

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 20, 2013

A Public Hearing of the Grant City Commission to receive comments on the City FY 2013-2014 Budget on Monday, May 20, 2013 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, Officer Robert VanBelzen – Grant Police Department
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks
4. **Public Comment on the City FY 2013-2014 Budget:**
None
5. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:01 p.m.

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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:**
None
6. **Consent Agenda**
a-e. **Approval of the Consent Agenda**
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Bouwkamp to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
a. Ordinance No. 55: Doug recommended that we hold off until after July 1, 2013 due to the over \$1,200 cost to publish the ordinance.
8. **New Business**
a. Resolution 13-10: Consideration: To adopt the City of Grant 2013-2014 FY budgets, the 2013-2014 FY budgets, the 2013-2014 Millage rates and 1% PTAF, the amended personnel policy, 2013-2014 fee rate schedule and 2013-2014 capital improvement items.
Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Portell to approve the Resolution.
Pickard asked about previous discussions to place a split rail fence at Parkview Cemetery.
Motion carried unanimously

- b. Resolution 13-11: Consideration: Confirmation of the Mayor's appointments to the DDA.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve the motion.
Motion carried with Portell abstaining.
- c. Resolution 13-12: Consideration: To exercise the opt out option under PA 152 for EVIP.
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Smith to approve the Resolution.
La Fave explained that while technically we are compliant, we do not like the State telling us how to manage our finances.
Motion carried unanimously

9. **Other Business**

- a. WMBB Lease: Doug explained the lease and that he is hearing nothing but grief from parties leasing space on the water tower. We have been told and shown photographic evidence that West Michigan Broadband has changed out their equipment several times, which is a violation of our lease with them.
Portell asked if any parties are still having problems, and Doug said they are having problems on and off.
La Fave said the City is not involved in any of their issues, and explained the formal process for equipment changes. It is clear that the dishes are all different, and we were not told of any changes as required.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to notify West Michigan Broadband that the City will not be renewing their lease, and that any additional changes will be cause for the City to terminate their lease.
Motion carried unanimously

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. CSX Property – Appraisal: Doug hopes to get a counter offer from CSX soon.
- b. DEQ S2-WWTP grant: We were just notified that we received \$18,000, which is 90% funding for this grant. The budget was not changed to reflect this since we are not sure how they will handle the finances. Our portion of the funding will come out of the Sewer Replacement/Improvement Fund.
- c. FACF-Amphitheatre grant: We received this grant funding, and will plan to start on the project after July 1st. We will plan on a field trip at the conclusion of the June City Commission meeting and discuss locations with LionHeart Productions, the Grant Fine Arts Center Director, and any other interested parties.
- d. FACF-City and GPS sidewalks grant: We received this grant funding to take care of those sections of sidewalk originally planned but removed from the Safe Routes program.
Commissioners commented they are pleased to see so many people using the new sidewalks.

11. **Public Comments:**

Hallman reminded everyone that May 30th is Michigan History Day, and elementary school students will be having events at Blanche Lake Park, which includes firing a musket.

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk