

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting

Monday, December 18, 2006 - 7:00pm

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Approval of the Agenda** – Items can be added or deleted from the Agenda by Commission action
- 5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items** – Members of the Public may address the City Commission on items that do not appear on the printed agenda. Comments are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per person.
- 6. Consent Agenda Items**

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There is no discussion on these items. If discussion is desired, that item(s) will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

 - a. Manager's Report
 - b. Approval of the minutes from the October 16, 2006 regular City Commission meeting
 - c. Officers' Reports:
 - Police, Treasurer
 - d. Approval of Bills Paid Report
 - e. Literature
- 7. Unfinished Business**

None
- 8. New Business**
 - a. Approval of Clerk's Report with Proposed Budget Amendments
 - b. 190 Exchange Street Sewer Reimbursement Request
 - c. Resolution 06-41: Resolution Amending the City Policy Related to Employee Section 125 Plans
 - d. Resolution 06-42: Resolution Providing for the Purchase of used Police Administration Vehicle from the City of Fremont
- 9. Other Business**

None
- 10. Information Items / Updates**

None
- 11. Public Comment on Agenda Items** – Members of the Public may address the City Commission on items that appear on the Agenda. Comments are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per agenda item.
- 12. Adjournment**

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, December 18, 2006, at the Grant City Offices.

1. *Call to Order:* Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.
2. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.*
3. *Roll Call:*

PRESENT:

Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Mike Gesler, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Dan Powell, Commissioner Julie Hallman, Mayor Pro-Tem Harry Robinson, and Commissioner Terri Yeomans.

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Frank Peterson – City Manager, Sherry Powell – City Clerk, Dan VanBelzen – Chief of Police, and Officer Joe Pulaski – Grant Police Department.

4. *Approval of the Agenda:*
Motion: Motion made by Powell, second by Gesler to correct the date of the meeting minutes and approve the agenda.
 Motion carried unanimously.
5. *Public Comments:*
Chief VanBelzen informed the commission about the armed robbery at Kuts-R-Us Friday night and how his department is working with the Michigan State Police on the case. He has increased patrol coverage in the evening hours and is implementing a new Reserve program. Once fully implemented, this new program will increase coverage by approximately 15 additional hours per week. He further informed the Commission about the Rite Aid break-in, the DNA evidence from the scene, and the two suspects they have.
6. *Consent Agenda:*
a-e. Approval of the Consent Agenda
Motion: Motion made by Powell, second by Yeomans to approve the consent agenda.
 Motion carried unanimously.
7. *Unfinished Business:*
 None
8. *New Business:*
 - a. Approval of Clerk's Report with budget amendments
Motion: Motion made by Gesler, seconded by Powell to approve the Clerk's Report with budget amendments.
 Motion carried unanimously
 - b. 190 Exchange Street sewer reimbursement request.
Motion: Motion made by Gesler, seconded by Pickard to authorize the reimbursement of \$600.00 to Tom Williams.
 Motion carried unanimously
 - c. Resolution 06-41: Amending the City policy for Section 125 Plan limit to \$2,600.00 annually.
Motion: Motion made by Powell, seconded by Yeomans to approve Resolution 06-41.
 Motion carried unanimously
 - d. Resolution 06-42: Providing for the purchase of a used police vehicle from the City of Fremont..
Motion: Motion made by Powell, seconded by Robinson to approve Resolution 06-42.
City Manager Peterson informed the commission the vehicle has around 63,000 miles and is nearly ready to go.
 Motion carried unanimously
9. *Other Business:*
 None
10. *Information Items/Updates:*
City Manager Peterson informed the commission of his findings after visiting Hudsonville to learn about their police department issues. He advised the commission that the County's offer is too expensive compared to other similar area county contracts. He thinks we would need more coverage than 40 hours a week. He further informed the commission of a possible interest of two townships contracting with the City for police services instead of the County.
Mayor Fett informed the Commission about his biggest concerns with how different cities are from townships as they pertain to our local ordinances which differ from township ordinances.
City Manager Peterson informed the commission of his visit to two local township meetings and some obvious findings and discussions about police coverage. He recalled comments from the County officer working in southern Newaygo County when asked why more State Police responded to calls than County Sheriff's Department officers did. The Deputy replied that when the County is busy, they figure the State Police can deal with these calls.
Mayor Fett also informed expressed a concern that taxpayers countywide are paying road patrol millages in addition to contract costs, while they are receiving very limited services in return.

11. *Public Comments:*

Commissioner Gesler questioned if city staff has looked into Historic Preservation grant for the wooden water tower. City Manager Peterson replied that we were recently denied because of our lack of a historic district. He further stated the difficulty in forming such a district because of the requirements for technical appointments to such board.

Commissioner Yeomans questioned if anything was planned with the Grant Rent-All buildings.

City Manager Peterson replied that there was some serious interest in each of the buildings for different businesses.

12. *Adjournment* without objection at 7:43pm.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, City Clerk

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