

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting
Monday, September 19, 2005 - 7:00pm

1. Call to Order:
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:
3. Roll Call:
4. 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 citizen.
5. Consent Agenda Items: (Motion Sheet)
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. Approval of the minutes from the August 15, 2005 regular City Commission meeting.
 - b. Approval of the minutes from the August 22, 2005 special City Commission meeting.
 - c. Officers' Reports:
 - i. Police
 - ii. Treasurer
 - iii. Clerk
 - iv. Manager
 - d. Approval of Bills Paid Report
 - e. Literature
6. Unfinished Business:
None
7. New Business:
 - a. Recycling for Newaygo County
 - b. CSX Right-of-Way Maintenance Agreement
 - c. Speedway SuperAmerica LLC Right-of-Way Entry Request
 - d. Discussion of new Job Description for City Manager Position
 - e. Rescind Resolution 05-11
 - f. Resolution 05-27: Resolution providing for the dedication and allocation of City funds for the construction of Lee Street.
 - g. Rescind Resolution 04-24
 - h. Resolution 05-28: Resolution providing for the extension of the City's water system, the obtainment of an easement, and the waiving of water connection fees.
 - i. Resolution 05-29: Resolution providing for the purchase of a new DPW dump truck, including new under carriage blade and necessary hydraulics.
 - j. Resolution 05-30: Resolution declaring Oct 9th as "Air Force Band of Flight Day."
 - k. Planning Commission – Alan Gillespie
 - l. Grant Reformed Church: Request for variance from Noise Ordinance
 - m. ETNA Supply: Water meter reader upgrade options - Presentation by Alby Villareal.
8. Other Business:
Update on Proposed New Municipal Offices
9. Information Items / Updates:
None
10. Members of the Public may address the City Commission. Comments are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per citizen.
11. Adjournment

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, September 19, 2005, at the Grant Community Center.

1. *Call to Order:* Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.*

3. *Roll Call:*

PRESENT:

Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Mike Gesler, Commissioner Julie Hallman, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Dan Powell (7:16pm), Mayor Pro-Tem Harry Robinson, and Commissioner Terri Yeomans.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sherry Powell – City Clerk, Alby Villarreal and Al Weber of ETNA Supply Co.

4. *Public Comments:* None

5. *Consent Agenda:*

A-E. *Approval of the Consent Agenda*

Motion: Motion made by Harry Robinson, second by Terri Yeomans to approve consent agenda.

Roll call Vote: Terry Fett-YES, Mike Gesler-YES, Julie Hallman-YES, Anne Pickard-YES, Dan Powell (Had not yet arrived), Harry Robinson-YES, Terri Yeomans-YES.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. *Unfinished Business:*

NONE

7. *New Business:*

M. (Out of Order) Presentation by Alby Villarreal and Al Weber of ETNA Supply Co. on Sensus meter reader upgrades.

Discussion followed pertaining to how many wireless MXU units the City could purchase if they decided to go that way. The consensus of the Commission was to ask John LaPree to monitor the businesses and residences which are most difficult to get quarterly readings on, and report back to the Commission after the winter readings are obtained. The Commission will re-visit the issue at a later date.

B. CSX Right-of-Way Maintenance Agreement

Motion: Motion made by Julie Hallman, second by Dan Powell to allow the City Manager to enter into an agreement with CSX to maintain the mow-able areas exactly as they have been doing over the last

several years.

Roll call Vote: Terry Fett-YES, Mike Gesler-YES, Julie Hallman-YES, Anne Pickard-YES, Dan Powell-YES, Harry Robinson-YES, Terri Yeomans-YES.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Speedway SuperAmerica LLC Right-of-Way Entry Request

Motion: Motion made by Mike Gesler, second by Dan Powell to grant the request of Speedway SuperAmerica.

Roll call Vote: Terry Fett-YES, Mike Gesler-YES, Julie Hallman-YES, Anne Pickard-YES, Dan Powell-YES, Harry Robinson-YES, Terri Yeomans-YES.

Motion carried unanimously.

D. City Manager Job Description

Motion: Motion made by Terri Yeomans, second by Anne Pickard to approved the job description with noted changes.

Roll call Vote: Terry Fett-YES, Mike Gesler-YES, Julie Hallman-YES, Anne Pickard-YES, Dan Powell-YES, Harry Robinson-YES, Terri Yeomans-YES.

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Rescind Resolution 05-11

Motion: Motion made by Julie Hallman, second by Anne Pickard, to rescind Resolution 05-11.

Roll call Vote: Terry Fett-YES, Mike Gesler-YES, Julie Hallman-YES, Anne Pickard-YES, Dan Powell-YES, Harry Robinson-YES, Terri Yeomans-YES.

Motion carried unanimously.

F. Resolution 05-27 Dedication and allocation of City funds for the construction of Lee Street.

Motion: Motion made by Dan Powell, second by Harry Robinson, to approve Resolution 05-27.

There was discussion about original measurements which were off significantly, causing an increase in costs.

Roll call Vote: Terry Fett-YES, Mike Gesler-YES, Julie Hallman-YES, Anne Pickard-YES, Dan Powell-YES, Harry Robinson-YES, Terri Yeomans-YES.

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Rescind Resolution 04-24

Motion: Motion made by Julie Hallman, second by Dan Powell, to rescind Resolution 04-24.
 Roll call Vote: Terry Fett-YES, Mike Gesler-YES, Julie Hallman-YES, Anne Pickard-YES, Dan Powell-YES, Harry Robinson-YES, Terri Yeomans-Abstained.
 Motion carried.

- H. Resolution 05-28 Providing for the extension of the City’s water system, the obtainment of an easement, and the waiving of water connection fees.

Motion: Motion made by Anne Pickard, second by Dan Powell, to approve Resolution 05-28.
 There was discussion about original measurements and the unreliability of the City’s orthophotography map.
 Roll call Vote: Terry Fett-YES, Mike Gesler-YES, Julie Hallman-YES, Anne Pickard-YES, Dan Powell-YES, Harry Robinson-YES, Terri Yeomans-Abstain.
 Motion carried.

- I. Resolution 05-29 Providing for the purchase of a new DPW dump truck, including new under carriage blade and necessary hydraulics.

Motion: Motion made by Harry Robinson, second by Dan Powell, to approve Resolution 05-29.
 Roll call Vote: Terry Fett-YES, Mike Gesler-YES, Julie Hallman-YES, Anne Pickard-YES, Dan Powell-YES, Harry Robinson-YES, Terri Yeomans-YES.
 Motion carried unanimously.

- J. Resolution 05-30 Declaring Oct 9th as “Air Force Band of Flight Day”.

Motion: Motion made by Julie Hallman, second by Anne Pickard, to approve Resolution 05-30.
 Roll call Vote: Terry Fett-YES, Mike Gesler-YES, Julie Hallman-YES, Anne Pickard-YES, Dan Powell-YES, Harry Robinson-YES, Terri Yeomans-YES.
 Motion carried unanimously.

- K. Planning Commission – Alan Gillespie

The Commission discussed the remainder of the appointment for Alan Gillespie’s term. They had consensus to allow Alan Gillespie to remain on the planning commission as the non-resident member until his term is up.

- L. Grant Reformed Church request for variance from noise ordinance.

Motion: Motion made by Julie Hallman, second by Anne Pickard, to grant the requested variance.
 Roll call Vote: Terry Fett-YES, Mike Gesler-YES, Julie Hallman-YES, Anne Pickard-YES, Dan Powell-YES, Harry Robinson-YES, Terri Yeomans-YES.
 Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Recycling for Newaygo County (Out of Order)

Motion: Motion made by Julie Hallman, second by Dan Powell, to contribute \$300.00 with regret it is not

more.

Roll call Vote: Terry Fett-YES, Mike Gesler-YES, Julie Hallman-YES, Anne Pickard-YES, Dan Powell-YES, Harry Robinson-YES, Terri Yeomans-YES.
 Motion carried unanimously.

- 8. Other Business: City Manager gave a brief update on the new municipal offices.

- 9. Information Items/Updates:

Dan Powell gave a brief update on Newaygo County matters including the process of establishing a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to provide needed cleanup of contaminated, undesirable properties as well as tax incentives for businesses willing to invest in those properties. Dan also briefed the Commission of the process currently underway at the county level, and noted many positive changes which have taken place over recent months.

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Mayor Fett discussed options which could help us to naturally clean up Blanche Lake. The City Manager explained the process he had learned about utilizing these natural micro-organisms to restore the lake on a perpetual basis. Commissioner Powell explained other options the City has including the use of algaecides to clean up the lake.

Commissioner Anne Pickard asked about the mailbox placement criteria for residents along Commerce Street. The City Manager explained that staff did not make up the measurements, but that they were established by the United States Post Office.

The City Manager asked the Commission if they would like quotes for grading/seeding versus grading/gravel for the right-of-way along the north side of Commerce Street, now that the mailboxes have been moved. The consensus of the Commission was to have City staff obtain these quotes for the next meeting.

- 10. *Public Comments* - NONE

- 11. *Adjournment* without objection at 8:39pm.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, City Clerk