

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 21, 2014

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, April 21, 2014, 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 Kevin Smith, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp (7:08pm), and Commissioner Harold Portell
Others Present: Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, DPW Supervisor Shawn Botsford, DPW Staff Janet Botsford, City Treasurer Lori Gardner, Officer Bob Vanbelzen, Gary Nestle of IAI, and Dennis McKee of Consumers Energy
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**

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

Dennis McKee from Consumers Energy informed everyone that Consumers is updating electric meter technology across the State of Michigan. No bills will have estimated figure once this is complete. Power outages will automatically report to Consumers Energy. This change will help Consumers control their charges. Before meters are changed out, customers will get a thirty-day notice. Meters will be changed out without the customers needing to be present, and they will see a door hanger once this has been done.
6. **Consent Agenda**

a-e. *Approval of the Consent Agenda*
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Hallman to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously
7. **Unfinished Business:**

a. N/A
8. **New Business**
 - a. Motion Item #1: Motion to Appoint new City Manager:

Consensus of the City Commission to hold a special meeting before the next regular meeting May to decide this.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to table the appointment of a new City Manager to a special meeting before the regular meeting in May.
Motion carried unanimously
 - b. Motion Item #2: Motion to Approve the Third Amendment to Site Lease with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC.

Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Hallman to approve third amendment to Site Lease.
Motion carried unanimously
 - c. Resolution 14-07: Authorizing Fire Department Millage Ballot Proposal
Motion: Motion made by Pickard, second by Smith to approve Resolution 14-07.
Motion carried unanimously
 - d. Resolution 14-08: Authorizing Public Safety Millage Ballot Proposal
Motion: Motion made by Pickard, second by Portell to approve Resolution 14-08.
Motion carried unanimously
 - e. Motion Item #3: Public Safety Options
Mayor Fett expressed his understanding that staff would like a decision on this matter tonight. He felt

the Commission needed more time to make the best decision for the City residents. He also wants to discuss any possible grant funding with the County Administrator first. Powell explained a point of clarification in the fourth option, to contract with City of White Cloud for administrative services only. The cost would be one-half of the dollar amount underlined, and would get the city 20 hours per week. The rest of the existing department would remain the same. The decision is obviously up to the City Commission.

Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Smith to table this issue to the next meeting.

Motion carried unanimously

9. **Other Business**

a. N/A

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. **Amphitheatre Project & Paint Choices - Blanche Lake Park:** The steel is all installed, the roof is on, and it looks great. The invoice for Builder's Iron Inc was \$12,345, which came in a little higher than we hoped. Doug had this built into his budget, and a higher amount was provided in his transition report. Rich Ulrich from Detail Painting generously offered to paint the amphitheatre for us, and just asked us to pick the colors we want. He said Sherwin Williams donated the anti-graffiti clear coat. Rich said some prep work will need to be done before it can be painted. The Commission passed around some color choices and selected their preference. Shawn commented that McKinley Masonry plans to install the handicap accessible ramp yet this week.
- b. **135 S Maple St (former CSX Property):** Nothing has been done on this project, and we are waiting to find out if we received any grant funding or not.
- c. **CIPP Project Update:** Mayor Fett asked if anyone needed an update on this project since the last correspondence, and the most recent developments were explained. The excavation site has grown as we continue to uncover more sections of failed liner. These sections of liner were found on Friday, April 11, 2014 during the final television of the last section of newly installed liners. In an attempt to get a clear picture of what we are dealing with, the IPR crew did attempt to televise from the Commerce Street manhole to the manhole in front of the car wash. Twice they hit something of unknown origin, and because they were going uphill, it was not possible to see with any clarity what they were looking at. Excavation resumed this morning, and another bad section of liner was removed. The end of the section facing to the north was badly crushed, while the opposite end facing the south was flat on the bottom. The City's camera ended about halfway between the Advantage Auto Wash manhole and the Commerce Street intersection manhole, leaving half of the section in a state of unknown condition. Shawn and I worked on getting pictures to the General Superintendent of IPR requesting a meeting to discuss the project, the failures, the costs for everything, as well as how to best determine lost revenues for those businesses affected by the project. We still need to determine if additional excavation is necessary or not.
- d. **Wayfinding Signs-GPS-Fine Arts Center on M-37:** The DPW had to hand dig the holes to install the pipe for this signage because of all of the wires buried right on that corner. Once the pipe has had enough time to set, the signage will go up, likely by the end of this week. MDOT has been fantastic to work with since we had to delay the installation beyond the advance notice deadline.
- e. **Recycling for Newaygo County:** On the last page of the packets is a letter from Recycling for Newaygo County requesting a revenue increase in order to remain open until September. This is beyond the \$150 the City contributes annually. Commissioners asked how much additional funding was requested.. The only information provided was the cost of \$13,800 to operate the site, along with contributions of \$1,500 from both Ashland and Grant Townships and \$150 from the City of Grant. With a difference of \$10,650 still needed and no specific amount requested, the Commission did not feel that providing a couple hundred more would make enough of a difference.

11. **Public Comments:**

Powell informed everyone the annual City Clean-Up Event has just been scheduled for Monday, May 12 - noon on Friday, May 16th to take place at the Department of Public Works. Per our contract with A-Waste, they will provide a dumpster for us to use for this event at no charge. A second dumpster could be added at cost if the Commission would like. After the damaging storm on April 12th, it would probably fill up

quickly. The Commission agreed that if the first dumpster filled up quickly, we should get a second one.

Pickard thanked Sherry, Shawn, Tyler, Janet, and anyone else involved with the recent sewer CIPP (cured-in-place pipe) project for a job well done.

Bob Vanbelzen announced his retirement, and that tonight is his last day with the City of Grant Police Department. The Commission thanked him for his service.

12. *Adjournment* without objection at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk

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