

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 21, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, July 21, 2014, 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 Kevin Smith, and Commissioner Harold Portell
 Others Present: Ryan Rudzis – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Shawn Botsford, Gary Nestle, Bob Mendham, and Stu Sanders.
 ABSENT: Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp
 EXCUSED: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** Under New Business clarified Item 8b. & Item C. to state 30 day notice, not 60
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve the agenda with changes.
 Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
Stu Sanders introduced himself as the Register of Deeds. His office is the guardian of all property records back to 1840. They do not prepare or counsel deeds, but record them only, electronically. The records are housed in office, on microfilm in gypsum mines in Grand Rapids, and digitized at the County.
6. **Consent Agenda**
a-e. Approval of the Consent Agenda
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Hallman to approve the consent agenda.
 Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 None
8. **New Business**
 - a. Motion Item #1: Renewal of IAI Contract
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve the contract renewal with IAI as presented.
Pickard spoke with Ryan earlier today, and thought something was missing. The monthly amount is \$7,953.
 Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Resolution 14-12: Personnel Policy Change for Essential Administrative Officers
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Hallman to approve Resolution 14-12.
Pickard spoke with Ryan earlier to understand it better.
Rudzis stated there is currently no incentive to work over 25 hours per week for our administrative staff.
Fett stated we could hire someone to man the phones if needed.
 Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Motion Item #2: Renewal of WIC Contract
Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Portell to approve the WIC contract with the change in Item C. to 30 day termination notice, not 60, as requested by WIC.
Hallman thought she still saw cleaning in the contract, but clarified it is for the main hall only.
 Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Resolution 14-13: Noise Ordinance Exception for Ordinance #44
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve the exception for Grant Festival .
 Motion carried unanimously.
9. **Other Business**
 - a. Amphitheatre Project at Blanche Lake Park: Fett stated that because of the delay in steel material, we were way behind schedule with completion of the amphitheatre. We are still trying to find a group to kick off the

amphitheatre with entertainment.

b. 135 S Maple St (former CSX rail yard property): Shawn and Ryan met with Bruce from Callen Engineering to add parking and remove the cul-de-sac. We found some leftover funds to add signage and a sidewalk. The bids for the parking lot are due on Friday. We need the legal descriptions to finish the land swap. Pickard asked if we have a road going in there, and Ryan stated eventually there will be a road, and it needs to be accessible.

c. CIPP Project Update:

d. Family Dollar: Brad Vlastuin sold a green space parcel to Core Resources, who does preliminary work with Family Dollar. The earliest start on the new building will be fall, but likely closer to spring.

10. **Information Items / Updates**

a. Ashland-Grant Fire District Purchases: The Fire Board purchased a \$310,000 pumper truck, and they had the budget for it. The new suburban is in Texas right now.

11. **Public Comments:**

None

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:22p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk

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