

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 16, 2009

The special meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, November 16, 2009, 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 Julie Hallman, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Harry Robinson, Commissioner Cheryl Lake, 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, and
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: None
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans second by Robinson 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 Robinson, second by Smith to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Planning Commission vacancy: The individuals whose terms are expiring are willing to be placed back on the Planning Commission for another term.
8. **New Business**
 - a. Resolution 09-51: Resolution authorizing the removal of streetlights along the M-37 corridor and East and West Main Streets in the City of Grant.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 09-51.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Resolution 09-52: Resolution providing for the confirmation of the Mayor's Appointments of Roscoe Ostin and Deb Wilson to City boards-Planning Commission for three-year terms.
Motion: Motion made by Robinson, second by Hallman to approve Resolution 09-52.
Mayor Fett recommended appointing a Mayor Pro-Tem at this meeting, before the next resolution was considered.
Motion carried unanimously.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Pickard to appoint Harry Robinson as Mayor Pro-Tem and to continue holding meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Resolution 09-53: Resolution authorizing the naming of the Department of Public Works and Wastewater Treatment Complex.
Motion: Motion made by Hallman, second by Smith to approve Resolution 09-53.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. Motion Item: Precious Metal and Gem Dealer application, license and annual fee.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Hallman to approve the Precious Metal and Gem Dealer application and process as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - e. Motion Item: Invoices for USDA Sewer Project.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Lake to approve the invoices as presented.
 - f. Motion Item: Motorcycle event at Blanche Lake in January.

Motion: Motion made by Robinson, second by Lake to allow the City Manager to proceed with an agreement for use of the lake property with a deposit obtained in advance.

Doug requested an official letter from the organization for use of the property. It would involve two short tracks for racing on the lake, and they would be considerate to ice fishermen also using the lake.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

- a. Streetlights: We are looking ahead at next year, and this is one of those areas we will need to look at for cost reductions. School zones would not see a reduction in the number of streetlights, but other areas could.

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Streetscape update: We are close to wrapping up the project. Once the lamp heads come in, the poles will go up and we will go through the final punch list.
- b. Sewer Project update: The project is coming along, and the excavating is slow. Commerce street has had extensive repairs, and we have one week remaining to get the road paved. One more repair is needed by Dr. Dennis Nelson's office, but the liners are finally done.
- c. Community Building update: The front entrance to the building is now enclosed and is awaiting glass. The offices are about done, and they look nice. WIC is very happy with the renovations also. By November 20th, we will hear back from The Fremont Area Community Foundation if the additional grant funds requested are approved.

11. **Public Comments:**

Terri Yeomans commented that she thought the Fire District was going to bill the actual users for their runs.

Doug La Fave explained how we would have to create an ordinance in order for that to happen. He has met with both townships and the Fire Chief to find some resolution to this issue. He will be meeting with them again after the 1st of the year. The additional funds needed amount to ¼ of a mill. First Responders was never added officially to the contract, and that created a big problem.

Sherry Powell informed everyone that Santa will be arriving on the train at the Grant Depot on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 11:25am. He will go to the Community Center where he will meet children and have photos taken. This free family event is sponsored by the Grant Area Chamber of Commerce. Coffee, cocoa, cider, and donuts and plenty of fun activities will be provided free of charge. Flyers will be provided to each of the schools for distribution to the students. Anyone interested in volunteering or making a donation for this event is encouraged to contact Brad Vlastuin at Never Enough Auto Accessories, located south of Water Tower Park.

12. **Adjournment** without objection at 7:53p.m.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, Grant City Clerk