

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 26, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, November 26, 2018, 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, Gabe Sanchez, Kate Block, and Gerard Williams
  - ABSENT: None
  - EXCUSED: Kevin Smith
  - Others Present: Kasey Jernberg – City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Brad Wade – Chief of Police, Matt Biolette of Republic Services, Rachel Uganski of Headway Coalition, Pride of Newaygo County represented by Jordyn Raymo, Gracie Gebhart, Katie Gebhart, Hanna O’Brien, and Rich Wheeler of the Times Indicator
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - Addition of Item & Item under New Business:
    - Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Sanchez to approve the agenda with addition of updated Fee Rate Schedule under New Business.
    - Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**
  - Rachel Uganski urged the City Commission to ban establishments for recreational marijuana. Keeping it out of City limits will help keep it out of schools.
  - Representing Pride of Newaygo County:
    - Katie Gebhart supports Rachel in her efforts.
    - Hanna O’Brien also supports a ban on recreational marijuana.
    - Gracie Gebhart would like to see us pass an ordinance prohibiting this as well.
    - Jordyn Raymo stated she would like the same thing.
6. **Consent Agenda Items**
  - Motion** made by Pickard, second by Block to approve the consent agenda.
  - Motion carried unanimously
7. **Unfinished Business**
  - None
8. **New Business**
  - a. River Country Chamber of Commerce: No representative was here due to a scheduling conflict.
  - b. Motion Item #1: Reappointment of Janet Gilmore to the Fire Board:
    - Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to reappoint Janet Gilmore to the Fire Board for the remainder of a six-year term, expiring July 1, 2024.
    - Motion carried unanimously
  - c. Motion Item #2: Reappointment of Janet Gilmore to the Planning Commission: Mayor Hallman spoke with Janet, and she is willing to continue serving on this board as well.
    - Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to re-appoint Janet Gilmore to the Planning Commission for a three-year term, expiring December 31, 2021.
    - Motion carried unanimously
  - d. Motion Item #3: Reappointment of Mike Weeks to the Planning Commission: Mayor Hallman spoke with

Mike, and he is willing to continue serving on the Planning Commission.

**Motion** made by Williams, second by Sanchez to approve the reappointment of Mike Weeks to the Planning Commission for a three-year term, expiring December 31, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously

- e. Motion Item #4: Assignment of A-Waste contract to Republic Services: Mayor Hallman explained that A-Waste has sold to Republic Services, and they will honor our rates. Jernberg updated the Resolution with corrections to trash rates.  
Biolette explained the process of purchasing A-Waste and stated all of their employees are coming over. Pickard asked if the monthly bulk item removal will continue, and Biolette stated it will.  
**Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Williams to accept the assignment of A-Waste contract to Republic Services.  
Motion carried unanimously
- f. Motion Item #5: Approval of Appropriation for Sewer Effluent Flowmeter:  
**Motion** made by Pickard, second by Block to approve the appropriation for the effluent flowmeter.  
Motion carried unanimously
- g. Motion Item #6: Approval of Appropriation for Sewer Variable Frequency Driver (VFD):  
**Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Block to approve this non-routine sewer purchase.  
Motion carried unanimously
- h. Resolution #18-08: Updated Fee Rate Schedule:  
Jernberg explained the rate increase was to match the rate of inflation.  
Bouwkamp asked if it included a couple neighboring communities rates.  
Jernberg explained that a neighboring community increases their rates 3.5% annually. Our increase for the average user of 12,000 will be closer to 2.3%.  
**Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to approved the revised fee rate schedule.  
Motion carried unanimously
- i. Discussion Item #1: Yard / Garage Sales Permitting: Mayor Hallman stated an issue has been brought up several times about perpetual yard sales.  
Jernberg has taken four or five complaints since he has been here. Other communities typically charge \$1 or even free for yard sale permits.  
Hallman stated that Commissioner Smith mentioned EZ Up tents and shelter structures to her.  
Discussion among Commissioners about possibly limiting yard sales to the existing City-wide yard sales in addition to one or two yearly.  
Pickard thinks yard sales should be permitted.  
Williams agrees with Commissioner Pickard.  
Bouwkamp agrees with Commissioner Pickard.  
Sanchez also agrees with Commissioner Pickard.
- j. Discussion Item #2: Expanded Community Protection and Policing Millage: Mayor Hallman explained that the Police Millage proposal just failed. The City Commission can decide to special assess for this without going to a vote of the people.  
Wade stated that it missed by eleven votes. He stated that retention of one good Officer is important. Proposal 1 did not help things. Our Officers are paid \$12 per hour. We have adopted the Uniform Traffic Code and have done many good things. Our complaints have never been higher.  
Jernberg stated the issue with having a millage proposal on November should be considered.  
Discussion among Commissioners and consensus that we should put the ballot proposal back out there a second time.  
Pickard stated the City needs this, and she thinks we should consider a special assessment.  
Jernberg reiterated that special assessments require public hearings, and he worries about pushback.  
Sanchez stated we would not want to do it with any renewals.  
Discussion among Commissioners about timelines for each option.

Jernberg stated we could levy the following July.

Hallman asked how many Commissioners would be willing to knock on doors for us.

Jernberg clarified the desire to put renewals on the same ballot in May.

Unanimous Consent to proceed with renewals in May.

- k. Discussion Item #3: Recreational Marijuana: Mayor Hallman explained we have options. We could not do anything. We could limit the number of businesses. She stated that Newaygo has opted out, and Fremont is expected to opt out also.

Bouwkamp is in favor of opting out of allowing commercial recreational marijuana businesses.

Jernberg clarified that usage on private property is protected with the passage of Proposal 1.

**Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Williams to opt out of allowing commercial recreational marijuana businesses.

Motion carried unanimously

9. ***Other Business***

None

10. ***Information Items***

- a. NAL Services Letter: Jernberg explained that NAL did not finish the whole job. Our staff had to finish it, and they clearly did not complete their work.

- b. Library Board Member Needed: Hallman reminded everyone that they should be thinking about a friend or a neighbor that would be a good fit to serve on the Library Board.

11. ***Public Comments***

None

12. ***Adjournment***

**Motion** made by Pickard, second by Block to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

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Mayor Julie Hallman

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Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk