

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 19, 2009

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, January 19, 2009, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**
PRESENT: Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Julie Hallman, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Harry Robinson, Commissioner Cheryl Lake, and Commissioner Kevin Smith
OTHERS PRESENT: Doug La Fave-City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Sgt Joseph Pulaski – Grant Police Department, Kevin Cozier, Michelle Wagner, Anna Navaez, Ashley Cole, Julia Rau, Chris Wyn Hoot, Mitch Faber, Hugo Gonzalez, Ramon Contreras, Zach Root, Andy Cook, Vicki Faber, Mick Klochek, Alec Herin, Kim Devos, Autumn Stevens, and Sam Scholtens.
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: Commissioner Terri Yeomans
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** Added Items h. Resolution 09-03 under New Business
Motion: Motion made by Lake second by Robinson to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment:**
None
6. **Consent Agenda**
a-e. Approval of the Consent Agenda
Motion: Motion made by Robinson, second by Lake to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Planning Commission Vacancy: No candidates are available and therefore no action was taken.
8. **New Business**
 - a. Resolution 09-01: Resolution for purchasing pro-tech snow pusher for winter snow maintenance.
Motion: Motion made by Robinson, second by Hallman to approve Resolution 09-01.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Resolution 09-02: Resolution authorizing the water reliability study for municipal water system.
Motion: Motion made by Pickard, second by Lake to approve Resolution 09-02.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. First reading of proposed amendment to City of Grant Zoning Ordinance, Article IX, 9.3 (4) (a) adding “unless prior permission is given by the City Commission” at the end of the sentence.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Robinson to accept the first reading of the Zoning Ordinance amendment.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Acceptance of annual audit
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Lake to accept the annual audit.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - e. Uniform complaint form
Motion: Motion made by Lake, second by Pickard to approve the complaint form.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - f. Library Board appointment
Motion: Motion made by Fett, second by Hallman to re-appoint A.J. McKinley to the Library Board.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - g. DDA Board appointments
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Lake to re-appointment Kelly Pangburn and Harold Portell to the DDA Board.

Motion carried unanimously.

- h. Resolution 09-03: Resolution authorizing purchase of raw sewage pump

Motion: Motion made by Robinson, second by Hallman to approve Resolution 09-03.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

- a. Local purchasing policy: The police department garage was bid out to a local company as well as Carter Lumber, and Carter Lumber got the bid because it was substantially less. There are some hurt feelings as a result, and we are looking at possibly adopting a purchasing policy. The consensus of the Commission was to look at a tiered percentage purchasing policy and bring back some options for the Commission to consider.
- b. Sidewalks/snow removal: The City does not have set limitations or guidelines other than what is in the Charter. We are concerned about unfair burdens to some elderly residents if we decided to strictly enforce the Charter. Suggestions were made to look into getting a quad with a v-plow if we can legally use it on the City sidewalks only after major snowfall events.

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Water Tower Park Update: The State of Michigan historical plaque has been ordered, and the bronze donor plaque is in. We will schedule for a spring ribbon cutting ceremony.
- b. Alltel: We are moving forward with Alltel's construction of their cell tower. They are waiting on getting permits from Newaygo County.
- c. City Master Plan: The Master Plan was sent to each commissioner via e-mail for additional review before final approval.
- d. Streetscape Update: Staff met Friday with Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering and a LED lighting contractor to see what energy-efficient options are available for our project this summer. We were very pleased with the new technology, and the energy savings could be substantial with these new lights.
- e. Community Center: Five architects have gone through the building, and their proposals are due in the office on Friday. Doug will take the proposals to the Fremont Area Community Foundation for final approval.

11. **Public Comments:**

None

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:36p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Grant City Clerk