

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 17, 2017**

The special meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, April 17, 2017, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Julie Hallman called the meeting to order at **7:00p.m.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**
  - PRESENT: Mayor Julie Hallman, Matt Bouwkamp, Harold Portell, Cheryl Weeks, Kevin Smith, and Gabe Sanchez
  - ABSENT:
  - EXCUSED: Anne Pickard
  - Others Present: Ryan Rudzis - City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Brad Wade - Chief of Police, Shawn Botsford - DPW Supervisor, Janet Botsford - Grant Water Dept/DPW, Colleen Lynema, and Lisa Lightfoot of the River Country Chamber of Commerce.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Smith to approve the agenda.
  - Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**
  - None
6. **Consent Agenda Items**
  - Motion** made by Portell, second by Weeks to approve the consent agenda.
  - Motion carried unanimously
7. **Unfinished Business**
  - None
8. **New Business**
  - a. Resolution 17-04: Newaygo County Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment  
Rudzis stated this is so Nestle Gerber can haul to a different county.  
**Motion** made by Portell, second by Smith to approve the resolution.  
Motion carried unanimously
  - b. Motion Item #1: Approval of new contract with IAI  
Hallman stated this is who we have now.  
**Motion** made by Weeks, second by Portell to approve the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously
  - c. Motion Item #2: Increase of employees contribution to health insurance plan premium:  
**Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Portell to approve the increase.  
Motion carried unanimously
  - d. River Country Chamber: Road Closure Discussion:  
Lightfoot distributed copies of the letter requesting road closures for both Chamber events. The plan is to close M-37 for one hour for the Harvest Moon Festival and for the entire Christmas event. A Chamber update was provided also. The Chamber currently has 268 members. They are starting to work on Instagram. The Home & Garden Show is this Saturday.  
Weeks asked if we have an alternate route.  
Wade clarified the alternate route they had discussed. He has concerns using Lake Street.  
**Consensus** made by the Commission to move forward with the request to MDOT.

9. **Other Business**

None

10. **Information Items**

Hallman thanked Chief Wade for his efforts and representing the City well.

Wade stated his recent conference was an excellent week of education. He explained the incident Mayor Hallman was referring to had started out as a very difficult situation for a family. He was fortunate to help turn it around with a positive outcome.

11. **Public Comments**

None

12. **Executive Session** to discuss annual evaluation

**Motion** made by Portell, second by Bouwkamp to go into Executive Session to discuss the City Manager's Evaluation.

**Roll Call:** Mayor Julie Hallman-Yes, Matt Bouwkamp-Yes, Harold Portell-Yes, Cheryl Weeks-Yes, Kevin Smith-Yes, and Gabe Sanchez-Yes

Motion carried unanimously at 7:14pm.

Regular Session resumed at 7:54pm.

**Motion** made by Portell, second by Bouwkamp to raise the City Manager's salary by \$4,000 starting next fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously

13. **Adjournment**

**Motion** made by Weeks, second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm.

Motion carried unanimously

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Mayor Julie Hallman

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Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk