

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 15, 2010

A Public Hearing of the Grant City Commission to receive comments on Ordinance 27-2 was held on Monday, March 15, 2010 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 Cheryl Weeks, Commissioner Julie Hallman , Commissioner Terri Yeomans, and Commissioner Kevin Smith
Others Present: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Lori Gardner-City Treasurer/Deputy Clerk, Dan VanBelzen-Chief of Police, Dan Graham, and Brandy Longcore
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: Commissioner Anne Pickard
4. **Public Comment on Ordinance 27-2:**
None
5. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:01 p.m.

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9. **Approval of the Agenda:**
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Hallman to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
10. **Public Comment:**
Brandy Longcore of 160 Lincoln St.: Concerned about vacant house next door to her residence. Brandy stated that there is a hole in the house (old cistern) and she has noticed some kids going inside. Her husband told them to leave and they ran. She is also concerned for her young children getting hurt. She hopes to have it closed up again.
11. **Consent Agenda**
a-e. *Approval of the Consent Agenda*
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Smith to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
12. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Planning Commission vacancies (2): Still two vacancies. Mayor Fett is looking for suggestions
 - b. City Commission vacancy: Matt Bouwkamp was approached. He is considering.
13. **New Business**
 - a. Ordinance 27-2, Amended Zoning Ordinance – Second and Final Reading
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Hallman to accept the final reading of Ordinance 27-2.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Resolution 10-06: Resolution authorizing high resolution GIS flyover

Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Weeks to approve Resolution 10-06.

Mayor Fett asked if it will make the property boundaries more accurate. Doug La Fave explained that it should. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Resolution 10-07, Resolution providing for the confirmation of the Mayor's appointment to the Board of Review.

Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Weeks to approve the appointment of Fred Finkbeiner to the Board of Review.

Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Motion Item: Invoices for USDA Sewer Project

Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Hallman to approve the invoices.

Motion carried unanimously.

- e. Motion Item: WIC Lease

Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Hallman to approve the WIC Lease.

Commissioner Yeomans asked about WIC paying the heat. Doug La Fave explained that there were two options that WIC could choose from. One where the City pays the heat and the rate would be higher or WIC pay the heat and the rental rate would be lower.

Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Motion Item: Accept Fire Special Assessment Roll and Millage Fraction

Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Weeks to accept Fire Special Assessment Roll and Millage Fraction

Motion carried unanimously.

- g. Motion Item: Amend Personnel Policy to reflect health insurance change as stated in the Manager's report

Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Weeks to amend the Personnel Policy.

Doug La Fave explained how insurance rates keep increasing and we are trying to keep costs down.

Motion carried unanimously.

14. **Other Business**

- a. Neighborhood Watch – Chief VanBelzen: Police Department is starting a neighborhood watch program that should be going about the first of July. He is hoping the program will reduce crime and get residents more involved. These meetings will be held in the Community Center.

15. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Streetscape: We are waiting on final numbers, and with MDOT it could still be awhile. The punch list should be done by late spring, and Doug is not sure what the final numbers will be.
- b. Sewer Project update: Could be done ahead of schedule, and everything has been moving along well.
- c. Community Building update: The project should be wrapped up in the next couple of weeks, and it looks great. Doug encouraged everyone to stop in to check it out. Commissioner Hallman is concerned about a spot in the fascia that looks open, and also asked to have the WIC stickers removed from the door. They can possibly move their sign to the window.
- d. School Flasher Signs: Everything is completed, and we ended one cent over budget. They look very nice.
- e. Ashland-Grant Fire District: Doug has completed grant applications to raise about \$10,000 for tanks. He hopes for an answer in June.

16. **Public Comments:** Mayor Fett complimented entire City staff. He thanked everyone for doing a great job with everything (projects) in these tough times.

17. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:24p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Lori Gardner, Deputy Clerk