

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, December 18, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, December 18, 2017, 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, Matt Bouwkamp, Kevin Smith, Gabe Sanchez, and Kate Block
  - ABSENT: None
  - EXCUSED: None
  - Others Present: Ryan Rudzis - City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Police Chief Brad Wade, Justin Salisbury - DPW, and Lisa Lightfoot.
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Smith to approve the agenda.
  - Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**
  - None
6. **Consent Agenda Items**
  - Motion** made by Smith, second by Pickard to approve the consent agenda.
  - Motion carried unanimously
7. **Unfinished Business**
  - None
8. **New Business**
  - a. Motion Item #1: Reappointment of and Janet Gilmore to Planning Commission:
    - Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Sanchez to approve the consent agenda.
    - Motion carried unanimously
  - b. Motion Item #2: Appointment of Holly Paulsen to the Board of Review:
    - Motion** made by Smith, second by Bouwkamp to appoint Holly Paulsen to the Board of Review to replace Ron Murray.
    - Motion carried unanimously
  - c. Motion Item #3: Valve Replacement in WWTP
    - Motion** made by Pickard, second by Block to approve the motion.
    - Bouwkamp stated he thinks it's a good idea.
    - Motion carried unanimously
  - d. Motion Item #4: Transfer System for Water System: Hallman explained the old system of dumping out chlorine was difficult.
    - Motion** made by Pickard, second by Smith to approve the motion.
    - Motion carried unanimously
  - e. Discussion Item: Quality of City Services
    - Hallman stated we have received some calls about brush. City staff chipped in to get it done.
    - Bouwkamp thought it was quite successful considering we were short staffed.

Pickard stated it's going to get much better now that Justin is hired. She stated only a couple LED lights she has noticed remain out.

Salisbury stated we have about twelve more lights to change out.

Pickard stated the Commerce Street is clean as a whistle.

Bouwkamp stated someone had complained about the blowers at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The individual stated he was quite uncomfortable by it. While checking it out, he could carry on a regular conversation near it. After multiple trips, he does not see a problem.

Hallman stated she has also been to the Plant and stood next to the blowers. She stated she could also carry on a conversation easily.

Bouwkamp suggested sending out a survey, separate from the newsletter, just to be thorough.

Pickard stated she sometimes hears a fan from Dyk Brothers, but nothing from the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Hallman likes Matt's suggestion of sending out a survey.

Pickard stated she discussed this with someone at the trailer park, and they have no problem with it.

Bouwkamp stated the train that goes through town is much noisier. Living in the city includes tolerating noise.

Rudzis said the blowers were installed over the summer.

Bouwkamp stated he would be happy with where things are at now.

9. **Other Business**

None

10. **Information Items**

Hallman said the Christmas event was really nice, and we had a good turnout.

Lightfoot stated the quarterly meeting is January 17th, and it will be at Ridge Cider at 5:30pm. The Chamber is working on new job descriptions.

11. **Public Comments**

None

12. **Closed Session**

**Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Smith to go into closed session at 7:24pm for the Police Chief's evaluation.

Motion carried unanimously

**Motion** made by Bouwkamp, second by Pickard return to Open Session at 7:55pm.

Motion carried unanimously

**Motion** made by Smith second by Bouwkamp to raise the Police Chief's salary to \$40,000.

Motion carried unanimously

13. **Adjournment**

**Motion** made by Smith, second by Pickard to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm.

Motion carried unanimously

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Mayor Julie Hallman

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Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk