

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 21, 2018**

A Public Hearing of the Grant City Commission - FY 2018-2019 Proposed Budget on Monday, May 21, 2018 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 Gerard Williams, Commissioner Kevin Smith, Commissioner Kate Block (7:11pm), and Commissioner Gabe Sanchez  
 Others Present: Ryan Rudzis - City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Kasey Jernberg - Manager Intern, Michelle Marciniak - True North Community Services, Lisa Lightfoot - RC3, and Michael Paige - Candidate for Newaygo County Probate Judge  
 ABSENT: None  
 EXCUSED: None
4. Approval of the Agenda:  
**Motion:** Motion made by Smith, second by Pickard to approve the agenda.  
 Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment** on FY 2018-2019 Proposed Budgets:  
 None
6. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:03 p.m.  
 Motion carried unanimously.

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1. **Call to Order – Regular Meeting:** Mayor Julie Hallman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**  
Marciniak introduced herself and explained how the Circles Newaygo County program works. Circles is an intense twelve week training program whose goal is "To eradicate poverty as a whole." Once graduated, these people are partnered with someone else who does not have the resources necessary. It takes six hours a month to become an Ally and make a difference. They utilize greeters, facilitators, recruitment, services, and jobs and education teams. They also have a "big view" team that looks at barriers and works with legislators to improve them. Circles Newaygo County just moved to the United Church of Christ in Newaygo for this one year. They are currently working with fourteen Circle Leaders and some children. They have a large need for volunteers. They have successfully graduated twenty Circle Leaders. There are four chapters in the State.  
Williams asked Marciniak where she gets her passion for this.  
Marciniak stated she has always been service driven and advocating for others.
3. Consent Agenda Items:  
**Motion:** Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Sanchez to approve the consent agenda.  
 Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Unfinished Business**  
Lisa Lightfoot of River Country Chamber of Commerce gave a brief update and discussed upcoming events in Grant.  
Mike Paige introduced himself as family referee, and a candidate for the Newaygo County Probate Court Judgeship. He started out working for Judge Dimkoff, and has been doing this for sixteen years.
5. **New Business, Consideration for:**
  - a. Motion Item #1: Purchase of DPW Truck:  
**Motion:** Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Williams to approve the purchase of a DPW truck.  
Rudzis explained he is applying for the same type of grant as we got the police vehicle for.

Pickard as how much this purchase would be for, and Rudzis said around \$16,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

b. Resolution 18-05: Adoption of FY 2018-2019 Budget:

**Motion:** Motion made by Pickard, second by Smith to approve the budget.

Pickard asked about raises.

Motion carried unanimously.

c. Discussion Item #1: Tree removal at farmers market:

Hallman explained the Farmers Market group wants to put up a sign and relocate a tree.

Pickard has been calling around, and was told it couldn't be removed until September to transplant it.

Hallman asked if they already have a sign permit, and Pickard stated it was already approved.

Hallman asked if the sign could be placed on posts in front of the tree.

Rudzis would like it removed in the winter time.

Pickard stated the 2'x4' sign should be facing M-37.

Smith stated it should be two-sided, so both northbound and southbound traffic can see it.

Bouwkamp thinks that if we take a tree out, we should plant another one.

**Motion:** Motion made by Block, second by Bouwkamp to table it until we have had all a chance to look at this tree.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Resolution 18-06: Police Millage:

**Motion:** Motion made by Smith, second by Sanchez to approve putting this proposal on the ballot.

Pickard asked if anyone else has figured out how much it would be, and numbers were discussed about it bringing in about \$15,000 if it was approved by the voters.

Motion carried unanimously .

Hallman stated that she knows Chief Wade would appreciate being able to keep our really good officers.

6. **Other Business:**

- a. Hallman informed everyone that she attended the Region 4 Mayor's meeting. They met at the Muskegon Farmers Market, and it was a great meeting.

7. **Information Items:**

- a. 21st Century Asset Management Pilot: Rudzis explained that he did a mini grant back in September for sewer infrastructure. He is meeting with Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering about using GIS to map our sewer laterals.

8. **Public Comments:**

Hallman welcomed Kasey Jernberg, our City Manager Intern for the summer. She also informed everyone that we are getting Hannah back again this summer in the Police Department.

Rudzis stated that Hannah is going to have a paid internship.

Hallman encouraged everyone to reach out to ask Brad about his departmental statistics.

9. **Adjournment** Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Block to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Julie Hallman

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Sherry K. Powell  
Assistant City Manager/Clerk

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