

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 18, 2023

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held at the City of Grant Municipal Office – 280 S. Maple St.

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, Gabe Sanchez, Kate Block, Mark Dietz, Brent Raterink, Katie Arens
 - Absent: None
 - Excused: None
 - Others: Kasey Jernberg/City Manager, Sara Bronson/Deputy Clerk, Sgt Patterson/GPD, Jake Swinehart/RCC
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - Motion** made by Commissioner Block, second by Commissioner Pickard to approve the agenda
 - Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**
 - None
6. **Reserved Time**
 - Jake Swinehart/RCC – more business workshops planned for local businesses. Retreat with Muskegon chamber in 4th Qtr.
 - Hallman – asked for financial results of the Grant Festival – Swinehart to obtain. Also need to hold our follow up meeting for the Grant Festival.
7. **Consent Agenda Items**
 - Motion** made by Commissioner Block, second by Commissioner Dietz to approve the consent agenda
 - Motion carried unanimously
8. **Unfinished Business**
 - None
9. **New Business, Consideration for:**
 - a. Mayoral Proclamation: Constitution Week
 - b. Motion Item #1: Agreement with Newaygo County for Early Voting Election Services
 - Motion** made by Commissioner Block, second by Commissioner Pickard
 - Motion carried unanimously
 - c. Motion Item #2: Budget Stabilization Fund
 - Jernberg – Explained the concept of a BSF.
 - Block – Is there a cap?
 - Jernberg – maximum is 20% of the originally adopted current general fund budget or 20% of the previous five years, whichever is less.
 - Motion** made by Commissioner Raterink, second by Commissioner Block
 - Motion carried unanimously
 - d. Discussion Item #1: Public Works Asset Management System
 - Hallman - Tabled for another meeting
 - Motion** made by Commissioner Dietz, second by Commissioner Block
 - Motion carried unanimously
10. **Other Business**
 - None
11. **Information Comments**
 - Hallman – informing the Commission of the School Board Recall Group will be renting the Grant Community Center for purposes of the recall. Other communities have restricted the use of their rental property to only allow non-political events. Opened up for discussion.
 - Jernberg - Historically other members of political parties have been allowed to hold meetings (i.e. “coffee meetings”). Consensus was to allow politically motivated parties to rent our Community Center provided they pay like any other renter.

12. Public Comment

Arens – want to bring to the Commission’s attention the concern from local residents regarding the condition of some homes and the respective yards in the city. There is also a safety concern from the Fire Department that, in the case of a fire or emergency, some homes can be difficult to enter because of all the garbage and debris.

Jernberg – our GPD Sgt Patterson has issued warnings to 2 homes recently and will continue to follow up

Hallman – some residents continue to receive warnings to mow and will do so at the last moment avoiding a fine.

Jernberg – at our next meeting we can review the ordinance code and have further discussion

13. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Block, second by Commissioner Dietz to adjourn the meeting without objection at **7:21 p.m.**

Motion carried unanimously

Julie Hallman, Mayor

Sara Bronson, Deputy Clerk