

**CITY OF GRAYLING**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, June 9, 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, Nelson

Members Absent: None

Vacant Seats: None

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

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Colonel Lanczy from Camp Grayling spoke about current and upcoming events at Camp Grayling as well as introducing his colleague to City Council.

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**25-044**

**Moved by Nelson, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the agenda 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 May 12, 2025**

**B. Meeting Minutes for May 29, 2025**

**C. Revenue/Expenditure Report**

**25-045**

**Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the meeting minutes for May 12 and May 29, 2025 as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Podjaske elaborated on his report. He was hoping to have an estimate to bring to City Council regarding the irrigation fields as the new pumps are not working properly. He

also spoke with Mr. Juntilla regarding establishing an easement to possibly purchase DNR land as a potential location for an additional well. He also spoke with EGLE about the permitting process as the area is wetlands and was given the indication that a driveway and well could be permitted.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Separate Police and Fire Budgets**

Podjaske explained that he would like to separate the police and fire budgets to provide better tracking for fire department funds due to the joint operations with the township. He will need to speak with the auditors to determine what numbers each department will be coded as in the budget.

**25-046**

**Moved by Sloan, seconded by Roger to approve the separation of the pole and fire budgets as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

### **B. 25/26 Budget Approval**

Podjaske indicated that there are no changes from last presented. Moshier has a question regarding the Income Tax Department in which Podjaske clarified.

**25-047**

**Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to approve the 25/26 budget as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Appointment of Michelle Phillips to Planning Commission**

**25-048**

**Moved by Forbes, seconded by Nelson to appoint Michelle Phillips to the Planning Commission.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

### **B. Rural Readiness Grant Match**

Podjaske explained the grant and that it is up to \$50,000 with a 20% minimum match that could be used for infrastructure. He would like to have it used to have an assessment done for a potential well location. City Council would need to approve to move forward with the application. Discussion was had by City Council and Podjaske indicated that Peerless would be doing the testing.

**25-049**

**Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Nelson to approve the Rural Readiness Grant Match as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**C. Well #2 Pump Overhaul Quote**

**25-050**

Podjaske explained that the quote is to overhaul the pump at well #2 as it is currently being used more than well #1. The last overhaul was done in 2014. Podjaske asked for City Council's support in getting this evaluation due to its extra use as he is of the opinion that it should be done as a preventative measure. There was additional discussion by City Council as to its necessity at this time.

**Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to put off the overhaul of the pump at well #2 at this time.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**D. Social District Addition – MI Mezcalito**

**25-051**

Podjaske explained that MI Mezcalito would like to be added to the Social District. They need to have a motion approved by the City Council for them to submit their application to the State.

**Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to approve the addition of MI Mezcalito to the Social District as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

Colonel Lanczy spoke about the upcoming “Pass In Review” event.

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Pettyjohn wanted to remind everyone of the block party on Friday. If it looks like there will be inclement weather, it will be rescheduled for a later date. He is also planning for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The event has been posted on social media and they are always looking for additional parade entries.

Podjaske indicated that he spoke with MDOT on Friday regarding the planting of wildflowers in the medians. It appears to be a fairly easy process to obtain a permit with a design plan.

The board had inquired about the Housing Commission member in question from the last meeting and Podjaske explained that they have been dismissed.

**XIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**25-052**

**Moved by Nelson, seconded by Sloan, that meeting is adjourned.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Adjourned at 7:30 PM**