

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 18, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, January 18, 2016, 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, Commissioner Tim Atwood, Commissioner Anne Pickard, Commissioner, Commissioner Kevin Smith, Commissioner Matt Bouwkamp, and Commissioner Harold Portell
OTHERS PRESENT: Ryan Rudzis – City Manager, Sherry Powell – Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Janet Botsford - DPW, Shawn Botsford - DPW Supervisor, Representative Jon Bumstead, Dena Marcetti - IAI, and Gary Nestle - IAI, and Brad Wade - Grant PD Officer.
ABSENT: None
EXCUSED: Commissioner Weeks
4. **Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Bouwkamp to approve the agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:**

Bumstead provided an update on State budgets. He said they are looking good, and are due in June. Briefly discussed the Flint situation, and Detroit Public Schools.
Portell asked about road tax phasing in over three years.
Bumstead stated we should start noticing right away.
6. **Consent Agenda**

a-e. *Approval of the Consent Agenda*
Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Pickard to approve the consent agenda.
Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Unfinished Business:**

a. N/A
8. **New Business**
 - a. Motion Item #1: Adoption of new FOIA Policy.
Motion: Motion made by Bouwkamp, second by Portell to approve the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Motion Item #2: Approval of the purchase of a mission system for WWTP.
Motion: Motion made by Smith, second by Atwood to approve the motion.
Nestle stated this item came up earlier than expected for the cell based alarm technology. We are using a lot of Shawn's research on this for the Water Department. We should save costs and reduce one phone line.
Motion carried unanimously.
 - c. Resolution 16-01: Opposition to Public Act 269
Bumstead stated that even with opposition from Governor Snyder, this snuck thru. He stated it will be fixed soon with some trailer bills.
Motion: Motion made by Pickard, with no second.
Motion failed due to the lack of a second.
 - d. Discussion Item: Snow on Sidewalks
Hallman had we have had some concerns when people do not take care of their sidewalks. For recurring offenses, we have an ordinance to enforce it. If someone complains, they also need to sign the ticket. Hallman thanked Shawn and Janet for doing a great job when clearing snow from the sidewalks.
Pickard stated that kids cannot use sidewalks, and the apartments are not even getting cleared. She would like to put a notice on the property owner's door if they do not clear their sidewalks. Pickard thinks property owners need to take care of it, and she thinks the ten inch (10") policy should be reduced.
Hallman thinks the DPW has a lot more responsibility than just clearing sidewalks.
Pickard stated she does not see any clear sidewalks.
Hallman said we do not want anyone to have a heart attack shoveling their sidewalk. She reiterated that if someone is going to complain, they need to sign the ticket.

Rudzis stated we are coming up with a plan for school route for less snow.

9. ***Other Business***

a. N/A

10. ***Information Items / Updates***

Rudzis stated a trucking company just moved into the former Never Enough Auto/Grant Rent-All building. Wade said he spoke with the new owner today. Their existing business had outgrown their building, so this new space is needed. A lot of farmers in Kent City use them. They are also looking to hire diesel techs.

11. ***Public Comments:***

Gardner stated Newaygo County has an Interim Administrator. They contracted with a company to hire a new Administrator. Kelly at the Road Commission has some great ideas. He also stated his sidewalk is plowed.

Wade asked about the Interim Administrator, and if he is interested in full-time work.

Gardner said he has served as an Interim Administrator four times now, and he likes doing this.

12. ***Adjournment***

Motion: Motion made by Portell, second by Bouwkamp to adjourn at 7:22pm.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Julie Hallman

Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk