

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 20, 2014

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, October 20, 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 Cheryl Weeks , Commissioner Kevin Smith, and Commissioner Harold Portell
Others Present: Ryan Rudzis – City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Bob Mendham - Chief of Police, and Gary Nestle of IAI

ABSENT: None

EXCUSED: Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Smith 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 Portell, second by Hallman to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**

None
8. **New Business**
 - a. Motion Item #1: Appointment of Janet Gilmore to the Fire Board (Term Ending 7/01/2018)
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve the appointment to the Fire Board.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Motion Item #2: Requesting Michigan Liquor Control Commission to extend a beer and wine license to The Depot.
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Portell to approve the request to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.
Motion carried all Yes with Smith abstaining.
 - c. Motion Item #3: Expenditure approval for new pumps for the waste water treatment plant, with installation costs not to exceed \$2,000.
Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Pickard to approve the expenditure for new pumps.
Pickard asked if there was a printed copy of the quote, and Gary Nestle stated we have one.
Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Motion Item #4: Expenditure approval to remove four maple trees on Lake Street.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Weeks to approve the bid from Beaver Tree Service.
Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

- a. CIPP: Fett stated the defendant threatened to countersue the City. Ryan clarified they already have countersued, that we have a mediator selected, and are just waiting for this to be scheduled.
- b. CSX/Farmer's Market: Ryan explained we had to obtain permission from The Fremont Area Community Foundation to push back the grant evaluation deadline due to engineer delays pertaining to water drainage concerns. The Farmer's Market pavilion structures have not been delivered yet. We are hoping the new deadline for the grant evaluation will be April 30, 2015.

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Police Resignation Letters: Bob Mendham stated that two of our part-time police officers have submitted their resignations as they are now working full-time elsewhere. Both officers are very successful in their careers, and this is largely in part to the training they received while working here.
Pickard asked if we will be able to replace them, and Mendham explained now that Hernandez is working more regular hours, that helps with the schedule by allowing others officers to pick up fewer shifts. He explained we are looking at hiring one officer with City of Newaygo and City of White Cloud.
Fett discussed the concept of possibly getting all area departments together to be able to offer one officer full-time plus benefits and get them to stay.
Mendham stated his preference would be to have a pool to pull officers from. The rate of pay is better in Newaygo and Fremont, and that we do need to consider more options.

11. **Public Comments:**

None

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

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk