

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 15, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, September 15, 2014, 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 Julie Hallman , Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Kevin Smith, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, and Commissioner Harold Portell  
Others Present: Ryan Rudzis – City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Shawn Botsford - DPW Supervisor, Gary Nestle - IAI, Bob Mendham - Chief of Police, and Rich Ulrich.  
ABSENT: None  
EXCUSED: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**  
**Motion:** Motion made by Portell, second by Pickard 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 , second by to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**  
None
8. **New Business**
  - a. Motion Item #1: Approval for the expenditure of \$7500 for a feasibility study of the Frantzen and Fellows Drains.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve the feasibility study of the drains.  
Rudzis explained that the City contributes around 100,000 gallons per day from the WWTP. The last drain study was done about 100 years ago.  
Nestle explained that for the City, the huge impact is low elevation. We're fighting a lot of the past and how things have historically been done. The high banks southwest of town have failed since 2001. The Frantzen drain is also known as the M-37 drain. Because of undersized drains, we have formed this group to determine options and costs to make improvements. The City has a two-fold benefit. We could fix over 50% of the City's drainage issue and also fix a regional problem. Any expansions within the City could be problematic if this issue is not addressed. Part of the process includes a notice of any public hearings. The City may be eligible for a free State of Michigan upgrade. By merging some of these drains, we can assist the Drain Commissioner's office in distributing the costs of improvements better. Each property owner should have only one drain assessment.  
Fett asked if the high banks could be restored, and Gary explained some of the options for the needed improvements. He stated that nothing would be taken off the table.  
Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Other Business**
  - a. Farmers Market: Ryan and Shawn spoke with Mike Brege of MDOT about a drainage plan today. We are ready to get started on this project right away.
  - b. Target Market Analysis: The TMA just came back last week, and we have a meeting this week to discuss the findings. There is a lot of potential for apartment housing and low-income housing here in the City.
  - c. Fire Board Resignation: Commissioner Pickard stepping down after serving honorably since February 2006.

Fett thanked Anne for her years of service, and asked if anyone was interested in filling the vacancy to let him know.

10. **Information Items / Updates**

None

11. **Public Comments:**

None

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

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Mayor Terry Fett

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Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk

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