

**Grant City Commission Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, October 17, 2022**

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, Gabe Sanchez, Kate Block, Mark Dietz, Brent Raterink and Katie Arens
  - Absent: None
  - Excused: Anne Pickard
  - Others: Kasey Jernberg/City Manager, Sara Bronson/Deputy Clerk, Sgt Paulsen/GPD, Aric Booth
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**
  - Jake Swinehart/River Country Chamber – new board member (Jen Espanoza). Gus Macker meeting occurred and decision will be made soon. Harvest Festival date is now August 12<sup>th</sup>.
7. **Consent Agenda**
  - Motion** made by Commissioner Block, second by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the consent agenda
  - Motion carried unanimously
8. **Unfinished Business**
  - None
9. **New Business**
  - a. Motion Item #1: Adoption of Ordinance No. 55-3 to Amend Ordinance 55 Regulating Licensing Certain Business and Business Activity
    - Motion** made by Commissioner Block, second by Commissioner Raterink
    - Motion carried unanimously
  - b. Motion Item #2: Authorize Purchase and Amend Budget for Gate Operator at DPW Complex
    - Motion** made by Commissioner Dietz, second by Commissioner Block
    - Motion carried unanimously
  - c. Discussion Item #1: Sewer Backup Claim
    - Aric Booth explained his assessment of the sewer backup at his home and believes he has \$25,000 in damage. He states that a high-water mark seen in the man hole is evidence of a city main issue. He also states that he has photos and will bring them for everyone to see.
    - Justin Salisbury – City DPW, explained his assessment and believes that the high-water mark was the result of a plug in the service lateral finally releasing and blowing out sewage into the manhole.
    - Aric Booth also explained he is unhappy about his conversation with the City's insurance company. He felt that they did not listen to him and moved too quickly to deny the claim.
    - Jernberg stated that he will contact the insurance company and request a more in-depth review of the claim.
10. **Other Business**
  - None
11. **Informational Items**
  - a. Halloween Event at Community Center – October 31<sup>st</sup> 6:00pm – 9:00pm
  - b. Open House for Moe's Hardware – November 4<sup>th</sup> 11:00am – 2:00pm
12. **Public Comments**
  - None
13. **Closed Session – Pursuant to MCL 15.268(a)**
  - Motion** made by Commissioner Block, second by Commissioner Dietz to enter closed session for the City Manager evaluation by the Grant City Commission at 7:49pm.
  - Motion carried unanimously
  
  - Motion** made by Commissioner Block, second by Commissioner Dietz to return to open session at 8:00pm.
  - Motion carried unanimously

14. ***Open Session***

**Motion** made by Commissioner Block, second by Commissioner Dietz to extend City Manager employment contract for four additional years.

Motion carried unanimously

**Motion** made by Commissioner Dietz, second by Commissioner Raterink to increase City Manager salary by \$4,000.

Motion carried unanimously

15. ***Adjournment***

**Motion** made by Commissioner Dietz, second by Commissioner Block to adjourn the meeting without objection at

**8:01 p.m.**

Motion carried unanimously

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Julie Hallman, Mayor

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Sara Bronson, Deputy Clerk