

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 19, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, August 19, 2019, 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, Matt Bouwkamp, Kevin Smith, Gabe Sanchez, Kate Block, Kevin Smith, and Gerard Williams
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: None
Others Present: Kasey Jernberg – City Manager, Brad Wade – Chief of Police, Pam Schwallier – River Country Chamber of Commerce, Karen Ripke – DHD #10, Caitlin Schucker, Sally Wagoner, Shelly Klochack – Spectrum Health Gerber, Rachel Uganski – Headway Substance Abuse & Prevention
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion made by Smith, second by Williams to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**
None
6. **Consent Agenda Items**
Motion made by Pickard, second by Sanchez to approve the consent agenda with amendments to the July 15, 2019 City Commission minutes. Amendment: Strike Commissioner Kevin Smith from roll call absent list and add the commissioner's name to present list. Strike Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp from roll call present list and add the commissioner's name to absent list.
Motion carried unanimously
7. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. None
8. **New Business**
 - a. Presentation: Breath well / Headway Coalition: Group returning after visit approximately one year ago to advocate for smoking ban at public parks / facilities. Coalition has been active for four years, now has 12 volunteers. Working to establish partnership with schools in Newaygo County. Request City considers smoking ban in our parks. Grant funding is available for signs. The group distributed sample ordinances from neighboring cities.
Hallman asked enforcement challenges. Uganski stated that signs are usually enough and law enforcement is rarely needed.
 - b. Pam Schwallier from the River Country Chamber of Commerce was present to give a update. Harvest Moon Festival will be on October 12th. Many events are planned, a finalized schedule will be available soon. The Chamber has also hired a part-time receptionist.
Jernberg asked if the Chamber was expecting to use the Community Center. Schwallier stated she would find out.
 - c. Discussion Item: Harvest Moon Festival Road Closures: The Chamber is requesting the closure of West Commerce between M-37 and the Railroad between 9:00am and 6:00pm which will partially overlap with the closure of West State between 9:00am – 3:00pm. Thus, only route available to access the west side of town from M-37 would be Main Street. A formal special event permit is expected from the Chamber next month. Commission had no concerns.

- d. Motion Item #1: Adoption of Ordinance No. 58 – Parking Ordinance
Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Sanchez to approve the motion.
Motion carried unanimously
- e. Motion Item #2: Resolution 19-11 – To Temporarily Suspend Section X of Ordinance No. 58
Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Sanchez to approve the motion.
Motion carried unanimously
- f. Motion Item #3: Resolution 19-12 – Adoption of Local Pavement Warranty Program
Motion made by Block, second by Bouwkamp to approve the motion.
Motion carried unanimously
- g. Motion Item #4: Resolution 19-13 – To Proceed with the RRC Program
Motion made by Pickard, second by Williams to approve the motion.
Motion carried unanimously
- h. Motion Item #5: Approval of Contract for Electric Service – Wastewater Treatment Plant
Jernberg stated that changing our rate plan from General Service Primary Rate (GP) to General Service Primary Time-of-Use (GPTU) would reduce our electric bill approximately \$5,300 annually.
Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Williams to approve the motion.
Motion carried unanimously
- i. Discussion Item: Adopt a Block Program
Hallman asked what we thought the participation rate would be.
Smith asked what about private property
Block stated that we were small and perhaps only a few volunteer groups would be needed
Jernberg stated accessing private property would not be advisable but volunteers probably could grab trash within reach of the sidewalk
Consensus to table and continue discussion next meeting

9. **Other Business**

- a. None

10. **Information Items**

- a. Lead and Copper Testing
Jernberg stated that routine testing of homes is starting soon. We have no tier 1 sites that would include lead service lines, therefore we are testing other tiers with copper plumbing and lead solder built before 1988. Identifying other homes within this criteria would be helpful in increasing our sampling pool.

11. **Public Comments**

Wade introduced Grant Board of Education President Kris Lesley who introduced new superintendent Brett Zuver. Zuver is excited to be serving in the Grant community and looks forward to working with the City.

12. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Pickard, second by Block to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Julie Hallman

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk