

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes  
Monday, December 17, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, December 17, 2018, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Julie Hallman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**  
PRESENT: Mayor Julie Hallman, Anne Pickard, Kevin Smith, Gabe Sanchez, and Kate Block  
ABSENT: None  
EXCUSED: Matt Bouwkamp and Gerard Williams  
Others Present: Kasey Jernberg – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Brad Wade – Chief of Police, Scott VanSingel, and Pam Schwallier
4. **Approval of the Agenda**  
**Motion** made by Block, second by Smith to approve the agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**  
VanSingel commented that there are three more days of lame duck. The Legislature is working on bills to address paid sick leave and minimum wage, which would have eliminated the minimum tip. Most people understand good policy behind these decisions. Supplemental bill of surplus dollars, which some will likely go to road funding. Some might go towards paying down debt and funding schools also.
6. **Consent Agenda Items**  
**Motion** made by Smith, second by Sanchez to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously
7. **Unfinished Business**  
None
8. **New Business**
  - a. River Country Chamber of Commerce: Pam Schwallier updated everyone on 2019 events. The Chamber is open to renaming the festival. They are looking for things for teens to do. There was discussion about a midway or a talent show. Mayor Hallman asked to compare finances over the past several years. Pam stated these are not money makers.
  - b. Motion Item #1: Reappointment of Charlotte Campbell to the Board of Review: Hallman stated the Charlotte is just finishing the term she was appointed to, and she would like to serve a new term.  
**Motion** made by Pickard, second by Block to reappoint Charlotte Campbell to the Board of Review for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2021.  
Motion carried unanimously
  - c. Motion Item #2: Approval of the Newaygo County Active Shooter/Hostile Event Response Mutual Aid Agreement: Chief Wade explained the ASHER agreement.  
**Motion** made by Smith, second by Sanchez to approve the ASHER agreement.  
Motion carried unanimously
  - d. Motion Item #3: Approval of language for drafted Ordinance No. 55-1 amending Ordinance No. 55. Amendments for Regulations for Businesses and Related Activity, regarding Recreational Marijuana prohibition and Yard Sale regulations: Mayor Hallman explained that we have had a couple of complaints pertaining to yard sales, and this is a good time to update this ordinance.  
**Motion** made by Pickard, second by Smith to approve amending Ordinance No. 55.  
Block stated that on page 3, under 8.5 Signs, to require signs be removed within one hour of the conclusion of a sale, that she would prefer to give three hours.

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Smith stated that too often he goes to a yard sale advertised on a sign, but it's not there any longer.

Block stated that on (e) rather than a name, she would prefer just an address.

Hallman explained that the motion made does not include these suggested changes.

Motion failed

**Motion** made by Block, second by Pickard to not include the name of who is having a sale, and to change the removal of the sign at the conclusion of the sale to two hours.

Motion carried unanimously

- e. Discussion Item #1: Modifying regulations for Medical Marihuana: Mayor Hallman explained that since we discussed Medical Marihuana last, a group of investors has come forward requesting us to reconsider. There was no guarantee either way. Mayor Hallman encouraged everyone to vote their conscience. She has attempted to make contact with a City Manager where there is an existing facility.

Sanchez asked if this is about straight medical marihuana, and Hallman confirmed that it is.

Hallman elaborated that we are not interest in strings. She clarified that if the Commission was interested in considering this, it would be up to us to determine who came in and how they came in.

Wade stated that this is a different group than the ones in Newaygo and White Cloud.

Sanchez stated that if it is regulated, it won't be that easy to get. He would rather see it regulated.

Hallman stated that she would rather see us offer medical, because it is controlled.

Sanchez said he really wouldn't mind seeing us have both.

Block said maybe it would give people a reason to stop in Grant, and that it would increase revenues and jobs.

Hallman stated that she would be interested in at least seeing their presentation.

Wade agrees with Sanchez and Block, and that a presentation would be okay.

Pickard stated she really does not like it but is open to a presentation.

**Consensus** to listen to a presentation on the third Monday in January.

- f. Discussion Item #2: Meeting dates and time for calendar year 2019: Hallman asked if anyone was interested in changing the monthly meeting dates or times.

**Unanimous Consent** to leave the meeting dates and time the same.

### 9. *Other Business*

None

### 10. *Information Items*

- a. Hallman informed everyone that we had our Christmas event last Saturday, and that there were lots of families again this year. We printed three hundred forty free photos with Santa. It was another great, flawless event, with lots of business participation. We received all positive feedback. The horse-drawn wagon rides stayed an extra hour because we had so many people! Thank you to the staff who organized the entire event, to staff who volunteered, and to everyone that came out.

### 11. *Public Comments*

None

### 12. *Adjournment*

**Motion** made by Sanchez, second by Block to adjourn the meeting without objection at 7:42pm.

Motion carried unanimously

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Mayor Julie Hallman

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Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk