

Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 16, 2008

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, June 16, 2008, at the City of Grant Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call:**

PRESENT: Mayor Terry Fett, Commissioner Julie Hallman, Commissioner Cheryl Lake, Commissioner Anne Pickard (7:13pm), Commissioner Harry Robinson, and Commissioner Terri Yeomans
OTHERS PRESENT: Doug La Fave – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Dan VanBelzen – Chief of Police, Laurie Breuker – Newaygo County Clerk, Holly Moon – Newaygo County Treasurer, Bob Wilcox of Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, and Ashland/Grant Fire District Board Members Edith Walton, Carol George, and Larry Bisson.
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: Commissioner Eric Irwin
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion: Motion made by Yeomans second by Lake to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment:**

Laurie Breuker commented that the Newaygo County Clerk's office is super busy with the upcoming August election. They have lots of candidates and proposals for this election. She also informed everyone that she may now perform wedding ceremonies.

Holly Moon addressed the Commission and commented about tax payoffs, as well as all chargebacks having been paid, with the exception of four schools claiming hardships. She also commented that foreclosures are down while nationwide are up. She announced that she is running for re-election and handed out pamphlets to everyone in attendance.
6. **Consent Agenda**

a-e. *Approval of the Consent Agenda*
Motion: Motion made by Robinson, second by Yeomans to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Library Board Appointment: No action taken until candidate confirms interest.
 - b. International Property Maintenance Code: The second and final reading will be done next month.
8. **New Business**
 - a. Bob Wilcox of Fleis and Vandenbrink, Sewer update: Updated the Commission that Rural Water completed smoke testing on May 27, 2008, they continue to monitor influent flows to the WWTP. The obtained three quotes to televise sewer lines in bad areas, and B&B Environmental won the bid. We are working on obtaining budget prices for equipment and have prepared letters and notices as required which will remain available over the next month. The cost of televising is eligible to be included in the application package. With the passage of the Farm Bill, the poverty rate is 2.75% now, down from over 4% previously. The materials and construction costs are going up significantly, and adjusted estimates will be provided since everything went up in price since last August. Construction is set to begin in spring of 2009.
 - b. Larry Bisson, representing the Grant Fire Board, commented on the properties currently owned by the Fire District. He informed the Commission that the Ordish property they most recently purchased received several improvements last summer. He expressed the Fire Board's opinion that a much wider area would be served if they owned the property at 86 W State Rd. The funds are already available, and they worry this opportunity would likely not show up again. When asked what they intend to use the property for, they responded that the department would likely need to expand in the future, and the house would be removed soon. Some discussion ensued about a countywide push to create a land bank,

which would help homes like this one get rehabbed or demolished and rebuilt upon. No action was taken at this time.

- c. Resolution 08-21 (*was tabled in May): Authorizing Pmt of sewer back-up claim regarding 90 S Lake St.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Lake to approve Resolution 08-21.
 Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Resolution 08-26: Providing for the purchase of liability and hazard insurance for FY 08/09
Motion: Motion made by Robinson, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 08-26.
Amended Original Motion: By Robinson, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 08-26 to award to the lowest bid.
 Amended Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Resolution 08-27: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement for auditing services.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Lake to approve Resolution 08-27.
 Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Resolution 08-28: Resolution for Depository Designation
Motion: Motion made by Robinson, second by Pickard to approve Resolution 08-28.
 Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Resolution 08-29: Resolution approving the fee rate schedule for FY 08/09
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Pickard to approve the new Fee Rate Schedule.
 Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Resolution 08-30: Resolution authorizing repair of the DPW garage
Motion: Motion made by Robinson, second by Hallman to approve Resolution 08-30.
 Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Resolution 08-31: Authorizing the repainting of the municipal water tower.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Lake to approve Resolution 08-31.
 Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Resolution 08-32: Resolution approving a professional service agreement for sewer televising in accordance with USDA-Rural Development procedures for sewer system repairs and upgrades.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Hallman to approve Resolution 08-32.
 Motion carried unanimously.
- k. Executive Session: City Manager Review
Motion: No motion made to close regular meeting and go into Executive Session at 7:48pm.
Motion: No motion made to close Executive Session and return to the regular meeting at 8:06pm.
Motion: Motion made by Yeomans, second by Lake to pay Doug La Fave \$45,000 when renewing his contract, effective July 1, 2008.
 Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Other Business**

- a. DDA Update-Review of DDA Dev & Fin Plans: The DDA Governing Board unanimously approved the Development and Finance Plans at the June 2008 meeting.

10. **Information Items / Updates**

- a. Skatepark grant update: Milt Barr is currently working on the quarter pipe.
- b. Water Tower Park Update: The Historic Wooden Water Tower could be moved as early as next week. We will know more in the next couple of days.
- c. Seasonal Employees: The seasonal employees are working out very well, and getting a lot of mowing done.
- d. Alltel: They have submitted two different site plans, and the centered one is definitely preferred by staff.
- e. ZBA Meeting: The meeting was the first since 2005, and all three requests were approved.

11. **Public Comments:**

Harry Robinson mentioned that A.J. McKinley had expressed to him an interest in staying on the Fire Board.

- 12. **Adjournment** without objection at 8:40p.m.