

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 14, 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

A spokesman for the “Wreaths Across America” program described the program. The wreaths are \$17 each with the 1st Annual Ceremony at Elmwood Cemetery held on December 13, 2025 at noon.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

25-053

Moved by Sloan, 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 June 9, 2025

B. Revenue/Expenditure Report

25-054

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the meeting minutes for June 9, 2025 with some clerical errors corrected.

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 including an update regarding the MEDC sewer line grant that was approved. The Rural Readiness grant did not meet the deadline. There were no additional questions from council members.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Developer LOI's, Crime Lab and Property behind Walgreens

The developers that are interested in both properties explained their plans to purchase and their proposed developments.

25-055

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Pettyjohn to waive the reading of the LOI for the Crime Lab property.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

25-056

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the LOI for the Crime Lab property.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

25-057

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Pettyjohn to waive the reading of the LOI for the property behind Walgreens.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

25-058

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the LOI for the property behind Walgreens.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

B. New VFD's for the Irrigation Pumps

Corey Wyskiel (DPW) explained the need for the new VFDs for the Irrigation Pumps as they are not operating correctly.

25-059

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to approve up to \$86,442 to be spent on the new VFDs for the Irrigation Pumps as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

C. Housing Commission Board, Proposed Amendment

25-060

Podjaske asked the council members to consider including all Crawford County residents to be able to apply to be members of the Housing Commission Board. It is currently only open to city residents.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the inclusion of Crawford County residents to apply to be members of the Housing Commission Board as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution, Computerized Database as the Tax Roll

Maples explained computerizing the tax roll database. It is already done to a certain extent with digital files and various mortgage companies.

25-061

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Pettyjohn to waive the reading of the resolution to computerize the tax roll database.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

25-062

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Sloan to approve the resolution to computerize the tax roll database.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

B. DPW Union Contract

25-063

Podjaske answered questions regarding the DPW contract. The council recommended that a signature page be added to the contract for members to sign to indicate that the contract had been read. Also, Roger requested that the date on page 69 be corrected to 2028.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the DPW Union Contract with the date corrected on page 69 to 2028 and a signature page be added to the contract for members to sign to indicate that the contract had been read.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

C. Stipend, Housing Commission Board

Podjaske explained that the Housing Commission Board is currently receiving a stipend for meeting attendance which is contrary to the City of Grayling Code of Ordinances. Many council members had questions and comments regarding this ordinance as well as the possibility of having it changed. Commissioner Jamison spoke of her concerns regarding the compensation that is currently received. The consensus was to bring the issue back before City Council at the following month's meeting.

D. Water Barricades – Budget Amendment

25-064

Podjaske explained that there is a need to purchase the City's own water barricades. They are currently loaned out to the City by other communities and organizations. A budget amendment is being requested to purchase the City's own water barricades. Podjaske also indicated that he will be reaching out to GPA and the Grayling Area Chamber of Commerce for donations to help with this funding.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to approve the budget amendment for the purchase of up 40 water barricades as the budget allows with the inclusion of possible donations 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.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Pettyjohn had inquired of Podjaske if the parade route would be changed with Podjaske indicating “no”, but it could be investigated for next year.

XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

25-065

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

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:24 PM