

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 21, 2019

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, October 21, 2019, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. *Call to Order:* Mayor Julie Hallman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.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 Gerard Williams
  - ABSENT: None
  - EXCUSED: None
  - Others Present: Kasey Jernberg - City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, SGT Steve Paulsen – Grant Police Department, Jennifer Koopman – River Country Chamber of Commerce, Caitlin Schucker – Headway Coalition
4. *Approval of the Agenda*
  - Addition of Item d. Accept Resignation and remove signature from all Choice One Bank Accounts & add Item e. Add Jernberg and Powell signatures to Choice One Certificates of Deposit under New Business.
  - Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Block to approve the agenda with additions.
  - Motion carried unanimously
5. *Public Comment*
  - None
6. *Consent Agenda Items*
  - Motion made by Smith, second by Sanchez to approve the consent agenda.
  - Motion carried unanimously
7. *Unfinished Business*
  - None
8. *New Business*
  - a. River Country Chamber of Commerce: Jennifer Koopman provided an update on the Harvest Moon Festival. There were sixty show cars and eight BBQ teams. Offered appreciation for help from City staff. The Chamber is open for suggestions on next year's event. A meeting is planned for November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Stream in Newaygo.
  - b. Motion Item #1: First Reading – Ordinance No. 59: Smoking and Vaping Prohibited:
    - Motion made by Pickard, second by Bouwkamp to go into open discussion.
    - Hallman stated the Commission agreed on this issue last month, but wanted to clarify our options.
    - Pickard stated she likes the idea of a sign without an ordinance due to difficulty enforcing this. She prefers a more friendly community.
    - Bouwkamp said this would be a simpler way in handling smoking. We could always revisit it later.
    - Jernberg explained that a designated smoking area should be done through an ordinance. They would make a provision for smoking areas.
    - Sanchez likes the sign idea.
    - Motion made by Bouwkamp to vote down an ordinance and replace with a sign.
    - Williams stated he would like us to put a police badge on a sign.
    - Paulsen stated that a sign with the red circle and a line through it indicating no smoking would be better.
    - Jernberg strongly recommended an ordinance in order to enforce this.
    - Bouwkamp withdrew his motion.
    - Motion by Smith, second by Williams to accept the first reading of the No Smoking Ordinance and signs.
    - Roll Call Vote: Hallman-Yes, Pickard-No, Bouwkamp-Yes, Smith-Yes, Sanchez-Yes, Block-Yes, and Williams-Yes.
    - Motion carried

- c. Discussion Item #1: Adopt a Block program: Hallman led discussion about possibly gathering volunteers quarterly.  
Williams stated that after walking the street of Grant, it may be a few houses needing garbage picked up. He likes the idea of meeting together twice a year as an event.
- d. (Added) Accept the resignation of City Treasurer Harris and remove signature from Choice One Bank accounts.  
Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to accept the resignation.  
Motion carried unanimously
- e. (Added) Add new signatures to Choice One Certificate of Deposit accounts  
Motion made by Block, second by Pickard to add Hallman, Jernberg, and Powell signatures to the Choice One of Deposit accounts.  
Motion carried unanimously
9. *Other Business*  
None
10. *Information Items*  
a. Redevelopment Ready Communities – Timeline / Goals: Jernberg explained that because we are smaller, we can move quicker. A new City Master Plan will be exciting.
11. *Public Comments*  
Hallman reminded everyone that we have events coming up. The Trunk-or-Treat is October 26<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers and decorated trunks for this event. Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas in Grant is December 14<sup>th</sup>. We also need volunteers for this event.  
Schucker stated the Headway Coalition will help pay for signs for the No Smoking Ordinance.
12. *Closed Session*  
Motion made by Pickard, second by Bouwkamp to go into Closed Session for the City Manager's evaluation by the Grant City Commission.  
Motion carried unanimously at 7:30pm  
  
Motion made by Pickard, second by Williams to return to regular session at 7:38  
Motion carried unanimously  
  
Motion made by Block, second by Sanchez to give the City Manager a \$2,000 raise and five more days of vacation.  
Motion carried unanimously
13. *Adjournment*  
Motion made by Block, second by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously

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Mayor Julie Hallman

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Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk