Chief Wade spoke of other issues regarding the patrol cars. He did state that Officer Welch was sent home today, June 19, because of the Impala not being dependable at this time. He also stated that a tire on the Charger patrol car has a hole in the sidewall causing it to go flat every day. Two new back tires have been ordered for the Charger and will be put on June 20th when they get them in. Chief Wade stated he did not feel comfortable sending out officers with either patrol car not in full working order. Chief Wade also stated, "My guys are doing great!"

11. ***Public Comments***

Bumstead stopped by to say hello. He has been out of office for six months. Senator Hansen's term is up soon, and he will be running.

J Botsford stated she provided a notice of resignation last month, and requested to up the date and still have good references from the City.

Hallman stated that Mrs. Botsford will need to submit a letter stating her resignation date tomorrow, Tuesday, June 20, 2017 and Mrs. Botsford stated she would have that ready. Mrs. Botsford briefly discussed Shawn Botsford regarding sick and personal time. No further discussion was mentioned regarding this. She stated she gave six weeks notice, but would like to have her last day be tomorrow. She is asking if that would be considered leaving on good terms. She will bring a letter in tomorrow.

13. ***Adjournment***

Motion made by Pickard, second by Smith to adjourn the meeting 7:26 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Julie Hallman

Melinda Harris, City Treasurer/Deputy Clerk