

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 21, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, September 21, 2015, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Pro-Tem Hallman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call**
 PRESENT: Commissioner Julie Hallman , Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Cheryl Weeks, Commissioner Kevin Smith, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, and Commissioner Harold Portell
 OTHERS PRESENT: Ryan Rudzis –City Manager, Sherry Powell –Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Bob Mendham – Chief of Police, Shawn Botsford –DPW Supervisor, Janet Botsford –DPW, Penny Dyer, and Scott Foster.
 ABSENT: None
 EXCUSED: Mayor Terry Fett
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Weeks to approve the agenda.
 Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
 None
6. **Consent Agenda**
a-e. Approval of the Consent Agenda
Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Weeks to approve the consent agenda.
 Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business**
 a. N/A
8. **New Business**
 - a. Motion Item #1 Approval of the sale of the CAT front loader and the purchase of a Wacker Neuson Mini Excavator.
Motion : Motion made by Pickard, second by Portell to approve the motion.
Portell asked if we are all ready for the equipment, and Shawn Botsford said we will get it next week.
 Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Motion Item #2 Consideration of revised community center rental rates.
Motion: Motion made by Pickard, second by Portell to approve the second proposal that includes resident and non-resident rates.
Pickard stated that she had compared the proposal to what we currently have, and the difference is \$50.00
 Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Motion Item #3 Consideration of allowing residents at 145 Commerce to keep pot belly pig.
Motion: Motion made by Pickard, second by Weeks to approve the second proposal.
Hallman stated that they Mayor had shared his thoughts with Ryan, and asked him to share them with the Commission.
Rudzis shared Mayor Fett's statement verbatim "This Council needs to remain unified in protecting our ordinances as written in the motion is sensible."
Smith questioned if approved, what does this open us up to?
Pickard stated that she feels bad for the people and Daisy the pig. Pickard stated that everyone looks at Daisy as a pet.
Hallman stated that not everyone feels the same. We cannot make decisions on emotions. Where do we City would draw the line?
Pickard thinks this will be very traumatic for Daisy.
Hallman stated there is a responsibility for pet owners to find out what pets are allowed in the community before they move in.
Roll Call Vote: Hallman-No, Pickard-Yes, Weeks-No, Smith-No, Bouwkamp-No, and Portell-No
 Motion failed 1 Yes to 5 No
Weeks stated that she wants to provide some provisions to grant more time for the family to make arrangements.
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Portell to give the family until the end of the day December 31st 2015 to relocate the pig.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

a. N/A

10. **Information Items / Updates**

a. N/A

11. **Public Comments**

Hallman asked if there have been any updates on Festival, and Ryan said we have not heard anything. He heard the Chamber is having a meeting soon to go over Festival.

Powell stated we have volunteers working on an October Movie Night in the Park, but are waiting to hear back from ChoiceOne Bank about sponsoring this one. This would be a collaborative effort with the Library and many other volunteers, and it would include a Truck-Or-Treat and lots of fun activities. We want to continue offering fun and free events for families in the area.

Smith asked about the cost for sponsoring an event.

Powell replied the movie license is \$375. We had hoped the Library could apply for the license and get it \$100 cheaper, but that is not an option around any holiday movies.

Hallman stated the City Commissioners might each consider contributing personally to help sponsor an event like this.

Foster stated that he heard a lot of what he thought were personal opinions, and none of them spoke to any legal opinions. He stated the USDA says they are not livestock. Legally he has no idea why they cannot keep her. He asked what he has to do next to file an appeal, because they will be taking the City to court now.

Hallman replied that they would contact their lawyer.

Foster stated they would see the City in court.

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:16 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Julie Hallman

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk