

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, August 19, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, August 19, 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 Anne Pickard, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, and Commissioner Harold Portell
  - Others Present: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Lori Gardner - Deputy Clerk, Bob VanBelzen – Police Officer, Dallas Dean – Grant Athletic Boosters, Pat Gardner – Newaygo County Commissioner.
  - ABSENT: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks
  - EXCUSED: Mayor Pro-Tem Julie Hallman, Commissioner Kevin Smith
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**
  - Motion:** Motion made by Pickard, second by Portell to approve the agenda.
  - Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
  - None
6. **Consent Agenda**
  - a-e. *Approval of the Consent Agenda*
  - Motion:** Motion made by Bouwkamp second by Pickard to approve the consent agenda.
  - Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. N/A
8. **New Business**
  - a. Resolution 13 – 18: Consideration - To support the concept of a multi-jurisdictional pedestrian and bicycle friendly pathways system and committing to working collaboratively with other area jurisdiction, businesses and organizations toward the goal of defining a pathway project within our jurisdiction.
    - Motion:** Motion made by Portell, second by Pickard to approve the Resolution.
    - Motion carried unanimously
  - b. Resolution 13-19: Consideration - To approve the environmental testing, surveying and acquisition of CSX property in the City for economic development and community development purposes (not to exceed \$44,000).
    - Motion:** Motion made by Pickard, second by Bouwkamp to approve the Resolution.
    - Portell asked where things were, Doug explained that we will go with low bid as presented in the Manager's Report.
    - Motion carried unanimously.
  - c. Resolution 13-20: Consideration – To approve the Grant Athletic Boosters charitable gaming license for fundraising.
    - Motion:** Motion made by Portell, second by Pickard to approve the Resolution.
    - Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Other Business**
  - a. N/A
10. **Information Items / Updates**
  - a. Amphitheater/grant: We will be starting this shortly. Jason Mckinley is wrapping up a few things first.
  - b. Wilber Ellis Donation: Everyone appreciates the generosity and has signed the thank you note for the funds to purchase AED's.
  - c. Sidewalks project (Elder – E. State Rd.): The sidewalks are done. We will be closing out the project and sending out the final reports to The Foundation and the school.

11. **Public Comments:**

County Commissioner Pat Gardner commented the County is also supporting the pathways. The County is nearing the end of this year's budgeting process and will complete soon. They are seeking bids for health insurance to cut the rising costs. County Parks have seen great numbers this year, especially during the holiday weekends. Partly due to the addition of cabins in the parks. The new jail is doing well with the Per-diem from federal prisoners.

Dallas Dean from the Grant Athletic Boosters thanked us for the support and informed the board that all moneys raised go directly to improve the sports facilities. This year they replaced the hoops in the high school.

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

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Mayor Terry Fett

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Lori Gardner, Deputy Clerk