

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 14, 2025

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Pettyjohn, Nelson, Forbes

Members Absent: Sloan, Moshier

Vacant Seats: None

Also in Attendance: Lori McGeorge (City Clerk), Michelle Phillips, Alex Hishon, Gretchen Walsh, Richard Jaskowski and other members of the public.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

25-023

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the agenda with the addition of C. Run-water credit discussion added to New Business.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2025

B. Revenue/Expenditure Report

25-024

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Nelson to approve the meeting minutes for March 10, 2025, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Podjaske elaborated on his report including questions from Pettyjohn regarding the new trail and the potential of multi-family housing. Podjaske also spoke about the great job that the Fire Department and DPW have been doing in response to the ice storm.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Land sale of 4-acres to Milan Supply Company

Podjaske explained that Milan Supply wants to build a new building and is interested in purchasing 4 acres of city property. Discussion was had regarding the fair market value of the property.

25-025

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Nelson to approve the purchase of the city's 4 acres with a price of \$8,000/acre.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

B. Knight Enterprises, request to be given land the city owns.

Mr. Jaskowski (attorney for the City of Grayling) and Alex Hishon (attorney for Knight Enterprises) spoke about the property in question. While Knight Enterprises was under the impression that they purchased said property at a Sheriff's Sale, the property was in fact still owned by the city. Knight Enterprises has never received ownership or paid property taxes on said property. Hishon explained that this property was included in a purchase contract that Knight Enterprises has. They are willing to pay fair market value for the property. There were several options discussed amongst the board and the attorneys. The board agreed to table the discussion in order to obtain additional information on available options.

C. Run-water credit discussion

This discussion has been tabled to wait for a full board.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Borchers Canoe Livery Water Bill

25-026

Podjaske explained that Borchers Canoe Livery were unhappy with their water/sewer bill. They do not have a separate irrigation meter for outdoor water use, nor do they draw water from the river for that purpose. They are looking for the board to apply a reduction in their bill as they do not feel it is an accurate representation of the water used.

**Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Nelson to deny the request from Borchers
Canoe Livery to reduce their water/sewer bill.
Roll Call Vote
Ayes: 3 Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 2, Vacant: 0
Motion Carried**

X. REPORTS

A. DDA

No comments or questions.

B. Planning Commission

No comments or questions.

C. Fire

No comments or questions.

D. Police Department

No comments or questions.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was commentary regarding the run-water credit and how it is implemented.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Pettyjohn inquired about a non-emergency line for police matters. He also spoke to representatives of the Fred Bear Day organization. They discussed different options in honoring Fred Bear. They were invited to come to a work session in order to get some additional ideas. Forbes thanked everyone with their help and response to the ice storm.

XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

25-027

**Moved by Nelson, seconded by Pettyjohn, that meeting is adjourned.
Roll Call Vote
Ayes: 3 Nays: 0, Abstain 0, Absent: 2, Vacant: 0
Motion Carried**

Adjourned at 7:44 PM