

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 16, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, September 16, 2019, 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, Anne Pickard, Matt Bouwkamp, Kevin Smith, Gabe Sanchez, Kate Block, and Kevin Smith
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: Gerard Williams
Others Present: Kasey Jernberg – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Brad Wade – Police Chief, Scott VanSingel – State Representative, Stephanie Zinn – Newaygo County Tourism Council, and Brad Vlastuin.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion made by Block, second by Smith to approve the agenda with additions.
Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**
None
6. **Consent Agenda Items**
Motion made by Block, second by Pickard to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously
7. **Unfinished Business**
None
8. **New Business**
 - a. Presentation: Newaygo County Tourism Council: Stephanie Zinn introduced herself as the Director of the Newaygo County Tourism Council. The organization was founded in 2017 to coordinate Newaygo County Tourism. They promote the country through distributing over twenty-six thousand visitors' guides. They have a website and a viable blog group. They have a new interactive map for the website for ORV, hiking, and biking trails. They had a tourism summit in May and over sixty people attended. There are over two hundred thirty-three lakes in Newaygo County. They collaborate with partners including the Fremont Area Community Foundation, Newaygo County Parks, Big Prairie Parks, the Chambers, the Newaygo County Council for the Arts. They are looking for more partners.
 - b. River Country Chamber of Commerce: No representatives were present.
 - c. Motion Item #1: Harvest Moon Festival Special Event Permit: A basic permit was requested.
Motion made by Block, second by Sanchez to approve the request.
Motion carried unanimously
 - d. Motion Item #2: Callen Engineering Agreement for Water Tower Park / Farmers Market and M-37 Sidewalk: For paving and sidewalk extension.
Jernberg stated this is for design work and a discharge permit.
Pickard asked about the survey.
Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to approve the motion.
Motion carried unanimously
 - e. Motion Item #3: Purchase of up to 25 Sensus Smart Point 510M Transceiver Units: These are warranted up to ten years.

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

- f. Motion Item #4: Boundary survey Main Street.

Pickard questioned the exact location.

Motion made by Block, second by Bouwkamp to approve the motion up to \$600.
Motion carried unanimously

- g. Discussion Item #1: Prohibition of Smoking in Public Parks.

Bouwkamp asked how would we enforce it and confirmed peer pressure would be enough.

Pickard asked how many parks we have. She sees nothing wrong with it.

Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Smith to have City Manager draft a prohibition ordinance.
Motion carried with Pickard voting No

- h. Discussion Item #2: Adopt a Block program: Commissioner Williams was instrumental in this.

Pickard doesn't see junk or garbage on streets or sidewalks.

Smith agrees that he does not see garbage on the streets or sidewalks either.

Motion made by Block, second by Bouwkamp to table the issue.
Motion carried unanimously

9. ***Other Business***

None

10. ***Information Items***

- a. Representative VanSingel provided an update. The first several months with the new Governor went smooth. Now they are two weeks before a shut-down. The Governor was working with the House and Senate to pass a budget. The Governor wanted to fix the roads, but states she won't approve it if it's in the budget. Right now there is a \$240 student bump and a bill to fix school aid fund issue from last year. With road funding, the Governor's plan went around P.A. 51, which won't get back into our district.

Wade clarified that would be over eight thousand per student.

- b. Hallman introduced Amanda White from Infrastructure Alternatives Inc.

11. ***Public Comments***

None

12. ***Adjournment***

Motion made by Pickard, second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Julie Hallman

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk