

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 18, 2017

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, September 18, 2017, 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, Harold Portell, and Gabe Sanchez
 - ABSENT: None
 - EXCUSED: Kevin Smith
 - Others Present: Ryan Rudzis - City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Chief Brad Wade, Holly Moon - Newaygo County Treasurer, and Kaylee Sanchez
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
 - Motion** made by Portell, second by Bouwkamp to approve the agenda.
 - Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**
 - None
6. **Consent Agenda Items**
 - Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to approve the consent agenda.
 - Motion carried unanimously
7. **Unfinished Business**
 - None
8. **New Business**
 - a. Holly Moon, Newaygo County Treasurer: Presented a short report during her annual visit. The May delinquent tax payment is self-funded from now on. Delinquency is 8.6% versus 10-12% in years past. City of Grant's is 5.2%. Countywide we had only 71 foreclosures on March 31st. Of those with extensions, all but five paid. We had an auction August 3rd that went well. None in the City of Grant. Another auction is scheduled for Thursday this week. The Step Forward Program with MSHDA had 3,100 notices sent out to 2015 taxpayers.
 - b. Chief Brad Wade: Police Reserve Program: SGT Contreras started his first day in Georgia today. After losing A.J. and one more Officer, we are low on Officers again. We hired one person and are interviewing another tomorrow. Looking at the Reserve Program from the perspective of the Chief's position, he sees the need to at least discuss a possible return of the Reserve Program. Essentially a ride-along program. We have four or five gentlemen interested in doing it. They would wear khakis, and no police uniforms. Officer safety is the biggest concern. Good Samaritans would assist. They would not be driving police vehicles. Even if it's just for a second pair of eyes. It would be a glorified ride-along program.
Hallman asked if they are going to carry, and if so whether the guns would be ours or their own.
Wade said they would only carry if they have a CPL. They would be required to go through firearms training like everyone else. Any gun would be their own. The old Reserves Program had to be scrapped.
Portell asked if a Reserve was injured, would our insurance cover it?
Wade stated they would not be able to come back on the City. The Newaygo P.D. Officers usually have a Reserve Officer with them. It's nice to have some people in the community.
Sanchez asked if we would have background checks.
Wade stated they would, just as if they were going to be a police officer.
Pickard asked why do they want to do that.

Wade stated they either became a fireman, and EMT, or a Dispatcher, and just want to become involved.

Pickard asked if they would likely be students.

Wade stated that all the hoops and the degree make that less likely.

Hallman explained she asked Chief Wade to speak about this, and to give us a month to think about it.

- c. Motion Item #1: ATT Contract Extension: Hallman stated they are asking for a reduction.
Motion made by Pickard, second by Portell to approve the motion for six, a five year contract.
Motion carried unanimously
- d. Motion Item #2: Verizon Contract Extension: Hallman stated this request is along the same lines as the last item. They are proposing a twenty or thirty year contract extension.
Motion made by Pickard, second by Sanchez to approve a thirty year extension.
Motion carried unanimously
- e. Motion Item #3: Semi-annual lift station cleaning: Hallman explained that Russ Johnson recommended we need to get these on a regular schedule. The Middle School is the worst offender, and the gym floor is the recipient.
Pickard stated the difference is \$215.
Rudzis stated they came in less.
Motion made by Portell, second by Bouwkamp to approve the motion.
Motion carried unanimously

9. **Other Business**

None

10. **Information Items**

Rudzis asked about anyone who might be interested in serving on a board. Also asked the Commission to think about changing the meeting time for winter.

Wade The NAPA sign was hit around 5:30am on Sunday. The woman was driving intoxicated and will need to pay restitution.

11. **Public Comments**

None

12. **Adjournment**

Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Sanchez to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Julie Hallman

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk