

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 20, 2012

A Public Hearing of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, August 20, 2012 at the City of Grant Offices to receive comments on repealing Ordinance #1, Ordinance #1a, Ordinance #10, Ordinance #15-1 and Ordinance #15-2 as well as to receive comments regarding amending Ordinance #21-1, Title, Article 1 Section 1(a) and Article III Section I.

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 Anne Pickard, Commissioner Julie Hallman, Matt Bouwkamp, Commissioner Harold Portell, and Commissioner Kevin Smith
Others Present: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Officer Robert VanBelzen
ABSENT: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks
EXCUSED: None
4. **Public Comment on:**
 - a. Repealing Ordinance #1, Ordinance #1a, Ordinance #10, Ordinance #15-1 and Ordinance #15-2
None
 - b. Amending Ordinance #21-1, Title, Article 1 Section 1(a) and Article III Section I
None

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission-Commencing Immediately Following Public Hearing(s) was held on Monday, August 20, 2012, at the City of Grant Offices.

5. **Approval of the Agenda:**
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Hallman to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
6. **Public Comment:**
None
7. **Consent Agenda**
a-e. Approval of the Consent Agenda
Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Portell to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
8. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Board Vacancies - Planning Commission vacancies (1): We may soon have two vacancies.
 - b. NCATS Water Tower Lease: He wants it down to \$200.00 or 3%, whichever is greater. They have Guy Goodmonson's existing tower mounts.
By Unanimous Consent: The City Commission wants to keep it the way it is.
9. **New Business**
 - a. Motion Item 1: Consideration: City of Grant Condolence Policy: We need to have a formal policy in place to address these situations.
Motion: Motion made by Pickard, second by Hallman to approve the Condolence Policy.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Ordinance: Second and Final Reading: Consideration: for the repeal of Ordinance #1, Ordinance #1a, Ordinance #10, Ordinance #15-1 and Ordinance #15-2.
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Hallman to repeal Ordinance #1, Ordinance #1a, Ordinance #10, Ordinance #15-1 and Ordinance #15-2.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Ordinance: Second and Final Reading: Consideration: Amending Ordinance #21-1, Title, Article 1 Section 1(a) and Article III Section I.

Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Smith to Amend Ordinance #21-1, Title, Article 1 Section 1(a) and Article III Section I.

Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Other Business**

- a. N/A

11. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Safe Routes to School: Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. won the bid for the project, and they will be starting the East end of Brink Street first, with substantial completion by October 5th.
- b. Blanche Lake swim beach/park lighting/security cameras: This week Thursday All-Around Excavating will get started on the swim beach. We received a \$325.00 check from Infrastructure Alternatives, Inc. towards the project.
- c. Wind Turbine: We have one of the two replacement wind turbines now up and running, and it has an output providing energy to run the equivalent of 8,000 light bulbs. The second replacement wind turbine will be up and running soon.
- d. WWTP aspirators: Doug spoke with Larry Fleis and Rural Development to go over these issues in an effort to resolve them. Gary from Infrastructure Alternatives, Inc. has done a great job helping us with these problems. So far they did try a retrofit kit, but it is still not getting enough oxygen for the levels we need. Fibrous materials have caused excessive wearing, and we are fairly certain specs were provided for the wrong application.
- e. Grant Festival: Some numbers were up while others were down, but everyone seemed to have a good time overall. We received many positive comments, with some questions regarding parking and where to enter.

12. **Public Comments:**

None

13. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk