

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 20, 2018

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, August 20, 2018, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. Call to Order: Mayor Julie Hallman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Roll Call:
PRESENT: Mayor Julie Hallman, Anne Pickard, Kevin Smith, Gabe Sanchez, Kate Block, and Gerard Williams
ABSENT:
EXCUSED: Matt Bouwkamp
Others Present: Kasey Jernberg – Interim City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Brad Wade - Chief of Police, Jennifer Koopman – River Country Chamber of Commerce, Karen Ripke – DHD #10, Rachel Uganski – NCRESA/Headway.
4. Approval of the Agenda
Motion made by Smith, second by Sanchez to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously
5. Public Comment
None
6. Consent Agenda Items
Motion made by Block, second by Pickard to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously
7. Unfinished Business
None
8. New Business
 - a. River Country Chamber of Commerce: Jennifer Koopman stated they are working on Harvest Moon Festival, for one day on October 13th. They will have kids activities, a BBQ contest, a cornhole tournament, and lots for fun activities.
Williams asked if they will have a rock climbing wall again this year.
Koopman said the Logging Festival will have one, but not the Harvest Moon Festival.
Hallman asked if they will have a carnival this year, and Koopman replied they are not having one.
 - b. NCRESA: Rachel Uganski from NCRESA, Sally Wagoner from BreatheWell, and Karen Ripke from DHD #10 presented the Headway Coalition and the Tobacco Cessation programs and smoke-free parks for Newaygo County. Sally explained that the BreatheWell Coalition is a coalition of organizations, groups, and citizens promoting Newaygo County to go smoke-free. There can still be issues with second-hand smoke with those smoking outdoors. Nature areas are where families come together, and the goal is tobacco-free parks. One third of our pregnant women in Newaygo County are smoking. Newaygo County is above State and National average for smokers. Smoking is not healthy for our children with growth and development. Cigarette butts do not decompose. Many communities enforce this using ordinances. Signage is a huge deal when it comes to enforcement. Headway and BreatheWell is going around to different communities to discuss this. Vaping is still heating with a battery and coil. They still have nicotine and carcinogens. Another benefit is role modeling healthy behavior in youth. They can help with surveys to signage if the City is interested. All services they provide are free.
 - c. Motion Item #1: Old Iron Special Event: Hallman explained this is for the September 2, 2018 “Porkapalooza” event. He would like to have music all day and until midnight, and this includes fireworks. He requested a road closure of Commerce St to the west side of the railroad tracks.
Motion made by Block, second by Pickard to approve the special event.

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- d. Discussion Item: City Manager Search: Hallman explained that the personnel committee has met and narrowed down the candidates to two.
Unanimous consent to hold a special meeting on September 4th to interview these candidates.

9. Other Business
None

10. Information Items
Wade explained a desire to increase the police presence at the football games. He would like two Reserve Officers at the games while a certified police officer is on the schedule. They would not drive any police cars. They could break up any fights, and call for assistance if and when needed.
Block stated she likes the idea.
Sanchez asked how the Reserve Officers would be contacting the Police Department.
Wade stated they would all be carrying radios, and they would all have badge numbers.
Hallman asked if they would identify themselves as Reserves, and Wade explained their attire and how it would have the word "Reserve" right on it.

11. Public Comments
None

12. Adjournment
Motion made by Sanchez, second by Pickard to adjourn the meeting at 7:29p.m.
Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Julie Hallman

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk