

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 18, 2019

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Members Present: Karl Schreiner, Kimberly Kersey, Clinton Ross, Roger Moshier and Heather Forbes

Members Absent: None

Vacant Seats: None

Also, in Attendance: Lisa Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer, Erich Podjaske, Zoning Officer, Matt and Christine LaFontaine, Carol Wilder, Gary Wilder, Mike Edwards, City Attorney, Doug Hodges, Brian Wallace, Brian Burrell, Edward Hollenbeck

IV. Public Comment

Doug Hodges mentioned he did not get trash bins at his 911 Elm St (5 plex) and they have been picked up in the past. He did let Erich and Doug know and they have been looking into this and have been very nice to work with. He feels he should at least get one or maybe even 4 if council approves the number per the assessing residential state guidelines.

V. Approval of Agenda

19-120

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Moshier to approve the agenda as presented

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

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

19-121

Moved by Ross seconded by Schreiner to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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

Closed meeting for Public Hearing 6:36

VII. Public Hearing -Sawmill Lofts Neighborhood Enterprise Zone No 1

Mayor Forbes explained this is only to take public input and they do not have to have discussion on their thoughts.

Matt LaFontaine mentioned he was in support of the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone No 1.

Closed Public Hearing 6:36 and resumed Regular Meeting

VIII. City Manager's Report

City Manager Baum explained his.

He also explained the letter received from Mrs. Burtch; she is requesting a refund again on her high-water bill. He asked council if they wished this to be placed on any further agendas. Policy is they need to supply copies of invoices showing repairs and she never supplied them. He explained the new owners made many repairs to the car wash and did turn in their receipts and did get a credit to their first bill.

Member Kersey asked if a credit had been given already.

City Manager Baum said yes for areas that were to be corrected and that the new owners spent the money to repair the issues, so they received a credit.

Member Kersey agreed.

Member Schreiner said he didn't want it placed on another agenda, already had addressed.

Member Ross agreed.

Consensus of the Members was to not put this back on the agenda, they already addressed this issue.

Member Schreiner asked where the funding was at this time for the Northern Market.

City Manager Baum mentioned that MEDC said approx. 4 mil. at this time, they want to see what other funds/commitments will be given and they may cover more. We have just started fundraising.

Member Schreiner said so we really don't have a hard commitment.

Member Moshier asked about the extra funds MEDC had.

City Manager Baum mentioned with new management that didn't fall through.

Member Moshier asked if the project should be trimmed down.

City Manager Baum said that they will be looking at all options once funding is confirmed.

He also mentioned the building should be down before the end of the year, and ground work by spring.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned that we received an EAGLE grant for 1 mil and this is to be used to demo the building and site clean-up and that we also received a MDARD grant that helped pay for the design and drawings for the project. So, some funds had been committed to the project.

IX. Mainstreet Managers Report

Mainstreet Manager Gosling was not in attendance.

City Manager mentioned that the Christmas Walk went well and the Veterans Banners were put up.

X. Project Updates

City Manager Baum gave a quick update on the projects. He also mentioned the sale of the old DPW building has been completed.

Member Moshier asked on the well project, since it wasn't on the report.

City Manager Baum thought that was completed.

XI. Unfinished Business

NONE

XII. New Business

A. Approve 2020 meeting dates

Mayor Forbes asked if any months needed two meetings
Member Moshier thought it was decided to call a second meeting if needed.
City Clerk/Treasurer said June has two set, in case it's needed for budget.

19-122

Moved by Moshier seconded by Schreiner to approve the 2020 meeting dates as presented

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

B. VASH Investment Group-Industrial Park property proposal.

Zoning Officer Podjaske explained the parcel they are looking at and that part of that is currently held for Triple R Meats. But feels they could move to a different lot if needed. Members asked questions to Brian Wallace on what the project was and discussion on locations.

Brian Wallace explained and that they are open to a different layout of the property. Council members asked if Podjaske had talked to Triple R Meats on a different location. Zoning Officer Podjaske said no, was wanting to see what councils' thoughts were on the proposal.

Consensus of the members was to move forward on options for both properties.

C. Water/Sewer bills to be added to the 2019 winter tax bills.

19-123

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Ross to place the unpaid water/sewer bills on the 2019 winter tax bills as presented.

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

D. City & Housing Commission -Discussion on Residential Waste pickup.

Member Moshier came around the table and addressed his concerns to the City Manager Baum and other Council Members. He asked why the Housing Commission was not picked up and said he asked when approving the new contract if anyone was taken off the list and he was told no. He said they are a government entity not a business. He wanted to know why the City Manager changed the policy that city council approved and should not have. City Manager Baum asked what list and policy Member Moshier was referring to, he is unaware of any list or policy and that he was unaware that the Housing Commission had ever

received waste pickup in the past. He mentioned that he was going to discuss this and other issues with council but hadn't had the chance yet.

Zoning Officer Podjaske mentioned that no commercial pick up is offered and he gave a list of residential customers to American Waste and was also unaware of the Housing Commission ever being picked up in the past.

Member Moshier said City Council doesn't run the day to day of the City the City Manager does and policies are being changed.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson explained that she had received an email from the Housing Commission Director Miller while on vacation and forwarded it to Zoning Officer Podjaske to look into. When she returned, they have worked on this to see where and how the past trash pickup was figured and could not find a list of any kind or any notes that the Housing Commission was to be picked up. They only found numbers and also one note that the past company Waste Management didn't agree with the cities number and was going to do an audit, but never found anything from that and the number then changed to 615 in 2010. She also explained that the Housing Commission Director sent her a map of the 88 units and that only 22 units were being picked up as the others locations trash was put in a dumpster paid for by the Housing Commission.

Member Moshier asked to look at the list and was unaware of that.

Mayor Forbes asked about the homes that were apartment buildings now and feels one bin should be given per parcel, to keep this fair to a single-family home and both only paying one tax bill.

City Manager Baum explained bid was for a specific number and also using bins to help defer outside trash coming into the city for pick up.

Doug Hodges mentioned that American Waste quoted him \$100 for 5 bins or \$85 for a dumpster.

Member Schreiner mentioned that the city should supply pick up for all locations that were picked up by Waste Management until this gets figured out.

Mayor Forbes proposed getting a 4-yard dumpster for Hodges property, 6-yard dumpster for the Housing Commission and the rest of the residential properties bins until a decision is made.

Consensus of the members agreed.

Attorney Mike Edwards asked the members to also allow to do the same for any other locations that may come up.

Consensus of the members agreed.

Member Kersey asked if the Attorney had any input on this.

Mayor Forbes asked what date would work with the members to set a special meeting to get this all figured out.

Consensus of the members was that January 6, 2020 @ 6:30 would work.

XIII. Reports

- A. Planning Commission – October 15 & 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- B. Parks and Rec Committee – No October Meeting Minutes
- C. DDA/GMS Meeting – October 16 & November 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- D. Grayling Agricultural and Education – No October Meeting
- E. Fire Committee – November 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes.
- F. Housing Commission – November 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- G. Public Safety – October Activity Report

H. Public Safety Police-October Activity Report

General discussion on meeting updates took place

XIV. Public Comment

Doug Hodges thanked council for consideration of waste pick up for his property.

Residents asked where the recycling program is and if it has been approved.

Mayor Forbes explained it is currently on hold until the trash pickup is figured out and then will go back to that.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned they had time, as it would not be able to start until April per American Waste.

Attorney Mike Edwards updated Council Members on the two litigations the city has.

Council members asked general questions.

XV. Council Member Comments

Member Schreiner asked about the mini homes on state street.

Zoning Officer Podjaski mentioned it was on Planning's Agenda tomorrow night.

Member Schreiner and Moshier discussed street light issues.

Member Kersey mentioned she was asked by a resident on two wage lines in the city's budget. 101-444 Snow removal Part time and how many employees that supported and 209-567 Cemetery Part time and why that was so much for the Cemetery Sexton who only works 24 hrs.

City Clerk/Treasurer explained the 101-444 was for 3 to 4 and is estimated high, since we never know how much snow and time will be spent over the winter on the sidewalks. The 209-567 was amended to two lines, one is now for the full time DPW workers because a % of their wage is spread across all departments and the other is for the Cemetery Sexton and this was changed per the new state chart of account part time wages are to be set up separately and that she brought that to council to approved that in July as a budget amendment. So, the part time wage is now set at \$10,700. She also mentioned that she can direct any resident to call City hall and we can explain. Member Moshier pointed this out to Kersey in the report supplied in the packet for the meeting.

City Clerk/Treasurer also mentioned that Member Moshier asked the month before approximately how much was paid back from the tax tribunal on the mini mall location. She wanted to update members on this and the pay back amount was \$14,140.27.

XVI. Correspondence

A. Crawford County Building Department Letter

XVII. Adjournment

19-124

Moved by Forbes seconded Schreiner that the meeting is adjourned.

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

Mayor Forbes adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Lisa K Johnson,

City Clerk/Treasurer

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