

**CITY OF GRANT ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES
NOVEMBER 20, 2017**

The regular scheduled meeting of the Grant City Zoning Board of Appeals was scheduled for Monday, November 20, 2017, at the Grant Community Center.

1. *Call to Order:* The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Hallman

2. *Pledge of Allegiance:*

3. *Roll Call:*

PRESENT:

Mayor Julie Hallman, Commissioner Kate Block, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner Kevin Smith, and Commissioner Gabe Sanchez
 Others Present: Ryan Rudzis - City Manager and Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Chief of Police Brad Wade, Nico Dove, Manny Tiffany, Will Renouf, Pam Schwallier, Kim Bonter, Hunter Crosby, and Hayden Crosby.
 ABSENT: None
 EXCUSED: None

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Made by Bouwkamp, second by Sanchez to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 5d. Mayor Pro-Tem. under New Business.
 Motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2017 ZBA Meeting

Motion: Made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard
 Motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Comments

None

7. Work Session through standardized review standards

a. Proposed Use Variance, 141 S. Front Street, Relief from requirements of Article 10 B-C Commercial District, Section 10.1, Part 2 "Residential use of a building or a portion thereof, provided the building is of brick or other fire resistant material."

Standard 1: Reasonable Use, Standard 2: Plight due to circumstances unique to property,
 Standard 3: Not alter the essential character of the area, and Standard 4: Problem not self-created

Comments Taken From Audience: None

Bouwkamp asked if this is the same type of variance the Commission approved last month.

Rudzis confirmed it pertains to the same use of a residential property that is zoned Commercial as the request from last month. It is difficult for these homeowners to get insurance and sell their property with the fire resistant materials clause.

Motion: Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Smith to approve Brandon Miller's variance request with the stipulation that for the property located at 141 S Front Street.
 Motion passes unanimously.

8. *Public Comments:*

None

9. *Adjournment:*

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:03p.m.

 Chairperson Julie Hallman

 Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 20, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, November 20, 2017, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order – Regular Meeting:** Mayor Julie Hallman called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None

3. Consent Agenda Items:

Motion: Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard to approve the consent agenda.
 Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Unfinished Business**

- a. None

5. **New Business, Consideration for:**

- a. Resolution 17-08: Street Closures for Christmas events December 9, 2017:

Hallman explained that we have revisited the closure of M-37 following the Harvest Moon Festival, and don't want to do that again.

Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Bouwkamp to approve the Resolution for the route recommended by staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Motion Item #1: Consideration: Burning Brush and Leaves in the Spring and Fall:

Hallman explained that we have lost DPW staff, and fortunately office staff have stepped in to help out. With only two pick-ups of bulk leaves, we have discussed having two weekends to burn leaves.

Bouwkamp expressed concern about the weather on those two weekends. What if it is too dry, too wet, or too windy?

Hallman clarified it would be one weekend in the spring and one in the fall. We have a lot of elderly and those that cannot otherwise get it done.

Smith suggested we have a time limit, like 9am-3pm. Most people would have common sense.

Rudzis stated we have had two burning complaints in three and a half years, and both were resolved quickly.

Sanchez asked how close to the road would people be allowed to burn leaves.

Hallman suggested in the right-of-way shoulder areas.

Smith thinks we should give it a shot.

Pickard thinks we should set the times for rules.

Rudzis clarified that the same wind would be there if they have a permit.

Bouwkamp would like us to provide times and weather conditions.

Motion: Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Smith to approve and post for 9am-5pm both weekends.

Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Discussion Item: City Commission Meeting Time:

Pickard thinks 7pm is fine.

Sanchez stated earlier would be fine.

Bouwkamp can make it either time.

Smith prefers 7pm.

Consensus to continue with the 7pm meeting time

- d. Mayor Pro-Tem:

Hallman nominated Matt Bouwkamp for Mayor Pro-Tem.

Pickard asked if there are any number of years required to serve, and was told there are not.

Smith stated he is not interested.

Pickard asked why not Kevin or anyone else.

Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Pickard to appoint Matt Bouwkamp for Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Other Business:**

- a. Hallman reminded everyone of the Christmas event on December 9th. She asked everyone to please volunteer. There is a planning meeting here next Tuesday from 4pm-5pm.

7. **Information Items:**

- a. Pam Schwallier addressed the Commission representing the Chamber. She is sponsoring a door decorating contest this year. She passed out the schedule of events for the 9th and an invitation for November 28th gathering at River Stop Cafe. She asked everyone to RSVP by the 24th. The form is online with the Chamber.

8. **Public Comments:**

Hayden Crosby from the Boy Scouts as why is it not a City Ordinance to shovel sidewalks in the City?

Hallman replied there is an Ordinance for that.

Hunter Crosby asked why we don't have more things to do at Blanche Lake, like a public basketball court or something?

Rudzis explained the biggest obstacles are vandalism and money. We have to consider these things when spending taxpayer dollars.

Manny Tiffany asked why don't we have more trails in the parks?

Hallman explained we are one square mile. We did have a boardwalk in the master plan.

Kim Bonter asked a question for Malachi about plowing on the roads. When they go through with snowplows, it's not wide enough. It narrows roads in winter time. Could that be widened to reduce danger? Elder to 120th gets built up on the edges. Commerce is the same way.

Hallman explained the DPW has moved snow in their spare time in years past.

Rudzis stated he will speak with DPW staff to make sure we do a better job.

Chief Wade informed the Commission that we did get a new patrol vehicle, and the equipment for it is backed up three weeks. Out fleet is back up to full.

9. **Adjournment:**

Motion: Motion made by Pickard, second by Smith to adjourn at 7:31pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Julie Hallman

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk

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