

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, February 17, 2020, at the City of Grant Offices.

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, and Gerard Williams

ABSENT:

EXCUSED:

Others Present: Kasey Jernberg – City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Sara Bronson –City Treasurer/Utility Billing Clerk, Steven Paulsen – Grant Police Dept SGT, Ethan Berry, Grant Police Officer, Representative Scott VanSingel, Mandi Purcey, Ankur Rungta, and Chad Gibbie.

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion made by Block, second by Dietz to approve the agenda with additions.

Motion carried unanimously

5. **Public Comment**

VanSingel gave a brief update on the State budget and explained it has not been that controversial this year. There is a \$225 bump per student into classrooms. The 2038 pension funding due date is improving by continuing to make massive payments. Of the 3.5 billion-dollar roads bonding proposal, none of it will go to Newaygo County.

6. **Reserved Time**

a. River Country Chamber of Commerce: Chad Gibbie and Mandy Purcey introduced themselves as representatives. Wednesday, July 15th is the general membership meeting in Grant. The Festival meeting is the last Friday of the month.

7. **Consent Agenda Items**

Motion made by Block, second by Pickard to approve the consent agenda.

Motion carried unanimously

8. **Unfinished Business**

None

9. **New Business**

a. Motion Item #1: MDOT Performance Resolution:

Motion made by Block, second by Sanchez to approve the resolution.

Motion carried unanimously

b. Motion Item #2: Charter Franchise Agreement:

Motion made by Williams, second by Pickard to approve the agreement.

Motion carried unanimously

c. Motion Item #3: Newaygo County Equalization Services Agreement:

Motion made by Dietz, second by Block to approve the agreement.

Motion carried unanimously

d. Discussion Item #1: Farmer's Market / Water Tower Park – Plan Review: This has been in the works. Block asked if there would be enough room to drive between the curb and the open drain to the back portion of the property.

Jernberg stated the phase two will remove the drain.

Pickard stated that her husband Pete met with Kasey and Sherry to go over the plans.

e. Discussion Item #2: Marijuana Ordinance: C3 was founded in 2016 when formed by three partners. They are operational in Oregon and Michigan. They are active in production and retail. In Webberville they have cultivation and processing. Ankur introduced the leadership team.

Motion made by Block, second by Dietz to recess the meeting at 7:36 p.m. so the Commission could tour the new facility next door.

Motion carried

Motion made by Block, second by Pickard to resume meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Marijuana Ordinance (continued): Hallman asked for discussion.

Dietz asked about the sign graphic.

Hallman said she has heard more than once about it. She asked for discussion on recreational.

Block stated she would like to wait and see how medical goes.

Rungta stated the novelty wears off quickly. It has to become competitive or people would go to the black market. Both medical and adult-use are heavily regulated by the state.

Bronson asked what types of other business might this bring to Grant.

Rungta clarified it would bring in more customers who do more business here.

Pickard thinks we should vote now.

Motion made by Dietz, second by Sanchez to draft the ordinance.

Motion carried unanimously

10. ***Other Business***

None

11. ***Information Items***

a. 2020 Economic Update will be at 3:30 p.m. on February 19th. Jernberg anticipates The Right Place will be asking for a contribution.

12. ***Public Comments***

None

13. ***Adjournment***

Motion made by Block, second by Dietz to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Julie Hallman

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk