

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, June 17, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Grant City Commission was held on Monday, June 17, 2019, 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, Anne Pickard, Matt Bouwkamp, Kevin Smith, Gabe Sanchez, Kate Block, and Gerard Williams
  - ABSENT: None
  - EXCUSED: None
  - Others Present: Kasey Jernberg – City Manager, Sherry Powell - Assistant City Manager/Clerk, Brad Wade – Chief of Police, SGT Steve Paulsen, Mollie Kidner, and Ken Armour - Pincanna
4. **Approval of the Agenda**
  - Motion** made by Block, second by Williams to approve the agenda as presented.
  - Motion carried unanimously
5. **Public Comment**
  - None
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: No representative was present.
  - b. Motion Item #1: Adoption of Ordinance No. 55-2 – amending Ordinance no. 55 (Amendments for Regulations for Business and Related Activity, regarding Medical Marihuana):
    - Motion** made by Block, second by Sanchez to approve the motion.
    - Jernberg stated the language is the same.
    - Motion carried unanimously
  - c. Motion Item #2: First Reading: Proposed Ordinance No. 58 – Parking Ordinance:
    - Motion** made by Pickard, second by Sanchez to approve the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 58 – Parking Ordinance.
    - Block asked for clarification on the waiver and if it is forever.
    - Jernberg explained it would be for the property, indefinite through owners. He further explained this has not been updated since the 1970's, so there is no rush. We will look to ensure no feasible alternatives exist. Under Section 10, if you can fit three or more, it would not be allowed. We just need to better define a driveway. We threw out the number of three.
    - Paulsen stated that a lot of families have several kids, and eventually most of them drive.
    - Sanchez likes the idea of the hard space. He suggested looking at other communities' parking ordinances.
    - Consensus to let the motion die
    - Jernberg asked if we should be limiting parking space in the green space between the sidewalk and the roadway.
    - Bouwkamp offered a comparison that there is a legal limit to how tall your fence is. If we allow them to improve all the way up to their house, they could potentially park a bunch of trailers in front of their house.
    - Wade stated that special occasions happen, and we have to allow for that.

9. **Other Business**

None

10. **Information Items**

- a. **Redevelopment Ready Communities – Draft Evaluation:** Jernberg explained we eventually have to be a Redevelopment Read Community to receive federal grants. We are considered “engaged”, so we will still have a lot to do.  
Hallman commented that we needed to do a Master Plan.
- b. **State Tax Commission – Audit of Minimum Assessing Standards (AMAR):** Jernberg explained this is just a routine audit. We contract with Newaygo County for that.
- c. **Community Center – Internet Wi-Fi:** Jernberg stated this was recently installed and is free to us because of our lease with NCATS.  
Williams asked what is its reach and if we can put a timer on it.

11. **Public Comments**

Williams asked about the light crosswalk issue.  
Jernberg was told by MDOT that the issue was fixed.  
Williams stated his daughter is concerned with littering. He asked who takes care of that.  
Wade replied that the property owners should be doing this.  
Jernberg clarified that we used to have volunteers help out with clean-up week, but they don’t show up anymore.  
Hallman stated the schools no longer require community service.  
Jernberg likes the “Adopt a block” program idea someone mentioned.  
Pickard stated the City sign south of town has not been mowed.  
Hallman thought it had been mowed when she saw it recently.

12. **Adjournment**

**Motion** made by Block, second by Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously

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Mayor Julie Hallman

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Sherry Powell, Assistant City Manager/Clerk