

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 15, 2011

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, August 15, 2011, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
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, Shawn Botsford – DPW Supervisor, Todd Harland of Allied Waste, and Dan Graham.
ABSENT: Commissioner Cheryl Weeks
EXCUSED: None
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Yeomans 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 Pickard to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Planning Commission vacancies (2) – Recommended by Mayor Fett: Doug commented that due to the length of time we have had at least one vacancy, we really should consider revising our Planning Commission ordinance to reduce the required number of members to five (5).
Unanimous Consent was give to move forward with the necessary revision to make this happen.
8. **New Business**
 - a. Motion Item 1: Consideration: Solid waste hauling contract
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Smith to approve a residential solid waste hauling contract.
Fett stated that the difference is \$2.91 between the two proposed contracts, with some differences in fuel surcharges over time.
Discussion among all commissioners present that A-Waste has done a good job. It could be difficult for all residences to get new garbage cans if we switches contractors, it may be better to table the matter for now.
Todd Harland from Allied Waste commented that tabling the issue until November is not a big issue for them.
Motion: Motion to withdraw original motion made by Yeomans, second by Smith.
Motion carried unanimously.
Motion: Motion to table by Yeomans, second by Pickard to table the residential solid waste hauling contract.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Resolution 11-32: Consideration to sell City property.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 11-32.
Fett commented that since these vehicles will no longer be produced, lots of cab companies might be interested in the vehicle for spare parts to keep their fleets going.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Resolution 11-33: Consideration for purchase of vactor trailer.
Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Hallman to approve Resolution 11-33.
This equipment is used to pull water out of problem work sites, drains, etc. This purchase was included in the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) in the Water Fund in the approved budget.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Resolution 11-34: Consideration for authorization of biosolids hauling/land application from WWTP.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Hallman to approve Resolution 11-34.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - e. Resolution 11-35: Consideration to authorize closure of certain City streets for Frontier Festival.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 11-35.

Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Resolution 11-36: Consideration for approval of surge arrestor and pump house UPS system for antenna communication system.

Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Hallman to approve Resolution 11-36.

Motion carried unanimously.

- g. Resolution 11-37: Consideration for approving completion of the salt storage facility.

Motion: Motion made by Pickard, second by Yeomans to approve Resolution 11-37.

Motion carried unanimously.

- h. Resolution 11-38: Consideration to allow rules of Ordinance #1, Chapter 3, Sections 1-2 for nuisance geese control at Blanche Lake Park.

Fett stated it would be appropriate to have a discussion first before we risk infuriating anyone, and we should discuss any alternatives.

Botsford commented that he spoke with multiple authorities who all agreed that our only real choice is to shoot them during the hunting season.

La Fave stated staff could try to scare them away first and see how that goes.

Smith asked if doing this after hours we could be dealing with overtime.

Botsford explained that staff would close the park in the afternoon until everything is done.

La Fave clarified that only City staff would be allowed to do this, and the park would be closed the entire time.

The mess left by the geese has been a steady source of complaints in the office.

Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Smith to approve Resolution 11-38 allowing only City Officials to handle this between September 1st and 15th only.

Motion carried unanimously.

- i. Resolution 11-39: Consideration for authorizing repair of sewer jetter trailer.

Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Yeomans to approve Resolution 11-39.

Motion carried unanimously.

- j. Resolution 11-40: Consideration for authorizing renewal of fire department ballot proposal.

Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 11-40.

Motion carried unanimously.

- k. Resolution 11-41: Consideration for authorizing renewal of public safety ballot proposal.

Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Yeomans to approve Resolution 11-41.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

- a. September City Commission Meeting: Doug explained he would be in Hawaii the weekend before the September 2011 meeting, and he will be on his way back at the same time the meeting is scheduled. By Unanimous Consent, the Commission decided to hold the September meeting at the normally scheduled day and time since Sherry will be here.

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Blanche lake Water Quality – Treatments: We amended the DEQ permit to spray cattails on both sides of the boat launch as well as the old swimming beach. Once the cattails die, we will then rake them out. We are hopeful that there is still plenty of sand where the swim beach used to be. Doug applied for an Ice Mountain grant, and commented that in the past they have struggled to find good projects.
- b. Safe Routes to School – Sidewalks: We just finished the application with some help from the schools. We will know in December whether or not we receive the grant for 100 percent funded sidewalks, aside from the costs of engineering.
- c. DPW Mutual Aid: Doug has been meeting with other local city managers on this. When we need help or equipment that we do not have, this will help prove by putting it on paper that we do collaborate with other local units of government.

11. **Public Comments:**

None

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:34pm.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Grant City Clerk