

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 12th, 2026

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Forbes at 6:30 pm

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Pettyjohn, Forbes, Sloan, Nelson, Moshier

Members Absent: None

Vacant Seats: None

Also in Attendance: Lori McGeorge (City Clerk), Jenny Maples (City Treasurer), Rodney Vandecasteele (Fire Chief), Michelle Phillips, Jamie Cox

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Cox provided public comment.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

26-001

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Sloan to approve the agenda with the addition of B. USG Water discussion under Unfinished Business as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Meeting Minutes for December 08, 2025

B. Revenue & Expenditure Report

26-002

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the consent agenda for December 08, 2025, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Podjaske provided additional commentary on his report as well as answering questions from council members.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Run Water Notice discussion

Podjaske spoke with councilmembers regarding changing the current run-water policy. The change would include providing a credit of 200 gallons/day for the length of the notice.

26-003

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Nelson to approve the change to the run water policy as presented.

Ayes: 4, Nays: 1, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0
Motion Carried

B. USG Water discussion

Podjaske provided an update regarding the work that USG Water has done to correct many of the issues that the city was having including installing new meters at locations that were previously noted as RTUs. He recommended that the termination letter be rescinded.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Audit Agreement

Podjaske & Maples explained that the auditors were great to work with and both years are now complete. They would recommend accepting the new audit agreement.

26-004

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to accept the new audit agreement as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0
Motion Carried

B. WRI Water Use

Podjaske explained that ROWE had requested waiving any water fees for the use of water hydrants while performing the work for the sewer lining grant.

26-005

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Nelson to waive water fees for the use of water hydrants while performing work for the sewer lining grant.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

C. Consumers Energy Agreement

26-006

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to approve the Consumers Energy Agreement.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

D. Resolution of Support, Senate Bill No. 63

26-007

Moved by Forbes, seconded by Nelson to waive the reading of the resolution.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

Podjaske explained the resolution of support for Senate Bill No. 63

26-008

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Nelson to approve the resolution of support for Senate Bill No. 63.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

E. Resolution, Poverty Exemption Standards

26-009

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Pettyjohn to waive the reading of the resolution.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

Podjaske explained that this is an update to the current Poverty Exemption Standards.

26-010

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Nelson to approve the Poverty Exemption Standards as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

X. REPORTS

DDA – No additional questions.

Planning Commission – No additional questions.

Fire Department – Chief Vandecasteele provided additional information to his report as well as indicating this is the busiest that the Fire Department has ever been. He also answered additional questions from council members.

Police Department – No report provided.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Cox provided public comment including thanking council members for their help.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Pettyjohn indicated that he had spoken with the Historical Society and they were looking to partner up for some events throughout the year to qualify for a grant to fix the foundation of the train depot. He also reminded council members that the DDA will be organizing the 4th of July parade. This is the 250th anniversary and to please let him know if anyone has any additional ideas.

Moshier had inquired about the utility pole with tape around it near Spikes. Podjaske explained that that was for the underground power that is being run for Sawmill Lofts.

Sloan informed council members that he would be gone for the next 3 months.

No additional comments were made.

XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

XIV. UPCOMING EVENTS

A. Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

Podjaske posted the event for council members. The new director will be there to meet everyone and introduce herself.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

26-011

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn, that meeting is adjourned.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:16 PM