

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, November 16, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, November 16, 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, Gerard Williams, and Brent Raterink
  - ABSENT: None
  - EXCUSED: None
  - Others Present: Kasey Jernberg – City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Officer Jon Patterson, residents Chelsea McKinley and Matthew Alicea
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - Motion** made by Block, second by Raterink to approve the agenda.
  - Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**
  - None
6. **Reserved Time**
  - a. River Country Chamber of Commerce: No representative was present
7. **Consent Agenda Items**
  - Motion** made by Dietz, second by Block to approve the consent agenda.
  - Motion carried unanimously
8. **Unfinished Business**
  - None
9. **New Business**
  - a. Motion Item #1: Resolution 20-08 Authorization of Water Reliability Study
    - Motion** made by Block, second by Pickard to approve the resolution.
    - Motion carried unanimously
  - b. Motion Item #2: Resignation of Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk, effective December 3, 2020
    - Motion** made by Dietz, second by Williams to approve the motion.
    - Motion carried unanimously
  - c. Motion Item #3: Appointment of Kasey Jernberg – Interim City Clerk, effective December 4, 2020
    - Motion** made by Pickard, second by Block to approve the motion.
    - Motion carried unanimously
  - d. Discussion Item #1: Animal Ordinance

Hallman explained that Kasey has researched many different options from other communities. She is still not in favor of allowing goats and livestock in the city.

Block asked about the information presented and why one goat but more chickens.

Dietz clarified his understanding about lot sizes and number of animal allowances. He worries we are opening Pandora’s box if we allow goats.

Hallman thinks adding goats to the number of animals the police have to track down owners for is unreasonable.

Raterink asked what is the average size of lots in the city.

Jernberg estimated most are between ten thousand and eleven thousand square feet.

Hallman asked how many calls the city has received asking to have these animals.

Jernberg stated he has not received any calls requesting them.

McKinley stated someone must have wanted to keep them since they called to complain about her goats. She stated Michigan is a right to farm state.

Hallman said that does not give them the right to ignore a police department order

Block would like us to look into this further.

Jernberg explained that right to farm protects farmers from neighbors trying to encroach.

Hallman reiterated all of our available options.

Dietz worries about having mini cows or horses and asked where does this stop.

Jernberg stated an ordinance would specify that.

**Motion** made by Hallman, second by Dietz to accept chickens only at this time according to the language presented.

Roll Call Vote Requested: Block-No, Dietz-Yes, Pickard-No, Sanchez-Yes, Williams-No, Hallman-Yes, Raterink-Yes

Motion carried four Yes to three No

10. ***Other Business***

None

11. ***Information Items***

None

12. ***Public Comments***

None

13. ***Executive Session***

**Motion:** Motion made by Block, second by Sanchez to move into Executive Session for Personnel/Evaluation at 7:16 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

***Resume Regular Session***

Motion made by Block, second by Dietz to resume open session at 7:30 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

14. ***Adjournment***

**Motion** made by Block, second by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously

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Julie Hallman, Mayor

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Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk