

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 21, 2010

A Public Hearing of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, June 21, 2010 at the City of Grant Offices to receive comments on two ordinances. Ordinance #35-3, Amending Section 1112 of Ordinance #35-1 and Ordinance #52-1, Amending Section 6 of Ordinance #52.

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: Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Julie Hallman, Commissioner Terri Yeomans, and Commissioner Kevin Smith
Others Present: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Dan VanBelzen – Chief of Police, Dan Graham, Lester Ash, Matt Bouwkamp, Laurel Breuker, and Marc Libants.
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks
4. **Public Comment** on Ordinance #35-3& Ordinance #52-1:
None
5. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:02p.m.

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9. **Approval of the Agenda:** Item **h. Resolution 10-16**, Purchase of materials for road maintenance added under New Business
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Smith to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
10. **Public Comment:**
Laurie Breuker: This is her yearly visit and office update. School Board elections in May are over. All schools have moved their electios to odd year November, which means they will be on the City elections ballot. The May 2010 School election had only an overall 14% voter turnout countywide. They are completing programming of the AutoMark now. The November election includes the Constitutional Convention to go on the ballot. Newaygo County is the first county in all of Michigan to issue a laminated concealed weapons permit that will fit in the wallet. They are also starting an on-line death certificate electronic records keeping.
Marc Libants: He is running for State Representative, and stated he has a good understanding of the legislative process. In campaigning, he hears about two main concerns. The first is the need for new jobs, and the second is the frustration over politics. He is non-partisan when it comes to good ideas, and he likes to be creative.
11. **Consent Agenda**
a-e. Approval of the Consent Agenda
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Hallman to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
12. **Unfinished Business:**
a. Planning Commission vacancies: Dan Graham has filled one appointment, and we are thankful for this. We still have one more seat to fill.

- b. City Commission vacancy: Matt Bouwkamp had previously expressed an interest in serving on the City Commission, and expressed his continued interest in person to the City Commission.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to appoint Matt Bouwkamp to the City Commission to fill Harry Robinson's vacant seat, with a remaining term expiring November 2011.
 Motion carried unanimously.

13. *New Business*

- a. Resolution 10-13, Resolution providing for the purchase of liability and hazard insurance for FY 2010-2011.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Smith to approve Resolution 10-13.
 Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Resolution 10-14: Resolution approving the fee rate schedule for FY 2010-2011.
Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Hallman to approve the fee rate schedule for FY 2010-2011.
 Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Resolution 10-15, Resolution for depository designation for City funds.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 10-15.
 Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Motion Item: Invoices for USDA Sewer Project.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Smith to approve the invoices for the USDA Sewer project.
 Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Motion Item: Verizon Wireless Lease: Authorizing Manager to negotiate and sign lease.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and sign the lease.
 Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ordinance #35-3, amending section 1112 of Ord. 35-1, Second Reading.
Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Yeomans to accept the second reading of Ordinance #35-3.
 Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Ordinance #52-1, amending section 6 of Ord. 52, Second Reading.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Yeomans to accept the second reading of Ordinance #52-1.
 Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Resolution #10-16, Resolution to purchase materials for road maintenance not to exceed \$3,000.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 10-16.
 Motion carried unanimously.

14. *Other Business*

- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant – Future Operations discussion: We are going to need to look at options for an inevitable changeover. Finding another 'C' operator would be very costly. Another option for keeping everything signed off of by a licensed operator from either Michigan Rural Water Association or Infrastructure Alternatives.

15. *Information Items / Updates*

- a. Streetscape: The bump out on Front Street and West Main was discussed with the engineer, and the goal was to match it up with the existing angle parking on Front Street. Fleis & Vandenbrink offered to move it in and have it fixed at their expense. Full consensus of the Commission was to have it moved back two feet to improve traffic flow.
- b. Sewer Project: The project is now set to be completed in September. The major turnover will be taking place in July with the 3rd SBR (Sequential Batch Reactor) installed.
- c. Community Building: We just finished the grant evaluation for the building, and thank you to Jeff Jahr at The Fremont Area Community Foundation for his work on this grant. The total cost to the city was just over \$2,000.
- d. Historical Marker – Water Tower Park: We have worked a great deal with legislators in getting the ball rolling again on this, and hope to have a proof soon.

16. *Public Comments:*

None

17. *Adjournment* without objection at 7:40p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, City Clerk