

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, July 18, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, July 18, 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, Commissioner Kevin Smith, and Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp  
OTHERS PRESENT: Doug La Fave - City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Shawn Botsford – DPW Supervisor, Eric Thomas – DPW Specialist, Officer Jon Patterson, Gary Nestle – Infrastructure Alternatives Inc, Darci David of True North (NCCS), and Dan Graham.  
ABSENT: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks  
EXCUSED: None
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**  
**Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Hallman to approve the agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment:**  
By unanimous consent, the City Commission suspended the rules to allow a presentation by True North.  
Darci David gave a powerpoint presentation that covered the services offered by True North (formerly NCCS.) The non-profit organization has been around since 1972. They have a new name, but no changes in services offered. They decided to form a ten county partnership to bring more resources back into Newaygo County. For the Grant community in 2010, they had 531 participate in the Childrens Christmas Program, they provided housing and energy assistance 320 times to households, etc. At the end of the presentation, Darci distributed informational packets also.
6. **Consent Agenda**  
*a-f. Approval of the Consent Agenda*  
**Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Smith to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**  
a. Planning Commission vacancies (2) – Recommended by Mayor Fett; Kasi Ostin is moving out of the community soon.
8. **New Business**
  - a. Motion Item 1: Consideration for approving final engineering invoice for the USDA WWTP project.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Smith, second by Pickard to approve payment of the invoices.  
Motion carried unanimously.
  - b. Resolution 11-25: Consideration to eliminate refunds of tax overpayments under five dollars.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 11-25.  
Motion carried unanimously.
  - c. Resolution 11-26: Consideration for authorizing public safety millage ballot proposal.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Smith to approve Resolution 11-26.  
Yeomans asked if this approval is just to put in on the ballot.  
Doug responded that this is the necessary step to put the proposal on the ballot.  
Motion carried unanimously.
  - d. Resolution 11-27: Consideration for authorizing fire department millage ballot proposal.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 11-27.  
Motion carried unanimously.
  - e. Resolution 11-28: Consideration to allow three proposed events to exceed rules of Ordinance #44.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Yeomans to approve Resolution 11-28.  
Motion carried unanimously.
  - f. Resolution 11-29: Consideration for purchase of lab equipment capital improvement items for WWTP.  
Yeomans asked if the money is in the budget.

Doug responded that these are broken out in the Capital Improvements Project portion of Capital Outlay in the approved budget.

**Motion:** Motion made by Smith, second by Bouwkamp to approve Resolution 11-29.  
Motion carried unanimously.

- g. Resolution 11-30: Consideration for replacement of HVAC at the DPW lab.

**Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Hallman to approve Resolution 11-30.  
Motion carried unanimously.

- h. Resolution 11-31: Consideration for extending moratorium on medical marijuana facilities and operations.

**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Yeomans to approve Resolution 11-31.

Doug responded to a question about intent that this means we will not entertain addressing any requests.  
Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

- a. 86-88 Clark St complaint: Mayor Fett stated that even though one party disagrees, Mrs. Shepard is the property owner and as such she has the right to resolve this matter on her own if she wants to. Yeomans stated she does not appreciate how staff was addressed in correspondence from Mrs. Branyan. Bouwkamp recommended giving Mrs. Branyan two days to accept or reject any offers from the City. By unanimous consent, the City Commission authorized City staff to offer a maximum of 16 yards of clean black dirt, with specific terms of acceptance or nothing at all. Doug was asked to draft in writing the Commission's final offer as specified, run it by the attorney, and get it mailed out to her with the deadline for acceptance.
- b. Solid Waste Proposals – Ordinance No# 50: The bid differences are mainly in recycling and fuel surcharges. Mayor Fett would like to know what kind of car each uses. Doug mentioned that they are many variables to consider, so discussing options with neighbors would be a good idea.
- c. End of FY 2010-2011 Budget: Doug ran down the year-end totals, and after all of our changes we may still have a few more with the audit.

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Blanche lake Water Quality – Treatments: The labor cost was rolled into overall costs. Notifications required by DEQ are going out to all of the surrounding properties owners now.
- b. Safe Routes to School - Sidewalks: We are getting constructions estimates next, and these are the last part we need. The deadline for submission is the end of August.
- c. Ashland – Grant Fire District: The most recent correspondence from the Fire District shows some of the parties are still keeping score. The efforts made by the City to help offset these expenses actually exceed the total of costs some board members still think the City owes, even though the Fire District's attorney agrees that we do not owe these costs. To date not even a thank you was given for the \$3,500 grant Doug obtained for the Fire Department.
- d. DPW Mutual Aid: Doug has met with other local managers over the past year, and together they are working on collaborating with other DPWs for handling emergency situations with equipment needs. We hope to have an agreement put together in the future.

11. **Public Comments:**

None

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:53 p.m.

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Mayor Terry Fett

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Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk