

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 12, 2025

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Pettyjohn, Forbes, Sloan, Moshier

Members Absent: Nelson

Vacant Seats: None

Also in Attendance: Lori McGeorge (City Clerk) and other members of the public.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were several members of the public present to speak on renaming the City Park to the Fred Bear Day Memorial Park. Most of the speakers during this public comment portion were in favor of this change.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

25-028

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the agenda with the addition of Spikes Challenge being added to the multi-use permit section and Fire Chief Budget Items added to New Business I.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2025

B. Revenue/Expenditure Report

C. Marathon Multi-Use Permits

D. DDA Multi-Use Permits

E. Spikes Challenge Multi-Use Permit

25-029

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to approve the meeting minutes for April 14, 2025, and the Multi Use Permits (C, D & E) as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. 25/26 Budget & Millage Rate

Opened at 6:55 pm

No comments

Closed at 6:56 pm

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Podjaske elaborated on his report including elaborating on speaking with property owners on Golfview Drive regarding an easement. The DNR owns 40 acres behind the golf course. The city is interested in a potential area to put a well in at a later date (if needed).

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Property by Valero

Podjaske had expressed his opinion of keeping the property and not selling it. The attorney for Knight explained that they are willing to pay \$10,000 for the property in addition to maintaining the current agreement to allow the Ray's sign to remain and the city to have access to its infrastructure.

25-030

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the sale of the property in question by Valero for \$10,000 while maintaining the current agreement to allow the Ray's sign to remain and the city to have access to its infrastructure.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 3 Nays: 1, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

B. Grayling City Park

Mayor Forbes asked if anyone would like to present a motion to rename City Park. No motion was made.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Paddle Hard Yard food truck permit

25-031

Podjaske elaborated on the request from Paddle Hard Yard. The current Code of Ordinance does not allow for it. Paddle Hard would like to be approved through the end of the year.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the food truck permit application from Paddle Hard Yard as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

B. 25/26 Budget Discussion

Podjaske elaborated on the 25/26 budget that was presented. There were no additional questions from City Council.

C. 25/26 Millage Rate Resolution

25-032

Podjaske explained that the millage rate remains the same at 17.8 mills.

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to waive the reading of the 25/26 Millage Rate Resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

25-033

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to approve the 25/26 Millage Rate as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

D. Volunteer Waiver Form

25-034

Yoder explained the form and that it has been approved by our attorney. Any volunteer would need to sign with the City Manager having the authority to approve all volunteers.

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Moshier to approve the Volunteer Waiver form as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

E. Chicken Ordinance

25-035

Yoder explained the ordinance and that it had been modified with additional language from the one previous.

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to approve the Chicken ordinance as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 3 Nays: 1, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

F. Water Related Infrastructure Grant discussion

25-036

Podjaske explained the MEDC grant. He would like to apply for the grant to camera and reline our sewer lines. The grant is very competitive. The City would receive additional consideration via a points system if they were willing to match some funds. A public hearing will need to take place on May 29th at 6pm in order to send the application to the state.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to move forward with the grant application including holding a public hearing as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

G. Removing fluoride additive from city wells

25-037

Podjaske explained that he and Josh have been discussing removing the fluoride additive from the wells after additional education and training that Josh has received.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to discontinue the use of the fluoride additive in the city wells.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

H. Grayling Housing Commission board member

25-038

There has been an allegation that the vice-chair of the Grayling Housing Commission had been getting intoxicated and threatening residents with removal. Podjaske is requesting the authority to remove the vice-chair from their position if the allegation proves true.

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to grant authority to Podjaske to remove the vice-chair from their position at the Grayling Housing Commission if the allegations are proven to be true.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

I. Fire Chief budget items

25-039

Podjaske explained that the Fire Department needs to purchase a lawnmower. As it was not previously budgeted the Chief would like to use funds from their Confined Space Assignment at Arauco in which they have a fund surplus.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to authorize the Fire Chief to purchase a lawnmower as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

XI. 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.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was additional commentary regarding renaming the City Park in which one resident was opposed. There was also talk regarding discontinuing the addition of fluoride to city water as well as a grant that the Opioid Committee in Crawford County will be working on.

XIII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Moshier gave commentary regarding the City Park as well as brush that is left.

Pettyjohn wished to speak and wanted his comments “on the record”. He read an email that was sent to him regarding the renaming of the City Park and their opposition to it and reasons why. He is of the opinion that the City Park should reflect the community as a whole and not just an individual. Pettyjohn also expressed his disappointment as he had met with members of the Fred Bear Day organization last month. He believed that the meeting had been productive with many new ideas given regarding alternative ways of honoring Fred Bear. After the meeting, the subject was then brought to social media and

he was then ridiculed by this organization after trying to bring both sides together. He indicated that he thought that this organization might be more interested in making a name for themselves rather than honoring Fred Bear.

Forbes also expressed her support for the letter that Pettyjohn had read.

XIV. CORRESPONDENCE

None

XV. ADJOURNMENT

25-040

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

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:49 PM