

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, September 19, 2016, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Julie Hallman called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**

PRESENT: Mayor Julie Hallman, Commissioner Tim Atwood, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, and Commissioner Harold Portell
Others Present: Ryan Rudzis – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Shawn Botsford - DPW Supervisor, SGT Brad Wade, Dallas Carter, Rachael Gort, Chris Gort, and Stephanie Zinn.
ABSENT:
EXCUSED: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks and Commissioner Kevin Smith
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion: Motion made by Portell second by Atwood to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:**

Stephanie Zinn from SHGM, representing RC3, provided a Chamber update. Harvest Moon Celebration coming along Finalizing 5k Run, parade, pancake breakfast. Chamber event is December 10th. We do lots of business mentoring through the Chamber. Lots of mentoring for businesses. Lots of seminars going on year-round with RC3.
Anne Pickard asked why the Chamber and the City are not working together on Christmas event.
Zinn stated businesses involved did not want it to be too close to Christmas this year.
Hallman said it was too bad. It was nice last year. It would be nice to have them together.
Rachael Gort spoke with Mr. Whan about community meeting. Concerned about increased number of parents transporting parents to school. Number of parking permits given also. Speaking with schools this week. You can see the number transporting kids has increased tremendously. Safety concerns are prevalent. Turning left onto State St off Elder is next to impossible. The 7:30-8:30am and 2:30-3:30pm is a nightmare. Watching her oldest son cross State St is quite dangerous as they are darting across the road. Spoke with Becky from the Bus Garage, and the number of kids using bus transportation has gone down dramatically. The number of parking permits is in question.
Julie Hallman stated she is correct in starting at the school in terms of parking permits.
Rudzis spoke with the MDOT rep, and he said the school needs to change their drop-off points.
Rachael Gort stated she avoids the traffic by dropping kids off twenty minutes early.
Dallas Dean stated “ditto”.
Wade said the 1st day of school was backed up to M-37 past Gene’s. It almost got to a point where he almost stopped traffic to keep the flow going. He is seeing crossing guards stopping traffic for one or two students.
Hallman stated she knows all about it. The number of parents who blow through it is ridiculous.
6. **Consent Agenda**
 - a-e. *Approval of the Consent Agenda*

Motion: Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Unfinished Business:**

a. N/A

8. **New Business**

a. Discussion Item #1: Police Chief job opening

Hallman It's coming as Bob is most certainly the new Sheriff of Newaygo County.

Portell asked if sharing is under consideration.

Rudzis stated he met with Laura, Bob, and Julie to go over things. He's meeting again with Barney next. Part of it is we need peoples' schedules to do this correctly. We have to move at a relatively quick pace, but correctly.

Rudzis asked for any questions on the posting, and nobody offered any. Everything due next Friday for cut-off date. Put on City and MCOLES websites.

Hallman asked for thoughts or comments to be forwarded to Ryan.

Rudzis asked Bob to sit in on interview process.

b. Motion Item #1: Approval for the purchase of a Mission System for lift station at school:

Hallman said luckily the sewage did not get onto the M.S. gym floor.

Botsford the system was old and just quit working. Without the alarm system, he never received a phone call until the maintenance person at the school called him. Close to 40,000 gallons was hauled.

Motion: Motion made by Pickard, second by Portell to approve the motion for \$6,462.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Motion Item #2: Approval to contract out root cutting:

Hallman recommended getting this with B&B.

Portell asked for rough idea of hours time.

Botsford said it could be one hour or all day.

Motion: Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to approve the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Resolution 16-04: Street Closure for Harvest Moon Festival October 6-9, 2016

Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Atwood to approve the motion.

Hallman asked if we had any maps for the parade.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

a. N/A

10. **Information Items / Updates**

a. N/A

11. **Public Comments:**

None

12. **Adjournment**

Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Bouwkamp to adjourn at 7:21pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Julie Hallman

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk