

**CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 9, 2020**

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

I. Meeting called to order by Clerk/Treasurer Johnson at 6:30 P.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Administer Oath of Office

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson administered the Oath of Office to newly elected officials, Kersey, Moshier and Sloan

IV. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Vacant Seats: None

Also, in Attendance:

In Person: Doug Baum, City Manager, Lisa Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer, Amanda Clough, Deputy Police Chief, Caleb Casey, Crawford County Avalanche.

Via Phone/Video: Erich Podjaske, Zoning Administrator, two members of the public not identified.

V. Appointment of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem

A. Nominations for Mayor

20-094

Moved by Schreiner to nominate member Forbes for Mayor and to close nominations, supported by Sloan.

Roll Call Vote

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

B. Nominations for Mayor Pro Tem

20-095

Moved by Sloan to nominate member Moshier for Mayor Pro Tem and to close nominations, supported by Schreiner.

Roll Call Vote

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

City Clerk/Treasurer turned the meeting over to Mayor Forbes

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Approval of Agenda

City Manager Baum asked that Christmas Walk Permit be added under unfinished business Item number B.

20-096

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Kersey to approve the agenda with the addition of Christmas Walk Permit under unfinished business item number B.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

VIII. Approval of Consent Agenda

20-097

Moved by Moshier seconded by Kersey to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

IX. City Manager's Report

City Manager Baum explained his report to the members. He asked if members had any questions.

Member Kersey was happy to see the veteran's cemetery was still moving forward.

X. Mainstreet Managers Report

Main Street Manager Gosling gave a verbal report.

XI. Project Updates

City Manager Baum gave a verbal report on city projects.

XII. Unfinished Business

A. City Charter

City Manager Baum handed out a email from the City Attorney explaining the process to make amendments to the City Charter.

Member Schreiner mentioned that Kersey and himself offered to work on the charter, he wondered when meetings to review each area of the charter.

City Manager Baum said he would set up some times to start the process.

B. Christmas Walk Permit.

Main Street Manager Gosling explained that due to COVID they have changed the Christmas walk and no longer would be doing street closures. It will now be a three-day event November 19- 21, 2020 from 12 noon to 7 pm each day.

XIII. New Business

A. Reappropriate \$11,810.99 from the 19/20 Police line item 205-301-801.200 for the last quarter 19/20 Sting position shared with Crawford County to the 20/21 budget.

20-099

Moved by Sloan seconded by Schreiner Reappropriate \$11,810.99 from the 19/20 Police line item 205-301-801.200 for the last quarter 19/20 Sting position shared with Crawford County to the 20/21 budget.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried

B. FOIA APPEAL - Brophy

20-100

Moved by Kersey seconded by Sloan to affirm the FOIA Coordinators denial to waive the FOIA fees.

City Manager Baum asked if Mr. Brophy was on the in attendance via the go to meeting. He didn't respond.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

C. Zoning Ordinance No. 4 amendment (Accessory Buildings/Structures and Uses)

Zoning Officer Podjaske explained the changes that he discussed with the Planning Commission and the Planning Commission recommended that Council approve.

Mayor Forbes mentioned a correction in the wording for #14, A.

Member Kersey asked about the containers downtown and if current structures were going to be allowed.

Zoning Officer Podjaske mentioned the containers downtown are not accessory buildings and the current structures would be allowed if they received an approved permit for them.

Member Sloan asked about the 2 on Ionia Street.

Zoning Officer Podjaske would have to review those.

Member Moshier asked about Planning having the right to approve if they could not meet the setbacks. He feels this is taking the Board of Appeals rights away.

Zoning Officer Podjaske said the cost for that is \$500 and these are not an expensive project and felt the Planning Commission could look at those on a case by case review.

Member Moshier doesn't like the power being taken away for the Zoning Board of Appeals. City Manager Baum asked if there were any other concerns and if they wished to make a motion to approve with any wording taken out. Member Moshier asked to table to the next meeting to give members more time to review. Consensus of the Members was to table this to the next meeting.

D. Approval of Crawford County Interlocal Agreement for County Designated Assessor.

City Manager Baum explained that this would only happen if the City fails a State Audit and that the City would only pay this if that would happen.

20-101

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Moshier to approve the Crawford County Interlocal Agreement for County Designated Assessor as presented

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

E. Approve 2021 City Council Meeting Dates

20-102

Moved by Kersey seconded by Sloan to approve City Councils 2021 meeting dates as presented.

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

Motion Carried

XIV. Reports

General discussion took place.

XV. Public Comment

None

XVI. Council Member Comments

Mayor Forbes welcomed new council member Sloan.

Member Schreiner mentioned the zoning amendment and feels the current zoning needs to be enforced and not add more if they can't. Feels we need to enforce the one's we currently have. He mentioned cars parked on the road and why they were not being ticketed. He also mentioned the trash containers that are being left out longer than should be as well.

Member Kersey mentioned that is why she didn't support the blight ordinance.

Deputy Chief Clough mentioned they do look for cars parked on the roads at the end of shifts and they work closely with the DPW and have no complaints from them.

Member Kersey feels the street no parking should be posted on city sites and maybe in the paper.

Member Sloan mentioned any parked downtown do get towed.

Member Moshier asked why the seating outside Paddle Hard was still out. It was to be removed by November 1st.

Zoning Officer Podjaske mentioned he had been contacted by Paddle Hard to keep the seating out through the weekend, since it was going to be good weather.

Member Schreiner said that's my point, not enforcing the ordinance.

Member Kersey mentioned she had heard complaint on the Cemetery clean up.

City Manager Baum said he received no complaints and this happens every year and signs are placed at the Cemetery in advance.

Member Moshier asked on the Council Member Handbooks and that the Clerk/Treasurer said they would be done after the Election was over.

Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned she was waiting for the Zoning Amendment to be approved and would than get them out. She asked, since the Zoning Amendment was tabled to the next meeting would the members like them completed for all other items or wait till that decision was made.

Members were ok with waiting.

Clerk/Treasurer Johnson than asked if they wanted a printed handbook or have the handbook placed on a flash drive.

Member Moshier wished a printed copy; the remainder of Council wished a flash drive.

City Manager Baum thanked the Clerk/Treasurer and the Election workers for all their hard work with the elections.

XVII. 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.

XVIII. Adjournment

20-103

Moved by Schreiner seconded Moshier that the meeting is adjourned.

Roll Call Vote

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

Mayor Forbes adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm.

Lisa K Johnson
City Clerk/Treasurer

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