

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**