

## Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, October 19, 2020

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, October 19, 2020, 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, Gabe Sanchez, Kate Block, Mark Dietz, and Gerard Williams.
  - ABSENT: None
  - EXCUSED: None
  - Others Present: Kasey Jernberg – City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, SGT Steve Paulsen, and Chelsea McKinley.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - Motion** made by Block, second by Dietz to approve the agenda with additions.
  - Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**
  - None
6. **Reserved Time**
  - a. River Country Chamber of Commerce: No representative was present for the meeting.
7. **Consent Agenda Items**
  - Motion** made by Block, second by Williams to approve the consent agenda.
  - Motion carried unanimously
8. **Unfinished Business**
  - a. None
9. **New Business**
  - a. Motion Item #1: Change Order #4 to the Agreement with Accurate Excavators Inc.: Changes include curb, gutter, and paved areas.
    - Motion** made by Pickard, second by Sanchez to approve the change order #4.
    - Motion carried unanimously
  - b. Motion Item #2: CESF Grant Agreement with Michigan State Police:
    - Motion** made by Block, second by Dietz to approve the motion.
    - Motion carried unanimously
  - c. Discussion Item #1: Animal Ordinance: Kasey has found sample ordinances and checked with other communities.
    - Pickard thinks chickens and goats should be allowed.
    - Paulsen agrees with two or three hens, a miniature goat or miniature pigs, and that the property owner should be required to notify city hall. That way we know who to notify in the event they get out.
    - Hallman stated the noise ordinance would apply to all animals as well. She likes the ten square feet per chicken and so many square feet from neighbors.
    - Jernberg suggested we require a letter of support from neighbors.
    - Pickard and Jernberg discussed how we might allow a specific limited number or animals per square feet.
    - Consensus** that no roosters would be allowed.
    - Williams asked about the nature of the goat complaints.
    - Paulsen stated a neighbor in violation of the Animals Ordinance asked why the goats were allowed.
    - McKinley introduced herself and described her large property and stated that goats don't produce a lot of waste. She plans to fence in the entire back yard, which is heavily wooded.
    - Hallman would like to have Kasey look into more ordinance options.

McKinley feels that since Grant is an agricultural community and that Grant should allow miniature goats. Jernberg stated he will draft more language for hens as well as miniature livestock.

- d. Discussion Item #2: Application for Vacant City Commission Seat – Brent Raterink: Brent introduced himself and provided a little background information. Jernberg clarified how vacancies worked and explained that Brent would have to run for election in 2023. **Motion** made by Sanchez, second by Pickard to appoint Brent Raterink. Motion carried unanimously and Mayor Hallman officially appointed Brent Raterink to the vacant City Commission seat.

10. **Other Business**

Hallman informed everyone about Old Iron’s fundraiser, which was already over \$7,000.

11. **Information Items**

- a. Upcoming Events: Trunk-Or-Treat – October 24, 2020 from noon - 1:30 p.m. at the Grant Middle School parking lot. Anyone interested in volunteering or participating please reach out to Sherry Powell.
- b. November General Election: As a reminder the election is Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

12. **Public Comments**

SGT Paulsen informed everyone that the DEA Takeback Day is this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mayor Hallman stated the project paving is nice.

13. **Adjournment**

**Motion** made by Dietz, second by Pickard to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously

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Julie Hallman, Mayor

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Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk