

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 13th, 2023

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Vacant Seats: None

Also in Attendance: Eric Podjaske (City Manager), Jenny Maples (Treasurer), Lori McGeorge (City Clerk), Rodney VanDeCastele (Fire Chief), Kathleen Armstrong, Laurie Jamison, Shawn Schnoor (Crawford County Undersheriff)

IV. Public Comment

Kathleen Armstrong thanked council members for their service and recited several readings.

V. Approval of Agenda

23-099

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the agenda with the addition of adding item D (Board of Review applications) and item E (Tender/Tanker purchase for the Fire Department) to New Business

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

23-100

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Sloan to approve the consent agenda 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 his report with nothing further to add.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Resolution, PFAS litigation

Podjaske signed the agreement but needs a vote to finalize the resolution that is asked for.

23-101

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to provide a resolution for the PFAS litigation.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

IX. New Business

A. Presentation by Marilyn Chromka regarding the Sawmill Lofts Brownfield Plan for Housing.

Podjaske explained that Ms. Chromka could not attend. The presentation has been tabled until the next meeting.

B. Christmas Walk Parade Permit

23-102

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the permit for the Christmas Walk Parade.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

C. Waiving fees for peddler's permits during the Christmas Walk

23-103

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to waive fees for peddler's permits during the Christmas Walk.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

D. 2 applicants for Property Tax Board of Review

Podjaske recommended both applicants.

23-104

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to add Judy Stark to the Property Tax Board of Review.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

23-105

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Pettyjohn to add Natasha Wheeler to the Property Tax Board of Review

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

E. Fire Department Tender/Tanker purchase

Chief VanDeCastele explained the need to purchase the chassis at this time due to upcoming changes to emission standards as well as a lack of inventory. Podjaske indicated that a motion is needed to pull the money from Fund Balance as well as bypassing the bid process as Chief VanDeCastele has already done the research as to what is available.

23-106

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to approve the money to be pulled from Fund Balance as well as bypassing the official bid process for the purchase of the chassis for a new tender/tanker

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

X. REPORTS

- A. Assessor's Report
- B. Planning Commission Report
- C. DDA
- D. Fire Department Report

No questions regarding all provided reports.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Kathleen Armstrong recited portions of the Michigan Constitution.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Moshier commented on portions of the revenue/expenditure report in which Podjaske indicated needed to be updated.

Pettyjohn spoke to Amanda Clough as to why there was not a four way stop at Peninsular

XIII. Correspondence

None.

XIV. Adjournment

23-107

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 7:00 PM