

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 15, 2008

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, December 15, 2008, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**

PRESENT: Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Harry Robinson, Commissioner Cheryl Lake, and Commissioner Terri Yeomans.
Others Present: Doug La Fave-City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Officer Jose Ontiveros, Kamala and Christina Reed.
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: Commissioner Julie Hallman
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion: Motion made by Robinson second by Lake approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment:**

None
6. **Consent Agenda**

a-e. *Approval of the Consent Agenda*
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Lake to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Planning Commission Vacancy
The Commission by unanimous consent decided to table the issue until January 2009.
 - b. City Commission Appointment
One of the three candidates, Kevin Smith, was present and asked several questions by Commissioners. Commissioner Robinson commented that Kevin Smith made an effort to attend in spite of the bad weather, and he thought this was very important. Commissioner Pickard agreed that showing up in this weather showed genuine interest.
Motion: Motion made by Mayor Fett, second by Yeomans to appoint Kevin Smith to the City Commission to fill the remainder of the term vacated by Eric Irwin.
Motion carried unanimously.
8. **New Business**
 - a. Resolution 08-62: Resolution to authorize payment for security cameras.
Motion: Motion made by Robinson, second by Lake to approve Resolution 08-62.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Resolution 08-63: Resolution authorizing administration and execution of community center grant.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 08-63.
Mayor Fett informed the audience that the City had applied for a \$35,000 grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation to help us fix the roof on the community center, and they decided to give us \$130,000. Commissioner Robinson commented that Grant is the only city within the county that has not either torn down their community center or renovated it into city offices. He thinks the Foundation appreciates that we are trying to preserve this important historical structure, and this might have something to do with the increase in the grant.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Resolution 08-64: Resolution pledging support of use and operation of the Grant community center.
Motion: Motion made by Lake, second by Robinson to approve Resolution 08-64.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Resolution 08-65: Resolution for repairing the GMC plow truck.

Motion: Motion made by Robinson, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 08-65.
Motion carried unanimously.

- e. Resolution 08-66: Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sell City property.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 08-66.
Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

- a. Update personnel policy manual
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Lake to approve the minor changes to the Personnel Policy.
Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Water Tower Park Update: We are getting close to the end of the project. The donor plaque and historical marker have been ordered. The plaque should be here within the next couple of months.
Commissioner Lake asked about the status of the hand dug well inside the white building. Doug informed the Commission that we will have to address it in the spring, and that it must be filled in a specific way.
- b. Alltel: They have not started any construction yet after suggesting it would begin by Christmas.
- c. City Master Plan: The results from the survey are being placed in the draft of the new Master Plan. It will be finished and presented to the City Commission for approval in the next couple of months.
- d. Streetscape Update: We met with Don DeVries from Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering last week to discuss the project and timelines. We are trying to coordinate various projects and keep them as separate as possible.
- e. Community Center: We are thrilled to have received the \$130,000 grant from the Fremont Area Community Foundation. We will proceed right away with getting a new roof and removing the mold in the basement, and will work with engineers on the rest of the renovation project after that is complete.
- f. Revenue Sharing: Municipalities have been held harmless on this round of State Revenue Sharing cuts.
- g. MDOT – maintenance communication: Doug met with a Regional Director and another MDOT official to discuss the need to coordinate projects while work crews are already here.

11. **Public Comments:**

None

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:40p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Grant City Clerk