

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 19, 2011

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, December 19, 2011, 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 Anne Pickard□, Commissioner Cheryl Weeks, Commissioner Terri Yeomans, Commissioner Kevin Smith, and Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp
Others Present: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Dan VanBelzen – Chief of Police,
ABSENT: Commissioner Julie Hallman
EXCUSED:
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**

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

a. N/A
8. **New Business**
 - a. Motion Item 1: Consideration of Planning Commission Annual Report and CIP for calendar year ending December 2011.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve the CIP.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Resolution 11-54: Consideration to acknowledge an act or heroism-Sgt Robert (Bob) VanBelzen
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 11-54.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Resolution 11-55: Consideration to to acknowledge exemplary performance-Reserve Sgt. Ed Alvarado.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Weeks to approve Resolution 11-55.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Resolution 11-56: Consideration to acknowledge exemplary performance-Reserve Officer Geno Rangel.
Motion: Motion made by Pickard, second by Smith to approve Resolution 11-56.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - e. Resolution 11-57: Consideration to acknowledge exemplary performance-Reserve Lt. Jim Fragale.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 11-57.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - f. Resolution 11-58: Consideration to retire Grant Police Department badge # 517 – Sgt. Joe Pulaski.
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Yeomans to approve Resolution 11-58.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - g. Resolution 11-59: Consideration to sell City Property-Chevy C-Series for \$6,000.
Motion: Motion made by Pickard, second by Weeks to approve Resolution 11-59.
Doug La Fave commented that we received more for the police vehicles overall and a little less for this particular vehicle. Overall, between all transactions it was about a wash.

Motion carried unanimously.

- h. Resolution 11-60: Consideration to confirm Mayor's recommended appointments to the planning commission.
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 11-60.
Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

- a. N/A

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Safe Routes to School grant - \$246,878: Mayor Fett congratulated Doug on receiving this grant. La Fave explained the most recent changes to the final approved plan. Pickard stated she had a conversation with Commissioner Hallman, and they wondered if we decided against this project, if we would be denied next time around. La Fave replied that he expects this funding to be gone, possibly within a year. Pickard commented that she has spoken to kids about using the sidewalk, and they just laugh and stay in the road. Mayor Fett stated that if the apartments were ever to expand, even more people will be using the sidewalks. Chief VanBelzen stated that kids have told him there are no sidewalks on that stretch of Commerce or they would use them. Chief would like to see us utilize this grant funding for needed sidewalks.
- b. Holiday Decorations: We have a project we might do using Boy Scouts volunteers. The DPW Supervisor took an existing snowflake decoration and scaled it down, welding it to about half the size. Since they are smaller and weigh quite a bit less, we should be able to use them on our new street light poles. This ongoing project will continue throughout the next year. The existing lights have been vandalized periodically. No taxpayer dollars on supplies, only labor to do the welding.
- c. RCAP (Rural Community Assistance Program) surveys: The MEDC programs are in limbo. Based on income, we may be eligible for more than the 45-50%, and possibly as much as 75% for police cars and other things. We would have to pay for the postage for surveys with assistance from RCAP. The result of the survey could override census data.
- d. 5 year parks and recreation plan update (DNR): It is time to update the five year parks and recreation plan. Surveys will go out with each water/sewer bill for resident participation. We would like a diversity of ideas. Commissioner Weeks asked if there is any way to capitalize on the work we have already done at Blanche Lake Park.

11. **Public Comments:**

Commissioner Yeomans informed everyone that she has accepted a wonderful job opportunity out of state, and that this is her last meeting. She thanked everyone for their hard work, and commented that she has enjoyed her time as a City Commissioner.

Mayor Fett stated we will need to take applications to fill the seat of Commissioner Yeomans. He thanked Terri for her years of commitment and dedication to the City of Grant.

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:33p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Grant City Clerk