

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 15, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, April 15, 2013, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:00p.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, Officer Robert VanBelzen-Grant Police Department, and Laurel Breuker–Newaygo County Clerk

ABSENT: None

EXCUSED: None
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**

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

Laurel Breuker said she was here to visit and give an update. There will be no May election, but the Michigan Legislature is still considering an August election. The November election will be for the four cities in the County. The County Clerk's office has a new elections clerk, and Tina came from Montcalm County. Newaygo County became the first county to pilot electronic birth certificates. Among other benefits, her office can now even look up birth certificates for individuals who do not know where they were born. The cost for these is now \$17, whereas other records are still at \$13.
6. **Consent Agenda**

a-e. **Approval of the Consent Agenda**  
**Motion:** Motion made by Weeks, second by Portell to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. N/A
8. **New Business**
  - a. Ordinance 55: Consideration – First reading: For an ordinance regulating licensing certain businesses and business activities within the city of Grant.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve the first reading.  
Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Other Business**
  - a. FY 2013-2014 Budgets: The draft budget is out there for the general public to see as well.
10. **Information Items / Updates**
  - a. CSX Property – Appraisal: CSX had planned to have appraisers here last Friday, but we never saw or heard from them. If this looked promising, the Brownfield Authority would likely help us out with a grant application for phase one, possibly phase two, and if the price was reasonable, it may be possible to get a grant towards the purchase of this land from the railroad.
  - b. EVIP funding/requirements: We have noticed some of these issues with the budget. It appears the State will hire website checkers to begin checking all municipal websites to ensure contracts are

updated monthly, although most contracts are handled annually. We will receive no revenue increase from EVIP for the City. The House and the Senate have different versions of new EVIP requirements, and the Senate's version is more favorable to us.

11. **Public Comments:**

None

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

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Mayor Terry Fett

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Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk

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