

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, October 15, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, October 15, 2012, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**

PRESENT: Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Cheryl Weeks, Commissioner Kevin Smith, and Commissioner Harold Portell  
Others Present: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Police Chief Dan VanBelzen, DPW Supervisor Shawn Botsford, County Commissioner Pat Gardner, and County Treasurer Holly Moon.  
ABSENT: None  
EXCUSED: Commissioner Julie Hallman and Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**

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

Holly Moon provided an update for the County Treasurer's office, including the fact that there were no foreclosures in the City of Grant. Judge Monton gave 51 extensions, and almost all of them redeemed. Michigan's Hardest Hit Program and Step Forward Program were introduced and literature was left to display. The office has two new staff members.

Pat Gardner provided a County Commissioner update, including thanking Holly for her help in reducing foreclosures. The County Summit was well attended. The County has posted a part-time position in Veterans Affairs. We have three brand new County Commissioners coming in this next year. The Chain of Lakes Authority was refinanced to save \$350,000, and the County is looking into refinancing the Medical Care Facility (assisted living) this next year.
6. **Consent Agenda**

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

a. Board vacancy remaining-Planning Commission (1): We still have one vacancy to fill.
8. **New Business**

a. Resolution 12-26: Consideration: Establishment of a receiving board for elections.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Weeks, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 12-26.  
Portell asked why we need to do this.  
Powell explained this is a new legal requirement as of last week, and having an Elections Receiving Board will assist with recount ability should the need ever arise.  
Motion carried unanimously

b. Resolution 12-27: Consideration: Providing for the confirmation of the Mayors appointment to City Boards: Planning Commission – Nancy Callen – 188 Brink St.  
**Motion:** Motion made by Fett, second by Portell to approve Resolution 12-27.  
Motion carried unanimously.

c. Resolution 12-28: Consideration: Adopting the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan  
**Motion:** Motion made by Smith, second by Weeks to approve Resolution 12-28.  
Pickard stated that foreigners moving to this country really should be encouraged to learn the language.  
La Fave explained this is a requirement of Title 6 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.  
Motion carried unanimously.

- d. Resolution 12-29: Consideration: Authorizing the replacement of an ABS grinder pump for a City sewer lift station: \$1,809.95+S&H.

**Motion:** Motion made by Portell, second by Smith to approve Resolution 12-29.  
Motion carried unanimously.

- e. Resolution 12-30: Consideration: To purchase a fork lift attachment and parts for the City backhoe: \$2,051.26 +S&H if necessary.

**Motion:** Motion made by Portell, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 12-30.  
Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Resolution 12-31: Consideration: Authorizing the purchase of trees in accordance with the Michigan Arbor Day Alliance and Michigan DNR grant: \$1,000.

**Motion:** Motion made by Weeks, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 12-31.

Pickard asked what kind of trees we are getting.

Botsford replied that they are an off breed of a Lilac tree.

Motion carried unanimously.

- g. Resolution 12-32: Consideration: Local governing body recognition of the "Grant Senior All Nighter" as a nonprofit organization for fund raising.

**Motion:** Motion made by Smith, second by Portell to approve Resolution 12-32.  
Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

- a. N/A

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Safe Routes to School - Sidewalks: Waiting for striping on Elder Avenue until our paving work completed, which should be this week.
- b. Blanche Lake Lighter-Cameras: The lights, poles, and cameras are now up. We are waiting on the inspection yet this week.
- c. Street Paving: The paving should be taking place this week, but it all depends on the rain and the contractors.

11. **Public Comments:**

Pat Gardner thanked the City Commission for the recognition of the Grant Senior All-Nighter organization.

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:20p.m.

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Mayor Terry Fett

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Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk