

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 11, 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

None.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

25-066

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the agenda with the addition of E. Days Inn and F. Closed session for mediation discussion 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 July 14, 2025

25-067

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to approve the meeting minutes for July 14, 2025, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Podjaske indicated that several donations were received for the water barricades. There are also some easement issues for the properties on Golfview Drive, the farmer's market has a new director and Bridge Magazine did an article about Grayling. There were no additional questions from council members.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Housing Commission Board stipend.

25-068

City Council along with Podjaske discussed a stipend for the Housing Commission Board. If approved, they would make more than all the boards for the City of Grayling. Commissioner Jamison spoke about getting the commissioners additional education regarding public housing and she felt it was necessary.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Nelson to approve \$0 compensation for all Housing Commission Board members at this time.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

B. Approve ROWE as Engineering Firm for the WRI grant.

25-069

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to approve the quote of \$36,400 for the design for the WRI grant.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

C. 36 Acre Industrial Park discussion

25-070

Podjaske explained the difficulty in working with the current proposed buyer. Discussion was had amongst the City Council members as far as how they would like to proceed. They agreed that they would like to have definitive information regarding the phases of the project along with a site plan.

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to approve the moving forward with the current purchase agreement with the caveat that more details of the phases of the project as well as a site plan need to be provided before September 2nd, or the deal will be null and void.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Paul Olson, Municipal Insurance renewal

25-071

Olson explained the increases in premiums. He also indicated that there are Par Plan grants available.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the quote for the municipal insurance renewal.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

B. Health Insurance Exemption resolution

25-072

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to waive the reading of the Health Insurance Exemption resolution with the correction of the date.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

25-073

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Nelson to approve the Health Insurance Exemption resolution with option #3 chosen as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Pettyjohn: Aye; Moshier: Aye; Sloan: Aye; Nelson: Aye; Forbes: Aye

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

Motion Carried

C. 24/25 Budget Amendments

25-074

Podjaske explained the 24/25 budget amendments that are requested.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to approve the 24/25 budget amendments as requested.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

D. Proposed Sewer Pond Expansion discussion

25-075

City Council and Podjaske discussed the sewer pond expansion and the options that are available (i.e. reaching out to EGLE regarding DNR land, possibly keeping the property on Industrial Drive instead of selling).

E. Days Inn

25-076

The owners of the Days Inn would like to live in their RV on property while they are looking for housing. Yoder would perform weekly visits.

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to allow the owners of the Days Inn to live in the RV on property until December 31, 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Motion Carried

F. Closed session for mediation discussion

The board moved to enter a closed session at 7:23 pm for the purpose of discussing mediation, following a roll call vote of 5 in favor and 0 against. The motion was approved.

X. REPORTS

A. DDA

No comments or questions.

B. Planning Commission-no meeting

C. Fire

No comments or questions.

D. Police

No comments or questions.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from the public.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Pettyjohn spoke about Two River Deli employees parking on the road in a residential area and wanted to know if something could be done about it in order to alleviate it blocking homeowner's parking. Podjaske indicated that he would speak to them, suggesting that they park onsite as well as contacting GFL regarding the pickup time of commercial accounts. Saab is also trying to create a tax abatement zone. Moshier had questions regarding leak detector systems. Sloan indicated his concern regarding the high-speed traffic on Clare Street. There was additional discussion regarding the possibility of installing speed bumps and/or speed limit signs.

XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

25-077

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 7:53 PM