

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 15, 2017**

A Public Hearing of the Grant City Commission - FY 2017-2018 Proposed Budget on Monday, May 15, 2017 at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Julie Hallman called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**
 PRESENT: Mayor Julie Hallman, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Harold Portell, Commissioner Kevin Smith, Commissioner Cheryl Weeks, and Commissioner Gabe Sanchez
 Others Present: Ryan Rudzis - City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Janet Botsford - DPW, Shawn Botsford, - DPW Supervisor, Brad Wade - Police Chief, and Pam Schwallier of River Country Chamber of Commerce.
 ABSENT: None
 EXCUSED: None
4. Approval of the Agenda:
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Smith to approve the agenda with the addition of item F: Sewer - Private Residence added under New Business during the regular meeting.
 Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment** on FY 2017-2018 Proposed Budgets:
 None
6. **Adjournment**
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Bouwkamp to adjourn the public hearing at 7:01p.m.
 Motion carried unanimously.

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, May 15, 2017, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order – Regular Meeting:** Mayor Julie Hallman called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m with everyone still present.
2. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
Schwallier introduced herself and stated she was here representing the River Country Chamber. She provided an update on happenings and distributed several flyers to everyone present.
3. **Consent Agenda Items**
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Pickard to approve the consent agenda.
 Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. None
5. **New Business, Consideration for:**
 - a. Resolution 17-05: MDOT Performance Resolution for Annual Permit
Motion: Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Weeks to the resolution.
 Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Discussion Item #1: Purchase of Police Vehicle
Motion: Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to proceed.
Rudzis stated that part of the grant requirement is discussion of the need. We only have two cars, and Chief Wade feels the Explorer would best meet the needs of the community.
Pickard asked if it was an option to buy a used car, and Rudzis stated it is not an option with this grant.
Wade explained a used vehicle would be about the same cost as what we would end up paying for our portion if we receive the grant.
 Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Resolution 17-06: Adoption of FY 2017-2018

Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Weeks to approve the resolution.
Motion carried unanimously.

d. Motion Item #1: Quit Claim City Property to 79 Lincoln

Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Pickard to approve the Quit Claim Deed.

Hallman explained the homeowner is looking for room to park her car.

Motion carried unanimously .

e. Motion Item #2: Acceptance of Shawn Botsford Retirement Letter & Compensation Package

Motion: Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to open it up for discussion.

Unanimous Consent

Hallman explained the personnel policy provides for a cap of 30 days payout when an employee leaves. Shawn has done a lot for this community, and we appreciate it. His request is for sixty days payout, and she is concerned about setting a precedent.

Pickard clarified that he is asking for 60 days.

Weeks stated the personnel policy was changed in 2011.

Hallman stated the personnel policies change all the time where she works.

Motion made by Pickard, second by Bouwkamp to compromise and give Shawn Botsford 45 days.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Weeks to accept Shawn Botsford's retirement letter.

Motion carried unanimously.

f. Sewer-Private Residence (added to agenda)

Hallman stated she will recuse herself and is turning the meeting over to Portell to run at 7:16pm.

Rudzis explained the City was notified of a sewer backup in April. The main was fine and flowing. The City no longer cares for the homeowner "Y" lateral connections. He thinks the City's portion of responsibility to pay any portion of the lateral replacement bill was very minimal because of the minimal tree roots found to be in the City's portion of the connection. We offered and have already paid for one-third of the bill, and one of the homeowners at this residence is not happy about the cost. The homeowner stated he has not read the City's sewer back-up policy but feels it is unfair. Rudzis does not feel the City should pay anything further.

Smith asked which contractor did the work, and was told All Around Excavating completed it.

Bouwkamp asked to clarify the tree roots were found on the homeowner's side, and Botsford confirmed this is correct.

Rudzis clarified that All Around never exposed the City's main.

Portell stated he believes the City followed the policy to a "T".

Motion made by Smith, second by Bouwkamp to support Ryan's decision.

Motion carried unanimously.

Portell turned meeting back over to Mayor Hallman at 7:23pm.

6. **Other Business:**

a. None

7. **Information Items:**

a. None

8. **Public Comments:**

9. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to adjourn at 7:23p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Julie Hallman

Sherry K. Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk