

**CITY OF GRAYLING  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, October 12, 2020**

Meeting was held in person and via video conference for the General public.

**I.** Meeting called to order by Mayor Forbes at 6:30 P.M.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

Members Present: Forbes, Kersey, Moshier, Schreiner

Members Absent: Ross

Vacant Seats: None

Also, in Attendance:

In Person: Doug Baum, City Manager, Chelsea Goodwin, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Erich Podjaske, Zoning Administrator, Amanda Clough, Deputy Police Chief, Caleb Casey, Crawford County Avalanche.

Via Phone/Video: None

**IV. Public Comment**

None

**V. Approval of Agenda**

20-084

**Moved by Schreiner seconded by Kersey to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**VI. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Member Moshier requested #4 motion voting count be corrected. Member Moshier voted Nay.

20-085

**Moved by Kersey seconded by Schreiner to approve the consent agenda with #4 voting count corrected.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**VII. City Manager's Report**

City Manager Baum explained his report to the members. He mentioned that Fire Chief Strohpaal is back from medical leave and is on light duty. He also told Members that the school decided to cancel the Halloween parade after Council approved it for safety purposes. He also mentioned the Christmas parade this year is canceled. Member Moshier asked why we are unable to find firefighters for the department. City Manager Baum explained there are many reasons including training, commitment, availability, wages, etc.

**VIII. Mainstreet Managers Report**

Main Street Manager not present at meeting.

**IX. Project Updates**

City Manager Baum stated nothing new to report.

**X. Unfinished Business**

**A. City Charter**

Nothing to report at this time.

**XI. New Business**

**A. Confirm Mayor's appointment of Jill Tremonti to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission Board, term to expire 1/1/2022**

20-086

**Moved by Schreiner seconded by Kersey to appoint Jill Tremonti to the Planning Commission Board, term to expire 1/1/2022.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**B. Approve Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming License – AuSable Artisan Village for a Raffle to raise funds.**

20-087

**Moved by Schreiner seconded by Moshier to Approve Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming License – AuSable Artisan Village for a Raffle to raise funds.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

- C. Approve Fire Department Payroll Reimbursement (City Share) via – CARES Act to be placed in the Fire Department Fund Balance.**

20-088

**Moved by Moshier seconded by Kersey to Approve Fire Department Payroll Reimbursement (City Share) via – CARES Act to be placed in the Fire Department Fund Balance.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

- D. Water/Sewer Bill request for forgiveness – 710 Elm St. - Vradenberg**

Member Kersey mentioned she liked the fact she was proactive and came in immediately. Member Schreiner stated he's never had a problem with the family in the past and have always known them to be honest people.

20-089

**Moved by Kersey seconded by Schreiner to approve the water/sewer bill forgiveness using the City's water break credit policy to calculate credit.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes: 3, Nays: 1 (Moshier), Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, Vacant 0,**

**Motion Carried**

- E. Proposed Property Line adjustment between LaFontaine's & Elmwood Cemetery to include currently shared easement.**

Member Kersey was concerned if there were any occupied graves on that section of property. Podjaske replied that it is unknown for sure. There are no records from many years ago but the area was used for individuals unable to afford graves back then.

Member Moshier asked they were willing to trade apples for apples (equal land exchange) and that he would like to see it in writing.

20-090

**Moved by Kersey seconded by Schreiner to approve the property line adjustment between LaFontaine's & Elmwood Cemetery as an equal exchange of property.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes: 3, Nays: 1 (Moshier), Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, Vacant 0,**

**Motion Carried**

- F. Christmas Walk**

Mayor Forbes was concerned with the request to close the 100 & 200 blocks of Michigan Ave. from 9am-7pm and wondered why such a large time frame.

Podjaske wasn't sure and conference called GPA President on the phone. Ann explained that the request was an approximate time frame, but that vendors would need time to set up and that the events started at noon. The closed area would have vendors, pony rides and warming stations. It would also allow for additional space to alleviate some congestion of sidewalks for social distancing. She was allowing extra time for the traffic to clear the area the vendors would be setting up in.

Member Schreiner was not happy with closing both blocks.

Mayor Forbes asked Deputy Chief Clough what her thoughts were on it.

Deputy Chief Clough mentioned it would be nice having both blocks closed to ease traffic and be able to maintain social distancing and safety. She mentioned the evening time is difficult with pedestrians and kids in the dark. It's much easier with the vendor area closed off and contained.

City Manager Baum explained that the streets would need to be closed at least 2 hours prior to events starting to allow cars to leave from restaurants, bank, etc. and allow vendors time to set up.

20-091

**Moved by Forbes seconded by Kersey to approve the Christmas Walk block 100 & 200 street closure hours changed from 9am-7pm to being 10am-7pm.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes: 2, Nays: 2 (Moshier, Schreiner), Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, Vacant 0,**

**Motion Failed.**

Member Kersey asked Member Moshier and Member Schreiner if they would be okay with approving the closure of block 100 only and have GPA reevaluate their game plan for block 200 and present at the November meeting with letters of support from businesses that will be open during the event.

20-092

**Moved by Kersey seconded by Schreiner to approve the Christmas Walk block 100 street closure from 9am-7pm.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried.**

## **XII. Reports**

City Manager Baum briefly went over the reports.

## **XIII. Public Comment**

None

**XIV. Council Member Comments**

Member Moshier asked Podjaske what the outcome was with the Housing Commission mix-up.

City Manager Baum mentioned he sent out an email to everyone explaining what happened. Member Moshier stated he never saw an email.

Podjaske explained that when he prints violation letters in mass, the address automatically gets filled in and he didn't catch the vacant parcel where there wasn't an address.

Member Kersey stated she's been getting lots of questions about Halloween activities.

City Manager Baum explained he put out a PSA (Public Service Announcement) about Halloween activities in the Crawford County Avalanche as well as the City website.

City Manager Baum wanted to thank Member Ross for his time on City Council and that he will be missed.

**XV. Correspondence**

**A. 2020 Elmwood Cemetery Fall Cleanup Announcement**

Member Kersey asked Podjaske if there would be signage. Podjaske explained that it had already been put in the Crawford County Avalanche, on the City website and DPW would be putting the signs out again like last year.

**XVI. Adjournment**

20-093

**Moved by Schreiner seconded Moshier that the meeting is adjourned.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

Mayor Forbes adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

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Chelsea Goodwin

City Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

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