

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 20, 2026

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held at the City of Grant Municipal Office – 280 S. Maple St.

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, Commissioner Kate Block, Commissioner Mark Dietz, Commissioner Brent Raterink, Commissioner Katie Arens, Commissioner Peter Pickard
Absent: None
Excused: Gerald Williams
Others: Kasey Jernberg/City Manager, Lori Gardner/City Clerk, Jon Patterson/Police Chief, Andrez Ledezma/SRO, Bob Mendham/Newaygo County Sheriff, Jake Swinehart/ RCCC, Rich Houtteman/Consumer's Energy
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
Motion made by Commissioner Block, second by Commissioner Dietz to approve the agenda
Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment** None
6. **Reserved Time** Bob Mendham explained the Millage renewal for Road Patrol on the May 5, 2026 ballot. Jake Swinehart reminded board about the Chamber Dinner on May 7, 2026 at the Bunker. He also informed us that the Gus Maker plans are on schedule.
7. **Consent Agenda Items**
Motion made by Commissioner Dietz, second by Commissioner Pickard to approve the consent agenda
Motion carried unanimously
8. **Unfinished Business** None
9. **New Business, Consideration for:**
 - a. Motion Item #1: Approval of Draw #3 from USDA-RD for Wastewater Improvement Project
All is on schedule
Motion made by Commissioner Block, second by Commissioner Raterink
Motion carried unanimously
 - b. Discussion Item #1: Amended and Restated Fire Prevention & Protection Ordinance (Burning Ordinance)
City Manager Jernberg explained that there were a few changes he will be making to the current reading. In a few areas pertaining to items banned from burning the word "Furniture" will be added. Additionally, in Section 6 he will be adding that "all fires must be attended by an adult". Commissioner Raterink requested that the distance from a structure to be amended to 25' to accommodate the small lots in the city.
Motion made by Commissioner Raterink, second by Commissioner Pickard
Motion carried unanimously
 - c. Discussion Item #2: Updated Signs at City Offices and Cemetery
Sign budget for both signs at the City Hall and the Cemetery is \$20,000. Concern that the masonry option will exceed budget. City Manager Jernberg will get quotes on the costs. Commissioners suggested some color options for the City Hall sign.
 - d. Discussion Item #3: City Owned Property at 60 S Lake St
Commission authorized staff to issue an RFP
Motion made by Commissioner Block, second by Commissioner Pickard
Motion carried unanimously
 - e. Discussion Item #4: Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Goals and Priorities
City Manager Jernberg discussed City improvement goal for the budget next fiscal year. Purchasing the 48-acre school property that has the disc golf course. Security cameras at City Hall need to be replaced. New cameras at the Community Center and Blanche Lake Park. Flashing crosswalk signs need to be replaced along State Rd and Elder Ave. Also, mill and overlay to various city streets. Water tower needs to be repainted. Well house needs new PLC and VFD installed. Commissioner Raterink asked about a new blade on the plow truck and the status of the historic water tower repair. City Manager explained that those items are still in progress for this fiscal year.

10. Other Business Police Chief Patterson requested replacing the 2018 Explorer. The vehicle needs about \$2,000 in repairs to get ready for the new recruits. Mayor Hallman asked questions about vehicle use by Chief and SRO. Chief stated that he could drive the vehicle. Mayor Hallman asked about the timeline for a grant application. City Manager Jernberg stated the grant process could begin later in the fall/winter. Commission would like to repair the current vehicle and start on the grant process when available.

11. Information Comments Rich from Consumer's Energy gave an update on their operations in the city.

12. Public Comment None

13. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Block, second by Commissioner Dietz to adjourn the meeting without objection at **7:58 p.m.**

Motion carried unanimously

Kate Block, Mayor Pro-Tem

Lori Gardner, Clerk