

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 21, 2011**

An Organizational Meeting of the Grant City Commission to elect Mayor Pro-Tem, set regular meeting time of Commission, Discuss official duties and functions of Administrative Officers on Monday, November 21, 2011 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 Anne Pickard, Commissioner Julie Hallman, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, Commissioner Terri Yeomans, and Commissioner Kevin Smith  
Others Present: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Officer Robert VanBelzen – Grant Police Department, Dan Graham, Ken Page, Gary Douthott, Jim Bagley, Brian DuBois and Kim Bonter with members of the Grant Boy Scout Troop #1138.  
ABSENT: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks  
EXCUSED: None
4. **Public Comment**  
None
5. **New Business, Considerations for:**
  - a. Election of Mayor Pro-Tem:  
**Motion:** Motion made by Pickard, second by Smith to appoint Commissioner Yeomans as Mayor Pro-Tem.  
Motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Set regular meeting time of Commission:  
**Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to meet on the third Monday at 7:00pm.  
Motion carried unanimously.
  - c. Discussions of official duties and functions of Administrative Officers:  
**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Yeomans to continue with the same course.  
Motion carried unanimously.  
None
6. **Public comment on Agenda Items:**  
None
7. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:05p.m.

A Public Hearing of the Grant City Commission to receive comments on the USDA-RD for a Police Patrol Vehicle and the Planning Commission Ordinance 23-1 on Monday, November 21, 2011 at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**  
PRESENT: Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Julie Hallman, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, Commissioner Terri Yeomans, and Commissioner Kevin Smith  
Others Present: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Officer Robert VanBelzen – Grant Police Department, Dan Graham, Ken Page, Gary Douthott, Jim Bagley, Brian DuBois and Kim Bonter with members of the Grant Boy Scout Troop #1138.  
ABSENT: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks  
EXCUSED: None
4. **Public Comment on the City of Grant Application for Federal funds from USDA-RD for a Police Patrol Vehicle:**  
None
5. **Public Comment on the Planning Commission Ordinance 23-1:**  
None
6. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:06p.m.

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, November 21, 2011, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**  
 PRESENT: Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Julie Hallman, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, Commissioner Terri Yeomans, and Commissioner Kevin Smith  
 Others Present: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Officer Robert VanBelzen – Grant Police Department, Dan Graham, Ken Page, Gary Douthott, Jim Bagley, Brian DuBois and Kim Bonter with members of the Grant Boy Scout Troop #1138.  
 ABSENT: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks  
 EXCUSED: None
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**  
**Motion:** Motion made by Smith, second by Hallman approve the agenda.  
 Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment:**  
 None
6. **Consent Agenda**  
*a-e. Approval of the Consent Agenda*  
**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve the consent agenda with budget amendments.  
 Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. Solid Waste Residential Contract-Ordinance No. 50 – Resolution 11-47: Consideration for awarding contract  
Yeomans asked about the survey sent out to all City residents.  
La Fave responded that 63 responses were received, with 26 indicating a preference for A-Waste and 37 with a preference for Allied Waste.  
Yeomans asked if it would be possible to sign a one-year contract because of the 3% escalator fee and thought we should consider the residents opinions.  
Fett stated that we live in an underutilized service HUB zone, which for certain contract gives a 10% price difference to local businesses. He elaborated that in the beginning, everyone likes the recycling containers. After some time passes, they realize some of the issues involving them.  
Discussion among all Commissioners that overall we have been happy with the service that A-Waste has provided, we should consider sticking with A-Waste and see how it goes, although it would be preferred that the fuel surcharge should be lowered.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Pickard, second by Smith to stay with A-Waste for five years.  
 Motion carried unanimously.
8. **New Business**
  - a. Ordinance 23-1: Second-Final Reading of Planning Commission Ordinance  
**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Yeomans to accept the second-final reading as presented.  
 Motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Resolution 11-48: Consideration for auditing services through FY 2013-2014  
**Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Hallman to approve Resolution 11-48.  
 Motion carried unanimously.
  - c. Resolution 11-49: Consideration for approving transfer of ownership of escrowed 2011 class c liquor license with dance entertainment permit.  
Fett commented that this will be more of a family-oriented establishment until 10:00pm.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 11-49.  
 Motion carried unanimously.
  - d. Resolution 11-50: Consideration for approving the City of Grant EVIP cooperation, collaboration, and

consolidation plan.

**Motion:** Motion made by Smith, second by Hallman to approve Resolution 11-50.

Motion carried unanimously.

- e. Resolution 11-51: Consideration for confirmation of the Mayor's appointment to the board of review-Ron Murray.

**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 11-51.

Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Resolution 11-52: Consideration for approval of purchase of plastic sheeting for the DPW staff to install as liners in dump boxes of DPW trucks – not to exceed \$1,445.

La Fave explained that individual inserts are several thousand for each vehicle. This is a great alternative for three DPW trucks.

**Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 11-52.

Motion carried unanimously.

- g. Resolution 11-53: Consideration for approval of lab equipment – capital improvement item-single chamber fecal incubator for the wastewater treatment lab not to exceed \$1,985 plus shipping/handling.

**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Smith to approve Resolution 11-53.

Motion carried unanimously.

- h. Motion Item 1: Consideration for accepting the FY 2010-2011 audit.

Several Commissioners offered positive comments to administrative staff.

**Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to accept the audit.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

- a. Grant Video and Tanning parking request/issue:

Hallman commented that Doug has gone above and beyond to help this situation. The issue is more between the landlord and the tenant, and the request from Fountain View was very reasonable.

Consensus of Commission that no action can be taken on the matter

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Well house property-survey: We have had several trespassing issues, and the DPW has posted the property. We determined the survey stakes needed to re-marked for all parties involved. We have identified all of our own property stakes.
- b. Safe Routes to School - Sidewalks: They will only fund sidewalks on both sides of Commerce Street, one side on Elder, and both sides on Brink. They deleted the rest of the sidewalks on Elder and on State Street. These are from the Federal directives that have been handed down.
- c. Wind Turbine at WWTP: The wind turbine is up and running, although the net metering has not yet been installed. We do not have a full month of data yet.
- d. Newaygo County post secondary education feasibility study: Between Economic Development and Education leaders, there is a feasibility study underway to create a better college presence here in Newaygo County to offer more academic options to student.
- e. Ashland-Grant Fire District: Everything is available online now to put rumors to rest. Copies of our annual checks are there as well.
- f. Chamber of Commerce Holiday Decorating: The Chamber of Commerce is starting a new Holiday Decorating Contest. Each participating member business will be given a container to collect spare change votes. At the end of the contest, proceeds will be used by the Chamber of Commerce to purchase new holiday decorations. Please get out and vote for your favorite decorated business.

11. **Public Comments:**

County Commissioner Pat Gardner commented about how the City's EVIP plan addresses 27 consolidated or collaborative services, which proves we are already doing what the State of Michigan is preaching about. He also commented that Newaygo County has already looked into expanding recycling services at the County level.

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:50p.m.

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Mayor Terry Fett

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Sherry Powell, Grant City Clerk