

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, March 17, 2008, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. *Call to Order:* Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.*
3. *Roll Call:*
PRESENT: Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Harry Robinson, Commissioner Julie Hallman, Commissioner Cheryl Lake, Commissioner Anne Pickard, and Commissioner Terri Yeomans.
OTHERS PRESENT: Doug La Fave-City Manager, Sherry Powell- Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Lori Gardner – Treasurer/Utility Billing Clerk, Pat Gardner, Grant PD Officer Joe Pulaski, Grant PD Officer CJ Freriks, Dharmesh Jain from REGIS, Rich Grant and Bob Wilcox from Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering.
EXCUSED: Commissioner Eric Irwin
ABSENT: *None*
4. Approval of the Agenda: Added Items J. and K. under New Business
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans second by Hallman to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
5. *Public Comment:*
None
6. *Consent Agenda*
a-e. Approval of the Consent Agenda
Motion: Motion made by Robinson, second by Yeomans to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. *Unfinished Business:*
 - a. Act 425 Agreement with Grant Township and Grant Public Schools: Had another meeting with the Township and School Superintendent Scott Bogner, and we hope to work out an acceptable arrangement to provide for the safety of the children in the Middle School.
 - b. Zoning Ordinances-International Property Maintenance Code: The Ordinance will be published this month.
 - c. Sewer Use Ordinance: The Ordinance will be published this month.
8. *New Business:*
 - a. Dharmesh Jain, REGIS presentation: Regional Geographic Information system is a consortium of local governments, currently with 21 members. REGIS can assist local governments who would otherwise be unable to have a GIS Department on staff, by handling all aspects of GIS for the City. Utilizing the Newaygo County mapping already available, they could scan in all documents and provide layers of information for each parcel within the City. This would aid in locating specific infrastructure by having our own specific layers of information, which we could easily obtain through a simple query. The cost for the first year would be approximately \$2,744 because of the one-time Cost Recovery Fee. The fee could be split and repaid over 3 years without any interest to make it more affordable to a local government. The annual membership dues are \$6.00 per parcel, with no additional charges incurred for training or setting up additional layers.
 - b. Rich Grant and Bob Wilcox, Fleis & VandenBrink Engineering–Sewer Upgrades: USDA Rural Development went out of their way to help the City secure a \$900,000 Grant to implement the badly needed Sewer Capital Improvements Plan. Engineers have installed flow monitors to evaluate the amount of storm water infiltration the Wastewater Treatment Plant is currently handling.
 - i. (taken out of order) Resolution 08-15, Resolution approving a professional service agreement for engineering work for Infiltration and Inflow Evaluation, USDA Rural Development Reports and Environmental Report for sewer system upgrades.
Motion: Motion made by Robinson second by Yeomans to approve Resolution 08-15.
The costs for this evaluation would be funded under the program.
Motion carried unanimously.

Engineers explained they will need to utilize the Historical 1.08% Population Projection Data to move forward.
Motion: Motion made by Robinson second by Yeomans to use the Historical 1.08% Population Projection Data.
Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Resolution 08-09, Resolution supporting Newaygo County's efforts to secure grant funding for the service development and new technology program.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans second by Lake to approve Resolution 08-09.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Resolution 08-10, Resolution approving renewal of Cummins Bridgeway maintenance agreement contract to maintain two generators for water and sewer.
Motion: Motion made by Robinson second by Hallman to approve Resolution 08-10.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - e. Resolution 08-11, Resolution approving the repair of the air-brake system on the 1993 GMC plow truck.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans second by Hallman to approve Resolution 08-11.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - f. Resolution 08-12, Resolution approving the purchase of V10K Chlorine System for water system.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman second by Lake to approve Resolution 08-12.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - g. Resolution 08-13, Resolution approving the purchase and installation of new transfer switch for wastewater treatment plant.
Motion: Motion made by Robinson second by Hallman to approve Resolution 08-13.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - h. Resolution 08-14, Resolution approving the purchase of water meters, repair kits and radio reads for City water system.
Motion: Motion made by Pickard second by Lake to approve Resolution 08-14.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - i. (taken out of order between Item b. and Item c.)
 - * j. (added under approval of agenda) Board of Review alternates
Motion: Motion made by Pickard second by Yeomans to appoint Nancy Fett and Ron Murray as alternates.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - * k. (added under approval of agenda) City Manager cell phone reimbursement
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans second by Pickard to reimburse the Manager's cell phone bill.
Motion carried unanimously.
9. *Other Business:*
- a. Grant PD Taser Training Video: Officer Joe Pulaski showed a video of a portion of the Taser Training recently conducted by the department. He explained the purpose of the taser is to administer a 5 second jolt to incapacitate the individual in order to provide time for the officer to place handcuffs on the person.
10. *Information Items/Updates:*
- a. Skatepark grant update: The City Commission publicly thanked Pat Gardner for offering to store the newly built ramps and expressed that Milt Barr is doing a wonderful job with this project.
 - b. DPW Committee Update: Information has been sent out to the committee members to identify ideas and possible changes as we assist in planning for the increasing demands of the Department of Public Works.
 - c. DDA Update: Andy Lofgren, NCEDO Executive Director, is planning to attend the April 1st DDA meeting. Andy will work with the DDA Governing Board by helping facilitate the creation of the Development and Finance Plan.
11. *Public Comments:*
- Pat Gardner encouraged the City Commission to continue moving forward in an attempt to collaborate with Grant Township and Grant Public Schools on a possible 425 Agreement, because the safety of school children is extremely important, regardless of where the school is located.
12. *Adjournment* without objection at 8:35 pm.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Grant City Clerk