

**RECORD OF
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/GRAYLING MAIN STREET
PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE
10th DAY OF JULY 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
Absent: None
Also in attendance: Charity Niederer (GRCOC)

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Agenda

25-029

Moved by Teeter, seconded by Huber to approve the agenda by removing item B and adding it to item G (Banner program).

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, June 12th, 2025, as presented.

25-030

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Huber to approve the regular meeting minutes for Thursday, June 12th, 2025 with some grammatical corrections made.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried.

VI. Treasurer Report

Podjaske explained that the fiscal year ended with \$7, 000 that will be added to the Fund Balance.

VII. City Manager Report

Podjaske explained about the developments for the month.

VIII. Joint Administrator Update

Charity Niederer provided updates regarding the River Festival and parade.

IX. Unfinished Business – DDA

A. Crosswalk Painting (Paddles)

Alro Steel will be making the new templates and donating the cost. It will be ready on the 18th. Discussion was held regarding the ordering of the paint and contacting the football team to help with the project.

B. Veteran Banner Program

Moved to Item G. under Community Meetings Updates

X. New Business – DDA

A. River Festival Parade

Pettyjohn indicated that he spoke with Public Safety, and they indicated that there are at least 40 volunteers needed. Discussion was had regarding the DDA continuing parades.

B. Water Barricades

25-031

Podjaske explained that the City would like to purchase its own water barricades as they are currently borrowed from other communities and organizations. He would like the DDA to donate and will also be contacting the Grayling Chamber of Commerce, GPA and Rotary as well.

Moved by LaFontaine, seconded by Huber to approve the donation of \$2000 to aid in the purchase of water barricades for the City.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried.

XI. MEMBER REPORTS

- A. Wheeler: No additional comments.
- B. Millikin: Santa and the horse carriage have been booked for the Christmas Walk.
- C. Huber: She proposed that there should be discussion regarding a summer long version of the “Spend \$10” program, possibly a shop and stroll event every Friday.
- D. Pettyjohn: Thanked everyone for help with the parade and updates given regarding the Banner Program that Barbara Stoddard has now taken over.
- E. Swander: No additional comments.
- F. Podjaske: He will be requesting an RFQ for redoing both City parking lots. He will bring it back to the board to review.
- G. Teeter: No additional comments.
- H. LaFontaine: No additional comments.

XII. Community Meetings Update

A. CCEDP (Crawford County Economic Development Program)

No update as Podjaske did not attend.

B. Historical Museum

No updates.

C. GPA

Millikin discussed the last GPA meeting.

D. Rotary

Huber now done being the Rotary President. There are 36 racers that have signed up for the Black Bear Gran Fondo race. There is also a Polio Ride planned with a kickoff at Rolling Oak the night before. World Polio Day is on October 24th.

E. Chamber of Commerce

Millikin spoke about the car show and the River Festival. There are 116 canoe teams that have signed up for the Canoe Marathon. They are looking for volunteers.

F. Camp Grayling

A flyover has been approved for the Canoe Marathon.

G. Banner Program

Barb Stoddard has taken over the program.

XIII. Public Comment

None.

XIV. Correspondence

None.

XV. Adjournment

25-032

Moved by Podjaske, seconded by Teeter to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried.

Swander adjourned the meeting at 9:36 AM