

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 20, 2010

A Public Hearing of the Grant City Commission to receive comments on Amending Section 2.2.1#49.2 and 4.16.1 of Ordinance No. 27-2 Regulating Wind Turbines and Amending Section 7 of Ordinance No. 27-2, Regulating Political Signage was held on Monday, September 20, 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 Cheryl Weeks, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Julie Hallman, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, Commissioner Terri Yeomans, and Commissioner Kevin Smith
Others Present: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Dan VanBelzen – Chief of Police, Dan Graham, and Simon Scholtens.
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: None
4. **Public Comment on Amending Section 2.2.1#49.2 and 4.16.1 of Ordinance No. 27-2 Regulating Wind Turbines:**
None
5. **Public Comment on Amending Section 7 of Ordinance No. 27-2, Regulating Political Signage:**
None
6. **Adjournment** without objection at _ p.m.

The special meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, September 20, 2010, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**
PRESENT: Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Cheryl Weeks, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Julie Hallman, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, Commissioner Terri Yeomans, and Commissioner Kevin Smith
Others Present: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Dan VanBelzen – Chief of Police, Dan Graham, and Simon Scholtens.
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: None
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Pickard 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 Yeomans, second by Bouwkamp to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Planning Commission vacancies (2): We may have one person interested in serving on the Planning Commission.
 - b. ZBA vacancies (1) – Contact Mayor Fett : Discussion took place about the possibility of the City Commission taking back the role of the Zoning Board of Appeals, since we are still unable to fill all vacancies on this and other City boards.
8. **New Business**
 - a. Motion Item: Invoices for USDA Sewer project, \$56,664.46 for Contract 1 and \$19,599.13 for Engineering, and for RD contingency \$1,425 for Harold St. main repair, \$702.75 in lab equipment.
Motion: Motion made by Weeks, second by Hallman to approve the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Second 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 Smith, second by Pickard to approve the Second Reading.
Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Second Reading: Amending Section 7 of Ordinance No. 27-2, Regulating Political Signage
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Weeks to approve Second Reading.
Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Resolution 10-28: Resolution approving the amended amount for inspection and cleaning of City of Grant water system well#3.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Smith to approve Resolution 10-28.
Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Resolution 10-29: Resolution to replace drain structure at the corner of Lincoln and Western.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 10-29.
Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Resolution 10-30: Resolution authorizing payment for sewer backup at 101 Harold St.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 10-30.
Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

- a. Personnel Policy: Doug expressed a potential problem with the existing Personnel Policy as it pertains to accrued sick/personal time on the City's books as a large liability. He recommended that the City Commission consider implementing a change so that new hires would not receive or expect the current 50% payout of unused sick/personal time at the end of their employment. To be fair, this would apply only to new hires and not existing employees. Doug was asked to put together a sample of the proposed changes and bring it back next month.

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Neighborhood Water – Chief Dan VanBelzen: The next meeting is October 6th at the Community Center. Lt. Jim Fragale and lots of volunteers have been busy distributing flyers and window decals throughout the City neighborhoods. People have been very receptive, and many are interested in becoming involved.
- b. Historical Marker: The meeting at the State is coming up soon, and our request is on the list to be approved. Hopefully we will have the plaque installed by next spring.
- c. Verizon Wireless Lease: They are pulling permits at the County now, and the lease agreement has been signed. Mayor Fett asked the City Commission to consider this new lease revenue and look at possible staff raises once the new source of revenue starts coming in.
- b. Crack Sealing-City Streets: Last Tuesday from sun up to sun down and half of the day Wednesday they were in town crack sealing pretty much every crack within the City limits. The deeper cracks were all filled in really well, and that will help ensure our roads remain in great shape. The DPW do have a couple of potholes to fill, which should be done soon.

11. **Public Comments:**

None

- 12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:27p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Grant City Clerk