

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 15, 2014

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, December 15, 2014, at the City of Grant Offices.

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

PRESENT: Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Julie Hallman , Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Cheryl Weeks, Commissioner Kevin Smith, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, and Commissioner Harold Portell
Others Present: Ryan Rudzis – City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Shawn Botsford - DPW Supervisor, and Gary Nestle - Infrastructure Alternatives
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: Cheryl Weeks
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion: Motion made by second by to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

Nestle provided a brief update on the drain study. One solution set is a constructed wetland at Fellows Drain, which would require less construction going downstream. Tentatively it looks like this will meet DEQ requirements for Constructed Wetlands. MDOT will fix the drain out to the right-of-way, and will pay for costs to move it further downstream.
6. **Consent Agenda**

a-e. *Approval of the Consent Agenda*
Motion: Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Consideration of purchase of tractor for the DPW
Botsford stated he would replace the Turbo Holder since it currently runs only about four months each year. This equipment, a Wacker Neuson WL32 Wheel Loader, would improve leaf pick-up and reduce wear and tear on the existing backhoe. The one mechanic that works on the Holder is in the upper peninsula. On this piece of equipment, there are plenty of mechanics here who would be able to work on it. Fredrickson's will assist the City with selling the Holder, and we should ask \$25,000 for it. The Holder will easily sell for \$15,000 without any implements, and it is worth over \$17,000. The snowblower was \$10,000 new this year, and it was used only two times.
Hallman asked what the first attachment would be and how much would it cost, and Botsford said we need the claw to expedite the leaf pick-up process. He said he would also like to purchase the street sweeper attachment. If we rented a street sweeper for one week (the minimum), the cost of the street sweeper attachment would pay for itself. We could sweep the streets throughout the year.
Botsford explained the financing to purchase the Wacker Neuson. The City would not have to make a payment the first year. We would first sell the Holder. The City will hold off for a few years on replacing one of the pick-up trucks. We would get rid of one of the big trucks that has not been used this year. We will also sell the Leaf Vac unit. Then we would put the funds from the sale of this equipment on the cost of the Wacker Neuson. If the City's finances ever changed, we could get out of the contract for one dollar, and they would give us a two year warranty.
Rudzis would like to see this decided before more snow hits, with consideration of likely cuts to our CVTRS (State Revenue Sharing) funding that Legislators are taking from us to fund roads.
Fett stated that we need to find out how much this revenue sharing cut is going to cost us.
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Bouwkamp to approve the purchase of the Wacker Neuson and to sell the equipment as discussed.
Motion carried unanimously.
8. **New Business**
 - a. Resolution #14-21: Abandonment/Vacation of Garden Street from Delta Street extending westward to City limits.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Smith to approve the Resolution.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Motion Item #1: Reappointment of Terry Fett and Harold Portell to the Planning Commission. Reappointment

of Ron Murray to Board of Review. Reappointment of Marvel Thompson to Grant Area District Library Board.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve the Resolution.
Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Motion Item #2: Police Personnel Policy. Officer Worn Cameras.
Motion: Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Hallman to approve the Police Personnel Policy.
Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Motion Item #3: Approval of calibration of water and waste water equipment:
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Pickard to approve .
Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

None

10. **Information Items / Updates**

None

11. **Public Comments:**

Pickard asked if we hired someone new, and Rudzis replied that we hired one miscellaneous part-time person to do mainly mechanic work. The position offers no benefits and no training opportunities or certifications.

Botsford elaborated that James Deemter has a Class A CDL, and he does fabrication work. He may be able to fabricate a tank for a \$75,000 piece of equipment.

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk