CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 8th, 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), Andrew Rossell (AR Engineering) and other members of the public.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Armstrong spoke on attending meetings.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

25-078

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Sloan to approve the agenda with the addition of B. 36 Acres on Industrial under Unfinished Business 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 August 11, 2025

25-079

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to approve the meeting minutes for August 11, 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 items on his report. He also indicated that there will be a MEDC meeting on September 22 at the Nature Center. There are some lights out on the business loop. Primary Electric will be doing repairs. A special meeting will be on September 17 in order to discuss the possibility of canceling our maintenance contract with USG Water.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Police Union Contract Request

25-080

Podjaske explained that the police contract now includes "overtime" being considered as anything over 80 hours. City Council indicated that they would approve with a letter of understanding added to the contract with the caveat being that that could be changed back to 84 hours if it meant the difference of laying off an officer.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the police contract with the addition of a letter of understanding being added that if an officer needed to be laid off, the contract would change the "overtime" as being anything over 84 hours instead of 80 hours.
Roll Call Vote
Ayes: 4 Nays: 1, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0
Motion Carried

B. 36 Acres on Industrial Park

25-081

Rossell with AR Engineering gave a presentation regarding the Interstate Capital project. They are currently working on site plan design with 2 – 210,000 sf buildings to be built. Podjaske explained his concerns due to the length of time in obtaining a purchase agreement and that an explanation of the planned phases was vague.

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to approve holding the property for Interstate Capital until November if a plan is provided. Interstate Capital will also have first option for construction if the city is approached by a new developer in the meantime.
Roll Call Vote
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0
Motion Carried

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Absentee Voter Letter

25-082

McGeorge explained the draft absentee voter letter that explains that the Absentee Voter Permanent Application List is going to be phased out due to the implementation of an Absentee Voter Permanent Ballot option.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Sloan to approve the above-mentioned letter as well as phasing out the Absentee Voter Permanent Application List.
Roll Call Vote
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0
Motion Carried

B. Water Meter Contract discussion

Carlson & Podjaske explained the problems that have been occurring with the water meter system, most of which started at the time of its implementation. A special meeting has been requested for September 17th in order to have the city attorney present for the discussion of the early termination of our maintenance contract with USG Water. City Council was in favor of this special meeting in order to get additional information.

C. Affirm Manager's Appointment to Housing Board

25-083

Podjaske spoke about the current applicant and her willingness to also attend training.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to approve the City Manager's applicant's appointment to the Housing Commission board.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0
Motion Carried

X. REPORTS

A. DDA – No meeting

B. Planning Commission-no meeting
Nelson elaborated on the minutes that were provided to City Council.

C. Fire
No comments or questions.

D. Police
No comments or questions.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Armstrong commented on how well her concerns and questions regarding her water bill were handled in addition to showing interest in running for City Council next year.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Pettyjohn indicated that there was trash pickup on Saturday at 4:36 am. Podjaske indicated that he would reach out to business owners.

Moshier thought that the crew replacing some of the sidewalks were doing a good job.

Forbes thought the new trees in the cemetery looked good.

Sloan and Nelson had no additional comments.

XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

25-084

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn, that meeting is adjourned.
Roll Call Vote
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0, Abstain 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0
Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:31 PM