

Grant City Commission Public Hearing Minutes
Monday, August 17, 2009

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1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**
PRESENT: Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Julie Hallman (7:29), Commissioner Cheryl Lake, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Harry Robinson, Commissioner Terri Yeomans, and Commissioner Kevin Smith
Others Present: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Dan VanBelzen – Chief of Police, and Bob Wilcox – Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering.
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: None
4. **Public Comment:**
None
5. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:01p.m.

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4. **Approval of the Agenda:**
Motion: Motion made by Robinson, second by Smith to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment:**
None
6. **Consent Agenda Items**
a-e. Approval of the Consent Agenda
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Lake to approve the Consent Agenda with budget amendments.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business**
a. Ordinance #35-2, Amendment to section 403 of Ordinance #35-Second/Final Reading-Motion Item
Motion: Motion made by Robinson, second by Smith to approve the final reading of Ordinance #35-2.
Motion carried unanimously.
8. **New Business**

- a. Ordinance #45-1, A revised ordinance establishing the salary of elected offices for the City of Grant-First Reading.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Lake to accept the first reading of Ordinance #45-1.
Pickard: Asked for clarification of the breakdown of pay based on meetings.
La Fave: Responded that it was based on meetings per month.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Ordinance #55, An ordinance authorizing an emergency ambulance service fee.
Motion: Motion made by Lake, second by Smith to accept the first reading of Ordinance #55.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Resolution 09-36: A Resolution authorizing to approve request to transfer ownership 2009 class c licensed business with dance-entertainment permit for 189 S. Maple, Grant, MI 49327, newaygo County from Parson's Project, INC to 2 Cool, Inc.
Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 09-36.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Resolution 09-37: A Resolution to enter into a contract for street repairs.
Motion: Motion made by Pickard, second by Lake to approve Resolution 09-37.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - e. Resolution 09-38: A Resolution for pavement markings.
Motion: Motion made by Robinson, second by Yeomans to approve Resolution 09-38.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - f. Resolution 09-39: A Resolution for the purchase of a dock for Blanche Lake.
Motion: Motion made by Robinson, second by Yeomans to approve Resolution 09-39.
La Fave: Informed the commission that the dock will be purchased for the cost of the materials only.
Motion carried unanimously, with Fett abstaining.
 - g. Resolution 09-40: A Resolution approving the limited transfer of police services authority between the City of Grant and Grant Township.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Smith to approve Resolution 09-40.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - h. Resolution 09-41: A Resolution approving partnering with Grant Public Schools for a school liaison officer from the Grant Police Department.
Motion: Motion made by Robinson, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 09-41.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - i. Resolution 09-42: A Resolution amending the fee rate schedule for FY-09-10.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Lake to approve Resolution 09-42.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - j. Resolution 09-43: A Resolution to authorize issuance of sanitary sewer system revenue bonds..
Motion: Motion made by Lake, second by Yeomans to approve Resolution 09-43.
La Fave: Explained that Rural Development makes the project affordable with a grant/loan combo.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - k. Resolution 09-44: A Resolution providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving, and/or extending the City of Grant wastewater treatment plant/collection system.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Smith to approve Resolution 09-44.
Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Other Business**
- a. City Charter-Revision: Doug explained that the Attorney General's office is not comfortable allowing us to amend the Charter, but wants us to proceed with a Charter Revision. We will need to form a Charter Commission of nine elected residents.
 - b. City Master Plan: We will publish a Notice of Public Hearing at the September meeting and then it will be officially done.
10. **Information Items/Updates**

- a. Streetscape update: We have a meeting tomorrow with Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering and Windemuller, and then it will be ready to begin.
 - b. Sewer Project update: The bid tabs came in favorably, leaving an additional \$350,000. This is essentially the free money, and will be used to purchase a sewer camera, a truck, new mixers, radio reads, and a new backhoe for certain, with a possibility of more items after. The bonds will be issued within 30-60 days, although likely 30 days. A special meeting will be needed to award the project.
 - c. Community Center update: The painting was started today and will be finished just after Festival. We have a pre-bid meeting on August 25 and bidding will close on September 2nd at 2pm. The colors of the building and overall look will stay true to its original color scheme from the 1920's.
11. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
Commissioner Yeomans asked where we were with the property dispute at the end of Lincoln and Western Ave. Doug explained that the property owners were able to reach an agreement that works for both of them.
12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:43p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Grant City Clerk