

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 10, 2022

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Forbes at 6:30 pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Members Present: Forbes, Schreiner, Pettyjohn, Moshier, Sloan

Members Absent: None

Vacant Seats: None

Also, in Attendance: Erich Podjaske, City Manager, Chelsea Goodwin, Clerk/Treasurer, Ben Yoder, Zoning/Cemetery, Caleb Casey, Laurie Jamison, Katie Doe

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Approval of Agenda

22-089

Moved by Sloan seconded by Schreiner to approve the agenda with the additions of #C – Xmas Walk Permit under Consent Agenda and item #H – Trunk or Treat Permit under New Business.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

22-090

Moved by Sloan seconded by Schreiner to approve the consent agenda with the correction of Pettyjohn absent from the meeting.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

VII. Public Hearing

Public hearing opened @ 6:33pm

The tax abatement is only to approve the zone for the tax abatement.

Public hearing closed @ 6:39pm.

VIII. City Manager's Report

City manager Podjaske explained his report. He also added that the water line under Suchey's was cracked and leaking. DPW obtained a work estimate of \$60,000 to repair but will be performing the repairs themselves to help save on costs.

The sewer line in front of the old hospitality house needs repairs but can be rejoined which will cost much less and funded from the ARPA funds.

IX. MAIN STREET MANAGER'S REPORT

Main Street manager Tremonti explained her admin report.

X. PROJECT UPDATES

Grayling's 150th birthday party last month went great.

The float will be prepared for the Christmas parade and will have Santa on it for the parade. It will be the last time the float is used for the year until it is put away.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Fred Bear Monument

They are looking into possibly selling pavers to help fund the project.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Katie Doe, Recycling Presentation

Katie Doe presented handouts and a slide show presentation to inform Council of potential recycling ideas for the city.

B. Discussion, Commercial Rehabilitation Zone

This is just to establish the zone itself. Schreiner asked what the pros and cons were. City Manager Podjaske explained that banks require a certain percentage return on investment when

applying for a loan. Since the tax value is very low in Grayling, without the abatement, the project would not meet the requirements. Pettyjohn asked if it would be a case-by-case situation and not a blanket approval for everyone. City Manager Podjaske explained they would still need to apply for the abatement.

22-091

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Pettyjohn to waive the reading of the resolution.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

22-092

Moved by Sloan seconded by Schreiner to approve the Resolution to establish the commercial rehabilitation zone.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

C. Grayling Place Apartments

There will be a public hearing held next month at the November meeting.

D. R-2 Side Yard Setback

City Manager Podjaske believes there was an oversight when the ordinance was redone and the set back on the side is 20 feet, but the front is 10 feet.

22-093

Moved by Sloan seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the updated R-2 side yard setback of 10 feet.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

E. Local Food Marketplace website

The city previously received a grant for the designing of an online marketplace website for the Farmer's Market. The grant paid for the designing and monthly fee of the marketplace, but now the funding has run out. If we do not keep the account and let it inactivate, we will have to pay to have the website rebuilt. Or we can choose to keep it in a dormant status for a reduced cost of less than \$30 a month until we figure out what is going to happen with the Farmer's Market.

22-094

Moved by Sloan seconded by Pettyjohn to approve keeping the website in a dormant status for 4 months and paid for out of the Farmer's Market wages budget line.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

F. BS&A Proposal

BS&A software is currently used for Tax, Assessing, and Building/Zoning programs. Utility Billing, Cash Receipts, Payroll, General Ledger, and Accounts Payable are on a different platform that does not communicate with BS&A. By changing over, it will allow the programs to talk to each other and be more streamlined. City Manager talked about the proposal handout. Members had concerns about security issues and wanted to know what they had in place to prevent breaches. City Manager Podjaske replied he would have something for Council at the next meeting explaining it.

G. Budget Amendments

The \$65,000 quote the city previously received for the Mill and Fill for Michigan Avenue did not include the bike lane or the approaches. With those added, it would cost approximately \$105,000+. City Manager Podjaske explained the handed-out budget amendment proposal.

22-095

Moved by Sloan seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the budget amendments as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 (Moshier), Abstain 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

H. Trunk or Treat Permit

Permit to close the 200 & 300 blocks of Michigan Avenue for trunk or treat on Monday, October 31, 2022.

22-096

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Pettyjohn to approve Trunk or Treat Permit for Trunk or Treat.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

XIII. REPORTS

Housing Commission did not have a meeting last month. It conflicted with the director's training.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

XV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Forbes thanked Karl Schreiner for all of his years of service for the city between 12 years on City Council and almost 32 years with the City Police Department.

XVI. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

22-097

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Sloan to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote

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

Mayor Forbes adjourned the meeting at 8:03 pm.

Chelsea Goodwin
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes can be found on our website: www.cityofgrayling.org