

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, July 19, 2010**

The special meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, July 19, 2010, 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 Cheryl Weeks, and Commissioner Terri Yeomans  
Others Present: Doug La Fave-City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Dan VanBelzen – Chief of Police, and Dan Graham.  
ABSENT: None  
EXCUSED: Commissioner Kevin Smith and Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion:** Motion made by Weeks second by Yeomans to approve the agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment:**

None
6. **Consent Agenda**

a-f. *Approval of the Consent Agenda*  
**Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Hallman to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. Planning Commission vacancies (2): We still have two vacancies that need to be filled.
8. **New Business**
  - a. Resolution 10-17: Resolution to transfer ownership of a 2010 Class C licensed business with dance-entertainment, located at 189 S. Maple, Grant, MI 49327, Newwayo County, from 2 Cool, INC to Grant Tavern, LLC.  
**This request was withdrawn before the meeting, and no action was taken.**
  - b. Resolution 10-18: Resolution approving the removals of six street lights amending the standard lighting contract with Consumers Energy.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Yeomans to approve Resolution 10-18.  
Doug La Fave commented this will pay for itself in two years, and we have an energy audit scheduled soon.  
Motion carried unanimously.
  - c. Resolution 10-19: Resolution to enter into a contract for crack sealing of City streets.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 10-19.  
Motion carried unanimously.
  - d. Resolution 10-20: Resolution approving the purchase of a redundant hypochlorite pump and a redundant polyphosphate pump for the City water system.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Weeks, second by Hallman to approve Resolution 10-20.  
Anne Pickard asked if everyone on the water report needed to be done.  
Doug La Fave responded that most of the items are needed, and will be paid for out of the Water Replacement/Improvement Fund.  
Motion carried unanimously.
  - e. Resolution 10-21: Resolution approving the inspection and cleaning of City of Grant water system well #3.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Weeks to approve Resolution 10-21.  
Doug La Fave responded that this will also be paid for out of the Water Replacement/Improvement Fund.  
Motion carried unanimously.
  - f. Resolution 10-22: Resolution approving purchasing bunker blocks for salt storage bins.

**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 10-22.

Doug La Fave informed the Commission that we are ordering these from Grand Rapids Gravel for around \$4,000.

Motion carried unanimously.

- g. Resolution 10-23: Resolution providing for confirmation of the mayor's appointments to City Boards (ZBA dates corrected)
  - Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 10-23.
  - Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Resolution 10-24: Resolution approving water system telemetry replacement project.
  - Motion:** Motion made by Weeks, second by Yeomans to approve Resolution 10-24.
  - Doug La Fave informed the Commission that the realistic payoff for this expense is about 5 years.
  - Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Resolution 10-25: Resolution authorizing fire department millage ballot proposal.
  - Motion:** Motion made by Weeks, second by Hallman to approve Resolution 10-25.
  - Commissioners clarified this is for just what is in the contract, and nothing more.
  - Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Resolution 10-26: Resolution authorizing public safety millage ballot proposal.
  - Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 10-26.
  - Doug La Fave clarified this is for one year only, with the hopes we will not need to levy it for three or four more years as many communities are doing.
  - Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Motion Item: Invoices for USDA Sewer project.
  - Motion:** Motion made by Weeks, second by Hallman to approve payment of the invoices.
  - Motion carried unanimously.
- l. Motion Item: City of Grant right-of-way tree removal policy.
  - Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Weeks to approve the policy as presented.
  - Motion carried unanimously.
- m. Motion Item: Grant Area Chamber of Commerce Noise Ordinance Request.
  - Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Yeomans to extend the Noise Ordinance distance to 300 feet and until 1:00am on Friday and Saturday nights of Frontier Festival 2010.
  - Motion carried unanimously.
- n. Motion Item: GPD request for planting tree/marker with donations in memory of Sgt. Pulaski.
  - Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Yeomans to approve the request.
  - Motion carried unanimously.
- o. Motion Item: Medical Marijuana moratorium.
  - Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Weeks to place a six month moratorium on Medical Marijuana.
  - Doug La Fave commented that we have already received one informal inquiry. This would buy some time to see how it all plays out in the courts before we have to make any decisions.
  - Motion carried unanimously.
- p. Motion Item: Grant Area Chamber of Commerce request for placement of an outdoor volleyball court at Blanche Lake.
  - Motion:** Motion made by Weeks, second by Hallman to approve the request.
  - Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

None

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Neighborhood Watch – Chief Dan VanBelzen: The first meeting is Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in the Community Center. Newaygo County Sheriff's Department Officer Phil Green will be attending to get the program started. Block Captains would be responsible for running the whole program, with Police Department assistance.
- b. Sewer Project update: The project is going well, and should be done in September. A change order will be needed to switch out some mooring poles from galvanized steel to stainless steel. The current poles are in bad shape, and

this change is will help to ensure they last another fifty years.

- c. DDA: We just had our annual meeting this month. Since there still are no tax collections for the DDA, the budget was approved with \$0 revenues and \$0 expenditures. Our taxable value went from about 6.4 million to 5.7 million, and will take awhile to recover. We are acting as an intermediary between the Chamber of Commerce and the DDA on a possible local match from the Chamber to create a Façade Improvement Program.
- d. Planning Commission – Wind Turbine Ordinance: Dough is holding a meeting in a couple weeks, and will present a rough draft Wind Turbine Ordinance. A request has come in from Smart Energy Solutions, and some common concerns include noise, a required drop zone, and throwing of snow or ice during the winter.

11. **Public Comments:**

Sherry Powell pointed out a minor mistake in the Financial Reports submitted under the Local Streets Fund year-end expenditures. They were incorrectly listed as over budget, but should have been 96.09%.

Cheryl Weeks asked if there are any concerns over public confusion with the fire ballot proposal and the issues we have been trying to resolve.

Doug La Fave responded that it is a valid concern, and that the City Commission should make attempts to share the facts with voters when they are out and about talking with friends and neighbors.

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:44p.m.

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Mayor Terry Fett

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Sherry Powell, Grant City Clerk