

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 18, 2015

A Public Hearing of the Grant City Commission - FY 2015-2016 Proposed Budget on Monday, May 18, 2015 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: Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Julie Hallman , Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Harold Portell, Commissioner Kevin Smith, and Commissioner Cheryl Weeks
Others Present: Ryan Rudzis - City Manager and Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Lori Gardner - City Treasurer, Shawn Botsford - DPW Supervisor, Gary Nestle - IAI, and Rich Ulrich
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: None
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Weeks to approve the agenda with the addition of item b. Information on Permits and item C. CIPP lawsuit update under Information Items.
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment** on FY 2015-2016 Proposed Budgets:
None
6. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:01p.m.

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, May 18, 2015, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order – Regular Meeting:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
2. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**
None
3. Consent Agenda Items:
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Hallman to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. None
5. **New Business, Consideration for:**
 - a. Resolution 15-03: Approval for the use of Blanche Lake Park for the City of grant summer festival.
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Fett to approve the resolution.
Hallman Thinks the location is not ideal. She is concerned with visibility, food places, enough room, and parking if the event is held at Blanche Lake Park.
Fett Explained that this is not a City event. This is a Chamber event, and the Chamber is fronting it with their funds. This would be an opportunity to showcase the amphitheater and Blanche Lake. The Chamber felt it would be the perfect location.
Portell Agreed this is not the greatest place, but he is willing to give it a shot.
Weeks Agreed with Portell's comment.
Hallman Asked if the Chamber has obtained permission to use the schools for parking.
Fett Replied that all of these matters are being addressed.
Pickard Asked if any vendors have been contacted, and if they are willing to come if the event is at the Lake.
Fett Replied the Chamber has a list of vendors they use.
Motion carried 4 Yes to 3 No.
 - b. Resolution 15-04: Consideration: To adopt the City of Grant 2015-2016 FY Budgets and appropriate funds, adopt the 2015-2016 Millage rates and 1% PTAF, 2015-2016 fee rate schedule, and the 2015-2016 capital improvement items.

Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Smith to approve the Resolution.

Rudzis Explained we had to revise a few numbers today after the taxable values changed from what we originally plugged in. He stated we would cut out the purchase of the broom for next fiscal year in this revised budget. He explained we have some paving projects slated for next fiscal year. The speed radar sign would be great on State Rd.

Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Motion Item #1: Approval of the purchase of a movie theater screen and projector to show movies at the Blanche Lake Park Amphitheater.

Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve the purchases.

Hallman Stated she has been hearing nothing but positive comments about this idea.

Portell Asked what the total cost is on this.

Rudzis Replied that it would be about \$1,300.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Other Business:**

- a. None

7. **Information Items:**

- a. Sherry Powell Clerk Certification

Rudzis Explained the achievement, the hard work done to obtain it, and the opportunity to obtain one higher certification.

- b. Information on Permits

Rudzis Stated he received a phone call over the weekend about a beer tent and loud music. This particular business has applied for permits before, but not this time. He asked the Commission how the feel about enforcement. He stated that we do not want to put our Officers in danger. We want business to come here, but we do have rules. Expressed he had done some research, and the owner's liquor license does now allow for outdoor sales.

Weeks Asked when he was approached, and Rudzis replied it was on Saturday, but the Officer on duty.

Mendham Clarified that the establishment owner was warned, and he did it again on Sunday.

Discussion About the approval of the liquor license for this establishment.

Hallman Does not want to threaten his license. She prefers we make the problem smaller not bigger.

Discussion About contacting the establishment owner and remind him there are rules.

Hallman Stated a letter should be drafted from the City Commission explaining the process and rules.

Smith Would like to see a list of dates annually for events at this establishment.

- c. CIPP Lawsuit Update

Fett Asked if everyone understands the process with the court date pushed back to January. There is a pipe expert involved now.

8. **Public Comments:**

Gardner Stated she thinks the bar owner feels singled out. The Police Department does not respond to fights or other problems since he took it over. She stated that she enjoyed hearing the music.

Ulrich Agreed with Gardner that the music was nice, and we want to bring in business.

Smith Commented that businesses need to follow the rules.

Fett Explained that Doug worked tirelessly to help him out, yet he blamed the City for the flooding on his property. He rejected our offer to partner with the Farmers Market. He shot down our offers to work with him.

Powell Thanked Rudzis for doing a great job on his first budget.

Mendham Offered to answer any questions on any police related matters.

9. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:28 p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk