

**RECORD OF
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/GRAYLING MAIN STREET
PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE
13th DAY OF MARCH 2025
1020 CITY BOULEVARD, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN**

I. Meeting called to order by Swander 8:32 AM

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Swander, Pettyjohn, Huber, LaFontaine, Teeter, Podjaske,
Millikin, Wheeler
Members Absent: None
Also in attendance: Lori McGeorge (City Clerk), Charity Niederer (GRCOC)

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Agenda

25-010

**Moved by Huber, seconded by Teeter to approve the agenda with the addition of
Wyatt Thompson's resignation and Budget to New Business.**

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancies: 1.

Motion Carried.

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

**A. DDA/GMS Regular Meeting Minutes for Thursday, February 13th, 2025 as
presented**

25-011

**Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by LaFontaine to approve the regular meeting
minutes for Thursday, February 13th, 2025 as presented.**

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 3, Vacancies: 1.

Motion Carried.

VI. Treasurer Report

Podjaske explained the treasurer's report with no additional questions from the board.

VII. City Manager Report

Podjaske indicated that the Valero property sale is on hold due to what is owned by the city and City Council has decided to allow each household up to 5 chickens.

VIII. Joint Administrator Update

The board spoke with Charity Niederer about work items and additional discussion regarding the business contact list and creating events on social media.

IX. Unfinished Business – DDA

A. State of Properties – Downtown Project Updates

Sawmill Lofts has begun construction, 315 Underground Ink has been closed and the Brickery has begun selling some items prior to its move to Roscommon.

B. 2025 Events

Work Sessions: Discussion was had by the board regarding events for 2025 including having the chair and co-chair of each committee setting the work sessions for their corresponding event. The quarterly business meetings will be held jointly with the Chamber of Commerce.

Work Plans- draft drive: Swander presented a google shared drive with work plans, etc. that was approved by the board.

C. Christmas Decorations, light bulb replacement

25-012

Discussion was had regarding buying blue bulbs in order to utilize a red, white and blue theme.

Moved by Millikin, seconded by Huber to approve up to \$300 for the purchase of the blue bulbs.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancies: 1.

Motion Carried.

X. New Business – DDA

A. Banners

Discussion was had by the board regarding ending the banner program as well as possibly partnering with GPA concerning “Grayling” banners on the corners.

Anyone that has purchased a banner that has not been received needs to get a refund.

B. Wyatt Thompson's resignation letter

25-013

Swander read Thompson's resignation letter.

Moved by Podjaske, seconded by Huber to approve the resignation of Wyatt Thompson.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancies: 1.

Motion Carried.

C. Budget

The budget was shared with the board so that everyone can begin thinking of their expenses for the different events that are planned.

XI. A. Org Committee

None.

A. Design

None.

B. EV Committee

None.

C. Promotions Committee

None.

It was noted that the MS Committee Reports need to be removed and replaced with an Event Reports section.

XII. Community Meetings Update

A. CCEDP (Crawford County Economic Development Program)

None.

B. Historical Museum

None.

C. GPA

None.

D. Rotary

None.

E. Chamber of Commerce

None.

F. Camp Grayling

None.

XIII. Public Comment

None.

XIV. Member Comments

Wheeler spoke about turning over the email monitoring to Charity. Millikin commented on the March on Main and that applications are due mid-April. Charity indicated that she would share that information.

XV. Correspondence

Wyatt Thompson's resignation letter.

XVI. Adjournment

25-014

Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Millikin to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 8, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacancies: 1.

Motion Carried.

Swander adjourned the meeting at 9:38 AM