

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 15, 2019

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, July 15, 2019, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Julie Hallman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**

PRESENT: Mayor Julie Hallman, Anne Pickard, Matt Bouwkamp, Kevin Smith, Gabe Sanchez, Kate Block, and Gerard Williams
ABSENT: Commissioner Kevin Smith
EXCUSED: None
Others Present: Kasey Jernberg – City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Brad Wade – Chief of Police, Holly Moon – Newaygo County Treasurer, and Jennifer Koopman.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**

Addition of Item & Item under New Business:
Motion made by Block, second by Williams to approve the agenda with additions.
Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**

None
6. **Consent Agenda Items**

Motion made by Smith, second by Sanchez to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously
7. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. None
8. **New Business**
 - a. (Out of order) Koopman gave an update that the Chamber quarterly meeting is this Tuesday at the Grant Depot. Festival is October 12th. Hallman asked if this is in conjunction with Homecoming. Koopman responded that it was moved up one weekend before.
 - b. Presentation: Newaygo County Treasurer – Holly Moon: This is an annual visit to provide updates for her office. All County Treasurers are all being sued pertaining to Tax Sales. Tax foreclosure payouts would be negatively impacted. Legislation has been tabled moving forward. We have not received a chargeback bill for tax foreclosure auctions. Annual Treasurer’s luncheon was great. We have eighty-seven foreclosures this year. Delinquency brought down over 1% from last year. Foreclosure is only a last resort. The delinquency rate was 8.3%. Some grants were available for homeowners who are qualified.
 - c. Motion Item #1: First Reading: Proposed Ordinance No. 58 – Parking Ordinance:
Motion made by Smith, second by Pickard to approve the first reading.
Motion carried unanimously
 - d. Motion Item #2: Resolution 19-10 - Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Fee Schedule Amendment: The only change was the medical.
Motion made by Block, second by Sanchez to approve the resolution.
Motion carried unanimously
 - e. Motion Item #3: Purchase of Underground Pipe and Cable Locator: Jernberg explained this will help with MISS Digs. Staff are currently using only a metal detector. This allows sending an electric current to mark our utilities. During the MDOT project, we relied on MDOT’s equipment to mark our utilities.

Hallman stated they are about \$1,500.

Motion made by Block, second by Pickard to approve the motion.

Motion carried unanimously

- f. Motion Item #4: Police Reserve Officer Uniform Shirt Changes: Wade stated they now wear t-shirts. The look of having Reserves would look like our other officers. The shoulder patches would clearly show "Reserve" on them. Anything down south here, we are always the first one there.

Hallman stated the cost of shirts are \$30-\$40, and that every Reserve understands they pay 100% of their uniforms and ammunition. We have six right now.

Sanchez asked if we pay for the patches.

Wade clarified that we already have half of the patches.

Sanchez asked what do other cities pay for this.

Wade replied Stitches N More made the patches.

Motion made by Pickard, second by Block to approve for the City to pay for one shirt, one pant, two sets of patches.

Jernberg stated we can do this financially.

Motion carried unanimously

- g. Farmers Market request for consideration to move the Market to the former Mini Mart property: Hallman offered to bring it up to the City Commission. There is no roof and no electric where it is now. The Foundation gave us a lot of money for the Market structure.

Motion made by Pickard, second by Williams to move the location of the Farmers Market to the site of the former Mini Mart property.

Jernberg stated we are investing in the parking lot to honor our promise with neighbors. We have been working hard to make it successful. In previous years, we have had many more vendors.

Motion failed

9. **Other Business**

- a. None

10. **Information Items**

- a. Release of Easement – 218 S Maple St: Jernberg wanted it on the public record that the easement has been released.

11. **Public Comments**

Williams stated the crosswalk light at State Road does not work on one side.

Jernberg stated the new signal may not be automatic, and you have to push the button to activate it.

Williams clarified east to west works, but not sure about side to side. He asked if we could discuss an Adopt-a-Block program.

12. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Block, second by Pickard to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Julie Hallman

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk