

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 20, 2011

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, June 20, 2011, 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 Terri Yeomans, and Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp
OTHERS PRESENT: Doug La Fave-City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, DPW Supervisor Shawn Botsford, Eric Thomas – City of Grant DPW, Dan VanBelzen – Chief of Police, Cpl. Mitch Rood - Grant Police Department, Mike Toth, and Dan Graham.
ABSENT: Commissioner Kevin Smith
EXCUSED: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Bouwkamp to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment:**
County Clerk Laurel Breuker discussed happenings in her office including a small August election, another election in November for cities and schools. Her office is talking with Legislators to hopefully prevent having 45 ballot styles if school elections were actually moved to even year November. The Reapportionment committee met in May (required every 10 years), to re-district so the population is balanced out. Since the required difference must be 11% or less, after looking at 14 different possible plans, the one selected left us with a 7.25% differential. Newaygo County is only 1 of 3 counties statewide piloting an electronic death reporting program.
County Commissioner Pat Gardner updated everyone present on the happenings at the Newaygo County level. He also informed everyone that due to reapportionment, we will have two separate situations where incumbents will be running against each other.
6. **Consent Agenda**
a-f. Approval of the Consent Agenda
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
a. Planning Commission vacancy (1): Mayor Fett asked that if anyone has an interested candidate to please let him know.
8. **New Business**
a. Motion Item 1: Consideration for approving invoices for the USDA WWTP project.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Hallman to approve payment of the invoices.
Motion carried unanimously.
b. Resolution 11-23: Consideration for authorizing purchase of Wind Turbine.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 11-23.
Yeomans asked about maintenance costs.
Mike Toth responded that the DPW would shadow the process for a year to see how to do this, and it is really once a year to lubricate everything.
Motion carried unanimously.
c. Resolution 11-24: Consideration for approval of purchasing property, liability and hazard insurance for FY 2011- 2012.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Bouwkamp to approve Resolution 11-24.
Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Other Business**
N/A

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Verizon Update/AT&T Update: We have received the initial payment, and it should be online soon.
- b. DPW-WWTP Walk through: After this meeting, we will have a walk through to see the operations.
- c. New Gateway Signs: The Chamber of Commerce has purchased two new signs, and they will be up soon. ChoiceOne will be adopting one of the signs.
- d. Safe Routes to School: Safe Routes to School: Doug met with Bruce Callen, Project Engineer, on Friday. We are hoping for an August submission deadline.
- e. 172 Lincoln St. – Habitat for Humanity: We are told they have approved to purchase this property!
- f. Blanche lake Water Quality-Treatments: PLM Lake & Land Management conducted a survey for us. We plan to use Fremont Area Community Foundation Endowment Funds of \$3,800 for the initial treatment. We will be applying for an Ice Mountain grant of \$38,000 for a more thorough treatment.
- g. NCRESA History Intern: We will have Kasey Jernberg for the summer, and he will be working on sorting, cataloging, and scanning old documents to put on the City's website. Many of these records were found in an old safe in the Community Center basement.

11. **Public Comments:**

None

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:30 p.m.

(Everyone present was invited and encouraged to travel right after the meeting to the John LaPree Department of Public Works / Waste Water Treatment Plant Complex for an informational walk through now that the Sewer Project is complete.)

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk