

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 15, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, August 15, 2016, 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, Commissioner Tim Atwood, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner, Cheryl Weeks, Commissioner Kevin Smith, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, and Commissioner Harold Portell
Others Present: Ryan Rudzis – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Bob Mendham - Chief of Police, and Shawn Botsford - DPW Supervisor
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: None
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Smith to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:**

None
6. **Consent Agenda**

a-e. Approval of the Consent Agenda
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Bouwkamp to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**

None
8. **New Business**
 - a. River Country Chamber of Commerce update: Lisa Lightfoot gave an update on goals and objectives including promotions and publicity, mentoring, events and programs, and members only discounts and services.
 - b. Discussion Item #1 - Ordinance Enforcement: Julie Hallman stated we have asked our officers to use discretion. We are done talking about this after tonight.
Pickard commented that any vehicle with a license plate, it is allowed.
Rudzis replied that someone's interpretation might be different. If it starts, it's not a junk vehicle. We don't want to embarrass a citizen.
Pickard pointed out that minor mechanical repairs are fine for maybe thirty days. Do we allow a year?
Smith stated we have better things to do than ask people to start their car every thirty days.
Hallman stated his wife didn't want to see it either.
Mendham stated the ordinance was written to prevent backyard mechanics. We have to be really careful when enforcing these ordinances with many residents who may not be able to afford to fix their vehicle.
Hallman commented that "uniform enforcement" is not always practical. Perhaps talking to new neighbors might work better. We try to work with people, but perhaps a year was excessive.
Weeks mentioned the pig issue in October. Appreciates uniformity in enforcement of the same ordinances.
Rudzis stated that if we enforce a fire uniformly, a fire could take two weeks to be put out.
Hallman recalls from years ago that a vehicle has to have a valid plate and be operable.
 - c. Motion Item #1: Approval of WIC contract:
Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Bouwkamp to approve the motion.
Hallman asked if the rent will be staying the same, and Rudzis replied that it is.
Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Motion Item #2: Approval of Synagro Contract for sludge hauling and waste removal
Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Atwood to approve the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

- a. N/A

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Newaygo County Waste Management Amendment: Rudzis stated action would be taken later.

11. **Public Comments:**

None

12. **Executive Session**

Motion: Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Portell to move into Executive Session for Personnel/Evaluation at 7:28pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resume Open Session: Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Portell to resume open session at 8:14 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Bouwkamp to raise the City Manager's salary by \$4,000 and authorize a committee to look at wages..

Motion carried unanimously.

- 13. **Adjournment** without objection at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Julie Hallman

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk