

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 20, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, February 20, 2017, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Julie Hallman called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**
  - PRESENT: Mayor Julie Hallman, Anne Pickard, Matt Bouwkamp, and Kevin Smith
  - ABSENT: Cheryl Weeks
  - EXCUSED: Harold Portell
  - Others Present: Ryan Rudzis - City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Gabriel Sanchez, and Jennifer Koopman.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Smith to approve the agenda with additions.
  - Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**
  - Koopman stated the River Country Chamber event had forty-nine attendees at Fuego. The Lakes 23 annual dinner meeting is in April. The Chamber had three new Grant area members last month.
6. **Consent Agenda Items**
  - Motion** made by Smith, second by Pickard to approve the consent agenda.
  - Motion carried unanimously
7. **Unfinished Business**
  - None
8. **New Business**
  - a. Resolution 17-01: Recognition of Jim Fragale's years of service to the community. Chief Wade stated we want to honor Jim for his years of service to the City of Grant.
    - Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Smith to approve the motion.
    - Motion carried unanimously
  - b. Resolution 17-02: New District Library Agreement
    - Motion** made by Pickard, second by Bouwkamp to approve the motion to change the boundaries of the library.
    - Motion carried unanimously
  - c. Recycling for Newaygo County Presentation: Director Linda Ritz White gave an update on recycling services. She stated the City gave a \$150 donation in 2013, and it was likely missed on their end. They are still struggling, but doing better. Stated that PA 69 allows municipalities to levy up to \$25 per year specifically for recycling without a vote, and suggested putting the question on the ballot. People in Grant they previously interviewed were favorable to paying up to \$25 per year. The cities of White Cloud and Fremont also have curbside recycling available.
    - Rudzis asked about the survey metrics, and clarified the number of seventy-seven from the Grant area.
    - Chief Wade asked about drug paraphernalia. He stated dumping is occurring, and none of the sites are manned. When items are dumped, they pick it up quickly. He has contacted three different people who recently dumped.
    - Bouwkamp asked about signage as a deterrent.

d. Motion Item #1: Personnel Policy Change regarding front funding HSA's.

**Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to approve the motion.

Rudzis stated the HSA's don't line up with the benefit year as it is. It could be easier for writing the checks also if it lined up better. Bouwkamp asked if it's a problem, and staff replied that we have not had that problem yet.

Motion carried unanimously

e. Appointment of to fill the remainder of Tim Atwood's term was tabled until March.

9. **Other Business**

Hallman stated Kathleen Block is Matt's neighbor, and she would be great on the board.

10. **Information Items**

None

11. **Public Comments**

None

12. **Adjournment**

**Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to adjourn without objection at 7:28p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

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Mayor Julie Hallman

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Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk