

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 19, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, March 19, 2012, 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 Julie Hallman, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Cheryl Weeks, Commissioner Kevin Smith, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, and Commissioner Harold Portell
Others Present: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Cpl. Mitch Rood – Grant Police Department
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: None
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Portell to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

Laurie Breuker, Newaygo County Clerk, was here for an annual visit. Her office has a busy election schedule this year. The Presidential Primary Election went very smooth, and all of the Clerks did a great job. Voter turnout was lower than the last Presidential Primary. There is a May election, and it is only for Fremont Public Schools. The August Primary will include all levels of candidates except cities. November is the big Presidential Election, now including all Schools in spite of contacting legislators in an attempt to inform them of the unintended impacts it will create, including up to two ballots issued to voters in some precincts.
Mayor Fett asked Laurie if she had any idea what was causing voter apathy, and Laurie responded that likely a number of things contributed. A decrease in population is part of it, but also is the lack of education and some younger people not realizing the importance of voting.
6. **Consent Agenda**

a-e. *Approval of the Consent Agenda*
Motion: Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Weeks to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Board vacancies remaining:
(Out of Order) **Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to appoint Chuck Marlatt and Brad Vlastuin to the DDA Board to a 4-year term, ending January 2016.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Employee Compensation Committee with Mayor Fett: Motion Item 1: Mayor Fett stated Matt Bouwkamp and Cheryl Weeks are willing to serve on the Committee and recommended they be appointed.
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Pickard to appoint Matt Bouwkamp and Cheryl Weeks to the Employee Compensation Committee.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. E. main St. parking: Mayor Fett said he has been getting a host of e-mails and getting tired of receiving them. Doug commented that new signs are now up that say “Customer Parking Only”, and this should help free up actual customer parking on both sides of Main Street. Pickard said she spoke with some of the business owners, and they prefer not to have to walk half a city block to park. One of the business owners she spoke with said she did not mind parking across the street in the warmer months.
8. **New Business**
 - a. Resolution 12-07: Consideration for the City of Grant EVIP Employee Compensation Certification and amendment to the City of Grant Personnel Policy including April-June health renewal and aligning health plan year (with rates) to the City fiscal year July through June.
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Smith to approve the City of Grant EVIP Employee Compensation Certification and amendment to the City of Grant Personnel Policy.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution 12-08: Consideration: for closing various City funds and opening a new City fund effective for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012.

Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 12-08.

Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Resolution 12-09: Consideration: for City of Grant Fund Balance Policy for General Fund.

Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Portell to approve the Fund Balance policy for the General Fund.

Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Resolution 12-10: For confirmation of the Mayors appointments to DDA Board (*Out of Order, Unfinished Business*)

9. **Other Business**

None

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Safe Routes to School-sidewalks: We are waiting on the State Historic Preservation Office only, and then we will move forward with bids.
- b. 5 year parks and recreation plan update (DNR): Now that we have a Planning Commission to get a quorum, we can plan to have a meeting.
- c. Non Hazardous and Hazardous clean-up/drop off for 2012: The dates scheduled are Monday thru Thursday, May 7th thru 10th, 2012 between the hours of 7:00am and 7:00pm by appointment. The dumpster will be under lock and key inside the DPW fence to ensure only City residents and taxpayers are using it. This will coincide ahead of the County's Household Hazardous Waste Program day in early June.

11. **Public Comments:**

None

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk