

Grant City Commission Special Meeting
Wednesday, December 28, 2005 -- 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order:
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:
3. Roll Call:
4. Members of the Public may address the City Commission on items that do not appear on the printed agenda. Comments are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per citizen.
5. New Business:
 - a. Ashland Grant Fire District Agreement
6. Members of the Public may address the City Commission. Comments are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes per citizen.
7. Adjournment.

**Grant City Commission Special Meeting Minutes
December 28, 2005**

A special meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Wednesday, December 28, 2005, at the Grant Community Center.

1. *Call to Order:* Mayor Terry Fett called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

2. *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.*

3. *Roll Call:*

PRESENT:

Commissioner Dan Powell, Mayor Terry Fett, Mayor Pro-Tem Harry Robinson, Commissioner Mike Gesler, and Commissioner Julie Hallman.

EXCUSED:

Commissioner Anne Pickard and Commissioner Terri Yeomans.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Frank Peterson – City Manager, Sherry Powell – City Clerk, Marv Geers – Ashland Township Supervisor, Stan VanSingel – Grant Township Supervisor.

4. *Public Comments:*

None

5. *New Business:*

a. Ashland/Grant Fire District Agreement

Mayor Fett suspended the rules by consensus at 5:31pm. He commented about the responsibility of each municipal entity to represent their individual homeowners. He also expressed concern that he wanted to ensure the contract Ashland and Grant Township supervisors had already signed and given to the City was approved exactly as presented by their corresponding township boards.

Commissioner Powell commented on the need to have fire protection for the residents. He explained that the City Manager has contacted the Casnovia Fire Department, and the options that may be available through them. He further expressed his disappointment of the handling of this contract by one of the townships.

Commissioner Gesler expressed his concern for signing a ten-year contract that goes beyond our four-year millage. He commented that the contract as written was not beneficial to anyone over the long haul. He further noted a 90-day clause to get out of the contract, and stated that scenario would not be good for the Fire District, as it would find itself strapped financially. He would like to see further negotiations.

Mayor Fett expressed his desire to learn about the necessary expenditures anticipated over the next several years, and he pointed out to guests in the audience that he was not against signing the contract. He further reiterated his concern about changes made in the signed contracts after they were approved. He asked the township supervisors present if they could shed any light on this concern.

Ashland Township Supervisor Marv Geers stated the contracts were “one in the same.”

Grant Township Supervisor Stan VanSingel replied “To the best of my knowledge.” He further commented that although this contract was new to the City Commission, the contract was reviewed a year earlier by himself, Ray Kemmerling, and Tobi Lake.

Mayor Fett expressed a desire for the siren to be turned off entirely for residents of that area who would like to be able to get some rest. He brought the meeting back under rules at 5:48pm.

Commissioner Powell called for the question

Motion: Motion made by Dan Powell, second by Harry Robinson to approve the contract as presented.

Motion carried 5 YES to 0 NO.

10. *Public Comments:*

Mayor Fett expressed his desire to work well with the townships, and thanked the visitors for attending.

11. *Adjournment* without objection at 5:52pm.

Mayor Terry Fett

Sherry Powell, City Clerk