

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 16, 2010**

The special meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, August 16, 2010, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:00p.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, Dan VanBelzen – Chief of Police, Officer Carl Grooters, DPW staff Shawn Botsford, and Dan Graham.  
 ABSENT: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks  
 EXCUSED: None
4. **Approval of the Agenda:** Added Informational Items Only Under the Consent Agenda  
**Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans second by Hallman 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 Smith, second by Yeomans to approve the consent agenda.  
 Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
  - a. Planning Commission vacancies (2): We still have two vacancies on the Planning Commission.
  - b. ZBA vacancies (1) – Contact Mayor Fett if you know of anyone interested in serving on the ZBA.
8. **New Business**
  - a. Motion Item: Invoices for USDA Sewer project, \$51,915.59 for Contract 1 and \$31,671.75 for Engineering  
**Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve.  
 Motion carried unanimously.
  - b. First Reading: Amending Section 2.2.1#49.2, #49.2 and 4.16.1 of Ordinance No. 27-2 – Regulating Residential Wind Turbines.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve First Reading.  
 Motion carried unanimously.
  - c. First Reading: Amending Section 7 of Ordinance No. 27-2, Regulating Political Signage  
**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Smith to approve the First Reading.  
 Motion carried unanimously.
  - d. Motion Item: Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations:  
Doug La Fave: Due to some unexpected changes recently, we need to address this issue within the time constraints we have. This community has been very blessed with an employee who possesses all of the certifications necessary.  
Sherry Powell: Doug's recommendation is definitely the best option we have right now to meet certification requirements and prevent noncompliance and potential fines by MDEQ.  
Shawn Botsford: Agrees with Doug's thoughts on privatizing this service. He is not interested or capable of running the wastewater treatment plant, and instead has been working on water certifications.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Yeomans, second by Hallman to approve a full operations contract with Infrastructure Alternatives through June 2011.  
 Motion carried unanimously.
  - e. Resolution 10-27: Resolution providing for the adjustment of water and sewer rates.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 10-27.  
Mayor Fett: Stated we should see some savings by contracting with Infrastructure Alternatives on certain annual and even

some of the regular costs.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. ***Other Business***

None

10. ***Information Items / Updates***

- a. Neighborhood Water – Chief Dan VanBelzen: The first meeting was two weeks ago, and at the second meeting they elected Dan Graham as president of the neighborhood watch group. Officer Carl Grooters was also introduced to the City Commission.

11. ***Public Comments:***

None

12. ***Adjournment*** without objection at 7:24 p.m.

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Mayor Terry Fett

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Sherry Powell, Grant City Clerk