

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, April 21, 2008, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. *Call to Order:* Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.*
3. *Roll Call:*
PRESENT: Mayor Terry Fett, , Commissioner Eric Irwin, Commissioner Harry Robinson, Commissioner Cheryl Lake, Commissioner Anne Pickard, and Commissioner Terri Yeomans.
OTHERS PRESENT: Doug La Fave-City Manager, Sherry Powell– Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Dan VanBelzen-Chief of Police, and Joel Arntz.
EXCUSED: Commissioner Julie Hallman
ABSENT: *None*
4. Approval of the Agenda: Added Items G. under New Business
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans second by Irwin 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:
 - b. Zoning Ordinances-International Property Maintenance Code:
8. *New Business:*
 - a. First Reading of Sewer Use Ordinance #52
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans second by Irwin to accept the first reading of Ordinance #52.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Resolution 08-16 approving management and approval of contracts for the Grant Water Tower Park Project
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans second by Pickard to approve Resolution 08-16.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Resolution 08-17 approving the purchase of a parcel of land
Motion: Motion made by Lake second by Robinson to approve Resolution 08-17.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Resolution 08-18 providing for the cleaning of the City streets
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans second by Irwin to approve Resolution 08-18 and contract with SaniSweep.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - e. Resolution 08-19 authorizing continued financial support to NCEDO
Motion: Motion made by Robinson second by Pickard to approve Resolution 08-19.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - f. Resolution 08-20 providing for maintenance agreement for water storage tank/clarifier Cathodic protection services for the City of Grant water tower
Motion: Motion made by Robinson second by Yeomans to approve Resolution 08-20.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - g. Presentation by Abby Marek, Newaygo County Emergency Services Coordinator: Abby Marek informed the Commission that on June 3rd Phase 2 of the Dam Evacuation Full Scale Exercise will take place from 5pm – 10pm. She explained that this exercise will essentially pick up where last year's exercise left off, focusing on the Croton Dam side. Abby explained that Grant is an ideal location to set up a staging location and an Alternate Emergency Room Site. The exact location of this staging area has not yet been determined.
9. *Other Business:*
 - a. Employee Reviews/DPW Committee: Reviews will be done soon.

Motion: Motion made by Yeomans second by Irwin to approve the DPW Committee Recommendations with one change of Steve as primary in WWTP.
Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Appointment of Harry Robinson, Kasi Ostyn and Chris Sorden to the ZBA Board
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans second by Irwin to approve the appointments to the ZBA Board.
Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Library Board Appointment: The City will need to appoint a candidate to fill the remainder of Eric Irwin's term.
- d. Community Clean-Up Day: The grant request was approved for 80% of the cost of dumpsters, and the clean-up day is scheduled for May 17, 2008.
- e. Fallen Heroes Flag Ceremony at City Office: The turnout for the flag raising ceremony was nice, with approximately 60-75 people in attendance.
- f. Water leak at Grant Senior Housing/Wilbur-Ellis Billing: The water leak policy was utilized once their problem was resolved.
- g. 17 W Main St, County Safety and Building Permits: The County Building Safety & Permits Department is handling the complaint and corrective action.
- h. Fiscal year 2008-2009 Budget: A draft is almost done and will be ready within the next week and a half.

10. *Information Items/Updates:*

- a. Skatepark grant update: Milt Barr from Grant Welding is almost finished welding the steel surface to the new steel frame, and the half-pipe ramps are getting a coat of paint at the DPW garage this week.
- b. US Forestry Service grant for trees at City Office on Arbor Day: Two Crimson maple trees will be scheduled for pick-up and will be planted this week. Arbor Day is Friday, April 25, 2008.
- c. DDA Update: Andy Lofgren, NCEDO Executive Director, gave a presentation about the goals and objectives of NCEDO, as well as many programs they offer for businesses at the April 1st meeting.
- d. Alltel Wireless: Although we were excited about the opportunity to get new cell phone towers on the water tower, they have since decided to place them in Ashland Township.

11. *Public Comments:*

A woman in the audience commented she is grateful to know local government officials handle so many issues so she and other members of the community can enjoy daily life without worrying about all of these important things.

12. *Adjournment* without objection at 7:55 pm.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Grant City Clerk