

**Grant City Commission Public Hearing Minutes**  
**Monday, September 21, 2009**

A Public Hearing of the Grant City Commission to receive comments on **Ordinance #45-An Amendment tying Commissioner Compensation to attendance** and the **City of Grant Master Plan** was held on Monday, September 21, 2009, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**  
PRESENT: Mayor Terry Fett, 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 Sam Scholtens  
ABSENT: Commissioner Julie Hallman  
EXCUSED: None
4. **Public Comment on Ordinance #45:**  
None
5. **Public Comment on City of Grant Master Plan:**  
None
6. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:04p.m.

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, September 21, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, September 21, 2009, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**  
PRESENT: Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Julie Hallman (7:11pm), 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, Sam Scholtens  
ABSENT: None  
EXCUSED: None
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** Addition of Item e. under New Business.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Robinson 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 Lake, second by Smith to approve the Consent Agenda with budget amendments.  
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. Ordinance #45, Amendment tying City Commission Compensation to attendance-Motion Item  
**Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve Ordinance #45.  
Mayor Fett asked if there were any concerns over someone coming in at the last minute with an expectation of getting paid.  
Commissioner Pickard asked if commissioners would still be paid if they call ahead and had an excuse.  
La Fave responded that the pay is tied to the percentage of meetings actually attended, and that excused

absences would not be paid. If further clarification is needed or if it were to become a problem, the Commission might want to address it at a later time.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### 8. *New Business*

- a. Resolution 09-45: A Resolution asserting City Commission Right to approve Master Plan.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Robinson, second by Lake to approve Resolution 09-45.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Resolution 09-46: A Resolution to approve the City of Grant Master Plan.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Robinson, second by Yeomans to approve Resolution 09-46.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Resolution 09-47: A Resolution to enter into a contract for street repairs.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Smith, second by Lake to approve Resolution 09-47.  
Commissioner Yeomans asked when the railroad decided to be generous and help us with the road repairs.  
La Fave explained their desire to have it fixed, and that they would be paying our portion in the project.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Motion Item: Amendment to engineering agreement already approved.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Lake to approve the amendment to the engineering agreement.  
Motion carried unanimously.
- e. (added to agenda) Amend contract for cell phone towers  
**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to authorize the City Manager to update, negotiate, and sign a lease with AT&T for cell phone towers.  
Motion carried unanimously.

#### 9. *Other Business*

- a. Zoning Ordinance: As many of the application for zoning compliance permits are actually filled out by City staff because of the complexity of the ordinance, this would help make the requirements visually easier to understand.

#### 10. *Information Items/Updates*

- a. Streetscape update: The sidewalks and paving will be done by the end of next week. The vast majority of the people have been very receptive and happy with the project.
- b. Sewer Project update: We closed on the bonds for the project last week Wednesday, and \$262,000 was wired to us to cover previously paid eligible expenses.
- c. Community Center update: We sent out letters today awarding the contract to the low bidder. The Fremont Area Community Foundation will consider alternate options at their November meeting. We have \$89,300 in grant funds remaining to spend on the project.
- d. Blanche Lake update: The dock and boat launch are both in after receiving the permits from MDEQ. The boat launch should last a long time and is a huge improvement for users at the lake. The City Master Plan survey indicated many residents wanted to see the beach restored, but that will be a project for next year.
- e. School crossing flashers/signals: The newer technology six solar power and programmable crosswalk flashers/signals will take care of the previous signs that have been problematic over the years. The Fremont Area Community Foundation has agreed to pay 2/3 of the cost if the City, the Schools, and Grant Township split the first 1/3 of the cost.
- f. 89 & 99 Western Parking Issue: We finally have an agreeable solution for their problem, and the final recommendation will be given after the Planning Commission meeting next week. Ultimately, neither party is completely happy, but they are both agreeable to what we have come up with to help them.

#### 11. *Public Comment on Agenda Items*

Sam Scholtens said the lake looks good with the dock installed, and the County ordered two identical docks for County parks.

#### 12. *Adjournment* without objection at 7:35p.m.

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Mayor Terry Fett

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Sherry Powell, Grant City Clerk