

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 17, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, September 17, 2018, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Julie Hallman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**
PRESENT: Mayor Julie Hallman, Anne Pickard, Matt Bouwkamp, Kevin Smith, Gabe Sanchez, Kate Block, and Gerard Williams
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: None
Others Present: Kasey Jernberg – Interim City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Brad Wade - Chief of Police, Melinda Harris – City Treasurer/Billing Clerk, Justin Salisbury – DPW, Melissa Dykman – Newaygo County Probate Judge Candidate, Lisa Lightfoot – River Country Chamber of Commerce, and Brad Vlastuin -Never Enough Auto.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
Addition of Item & Item under New Business:
Motion made by Smith, second by Williams to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**
None
6. **Consent Agenda Items**
Motion made by Pickard, second by Sanchez to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously
7. **Unfinished Business**
None
8. **New Business**
 - a. River Country Chamber of Commerce: Lisa Lightfoot said the Chamber will not be participating in the Christmas in Grant event this year. The Harvest Moon Festival will be October 13th. Lisa is stepping down as Grant's representative.
Pickard asked to clarify that the River Country Chamber isn't doing anything with our Christmas event.
 - b. Motion Item #1: Harvest Moon Festival Special Event Permit Approval:
Hallman asked if Mike Matthews plans to stop music at 8pm.
Motion made by Block, second by Pickard to approve the motion item.
Motion carried unanimously
 - c. Motion Item #2: Police Vehicle Purchase – Spending Limit: Another car is down. Jernberg spoke about various savings from salvage value, lack of a City Manager, and no health insurance for a few months.
Wade said he hopes this will be our last issue.
Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by to Pickard to approve the motion item.
Motion carried unanimously
 - d. Motion Item #3: Emergency Call Box Replacement: We have a quote for replacing the box.
Motion made by Smith, second by Pickard to approve the motion item.
Motion carried unanimously
 - e. Discussion Item #1: Downtown Banners: Hallman stated that we have enough new banners to go on half of the streetlight poles. Aesthetically, we would like them consistent on both sides.
Pickard stated she prefers the new blue ones

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Hallman asked if we have money to purchase enough new banners for the rest of the poles.

Motion made by Block, second by Pickard to approve the purchase of more banners.

Motion carried unanimously

- f. Discussion Item #2: New City Manager: Hallman stated that we had our last candidate interview tonight.

Motion by Bouwkamp, second by Block for the terms we discussed.

Motion carried unanimously

9. ***Other Business***

Melissa Dykman introduced herself and stated she is running for the Newaygo County Probate Judge.

10. ***Information Items***

- a. Newaygo County Museum – Capital Campaign: Hallman distributed some literature and stated she would like to draft a letter for them.

- b. National Giving Day: Hallman explained they are trying to get people to volunteer and contribute to their community. She encouraged everyone to share any ideas with the Commission.

11. ***Public Comments***

Wade informed the Commission that October 27th is the DEA Takeback event at the Fire Department from 10am-2pm.

Harris invited everyone to participate in the Trunk-Or-Treat event on October 27th.

Wade introduced Sgt. Paulsen to everyone.

12. ***Adjournment***

Motion made by Pickard, second by Sanchez to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm.

Motion carried unanimously

Mayor Julie Hallman

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk