

**CITY OF GRAYLING**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, February 12, 2018**

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

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

Members Present: Karl Schreiner, Mark Allen, Roger Moshier and Karl DeVries

Members Absent: None

Vacant Seats: One

Also in Attendance: Doug Baum City Manager, Lisa Johnson City Clerk, Erich Podjaske, Zoning Administrator, Heather Forbes, David Petrie, April Hehir, Russ Strohpaal Jr. Fire Chief, Tom Steffen, Tim Rombach, Rae Gosling Main Street Manager and other members of the public.

**IV. Public Comment**

Robert Green hasn't arrived, will allow discussion once he arrives.

Rae Gosling gave the council an update on Grayling Main Street update. She mentioned the pop-up business was a great success.

David Petrie mentioned he was thinking of opening a food truck in the location Dave Vargo is proposing if all is approved.

Tom Steffen discussed the upcoming November Election and that council seats will be on the ballot and would like to hold an informational meeting for interested residents to learn what the position consists of. He asked council members to attend once the meeting is set to explain what they do.

**V. Approval of Agenda**

18-017

**Moved by Allen seconded by Moshier to approve the agenda as presented.**

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

## **VI. Approval of Consent Agenda**

18-018

**Moved by Moshier seconded by DeVries to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.**

Council Member Allen asked questions on the 205 Public Safety fund and concerns with over budgeted items.

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

## **VII. City Managers Report**

City Manager Baum explained his report.

Council Member Moshier asked question on the Camp contract and if the UTV was due to that contract.

City Manager Baum mentioned they have not heard on the contract but should soon. He also mentioned the UTV was for the department not just use at camp.

## **VIII. Public Input Session**

### **A. UTV USDA Grant Public Comment**

City Manager Baum explained the City applied and received the Grant, but due to the USDA employee being new the public input session was missed in the process and was needed to complete the Grant process.

No public comment was given.

Council Members asked questions.

## **IX. Unfinished Business**

None

## **X. New Business**

### **A. Interview Candidate for open Council Seat – Heather Forbes**

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson introduced Heather and mentioned she currently sits on the Planning Commission.

Council Members asked questions of Heather on why she was wishing to be appointed to Council to fill the vacant term of office.

Heather explained she is from Grayling and wants to help bring Grayling back and help keep things moving forward. She wants to make it a place people wish to live and a great place for her children to live.

18-019

**Moved by Allen seconded by Moshier to appoint Heather Forbes to fill the vacant council seat.**

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

City Clerk/Treasurer gave the Oath of Office to Heather Forbes.

**B. Local Government Approval –Micro Brewery/Small Wine Makes License.**

Dave Vargo explained it is a special license to sell beer and wine on the vacant lot (117 Michigan Ave). He is hoping to eventually have food trucks also on the lot in the near future.

Council Members asked questions.

Dave Vargo explained he is hoping to rebuild in this location and is planning for that while doing the work to get the lot prepared for this project. He also explained his employees would be keeping the area clean of trash.

18-020

**Moved by Moshier seconded by Forbes to approve the Local Government application for a Micro Brewery/Small Wine Makes License at 117 Michigan Ave as presented.**

Zoning Officer Podjaske asked council if they were ok with moving forward with food trucks in the City, want to make sure that they were since this is what Dave Vargo is wishing to do. Council Members said they were willing to look at that option.

Council Member Allen mentioned he felt the question from Zoning Officer Podjaske was not appropriate, since that wasn't part of the request approval. It would be Planning to put an ordinance in place and then council to approve.

Zoning Officer Podjaske just wanted to make sure council was open to the idea.

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

**C. Multi-Use Permit- American Cancer Society**

City Manager Baum explained that they wish to go past the time allowed at the park and asked council to waive the policy.

18-021

**Moved by DeVries seconded by Forbes to approve the Multi-Use permit received from American Cancer Society and waive the policy to allow for longer time as presented.**

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

**D. Budget Amendments**

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson explained.

Council Member Moshier asked on the retirement line under the 101-444 department (snow removal) of the budget and asked if that was due to a full-time city employee.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson said yes, when Mr. Podjaske covers, his retirement for those hours are charged to that department.

18-022

**Moved by Allen seconded by DeVries to approve Budget Amendments as presented.  
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0, Motion Carried**

Robert Green with Mid Michigan Honor Flight arrived.

Mayor Schreiner asked that he be allowed to speak.

Robert Green explained the veterans would be staying out at camp and asked if the City wishes to do anything over these days. He also mentioned they are looking to bring all the veterans from past flights back on the last day since it is the 10<sup>th</sup> year. So, they are thinking of doing a dinner to honor all veterans and there would be approx. 600 veterans and family members.

Mayor Schreiner said it would be great and thought members would volunteer if they could to help with the dinner.

#### **E. AuSable Primary School Water Credit**

City Manager Baum explained that this meter had been turned off years ago and it was just recently they read the meter, since they saw activity in sprinkling. So, for many years the meter hadn't been read and so we broke the usage cost charged over the years billing cost to try and make it fair for a bill in the amount of \$12,354.93. He then explained that the city did talk with members of the school and they took it to the school board and they are asking that the bill be reduced to \$9,000.

Mayor Schreiner doesn't feel the City should waive any cost, they are no different then the City residents. He mentioned he wouldn't be opposed to spread the cost over a few years to help with the school's budget.

Council Member Allen agrees it lies on the property owners and they also need to be held accountable for not making sure the meter was being read as well and doesn't feel they are any different.

Council Member Moshier agreed. He also asked if maybe once a year inactive meters are checked to make sure no usage is being used, to help that this doesn't happen in the future.

18-023

**Moved by Allen seconded by Forbes to round the bill down to \$12,000 and offer AuSable Primary Schools a 4-year plan of \$3,000 a year and to waive all penalties and fees until paid in full on this amount.**

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

#### **F. Water High Usage Letter for Adjustment-Shannon Arredondo**

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson explained that the DPW worker has been trying to get into the property to make sure there were no issues inside the home causing higher usage, and the homeowner hasn't allowed that. She then explained no documentation has been supplied per the water line breakage policy. She also mentioned the attached letter from the homeowner that council received in their packet.

Mayor Schreiner asked if any council member wished to make a motion.  
No motion was made.  
No action was taken to reduce the requested water bill.

#### **G. Discuss Run Water Policy**

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson explained the problem with the last water billing and how bills were going to be adjusted since only a few days were under the run water notice. She asked council member to think about how they feel on continuing adjusting bills for run water or a policy for a partial run water cycle.

Council Members had some discussion.

Mayor Schreiner asked for more investigation on what other communities do and bring it back to the members before the next winter season.

#### **H. 2018 Yard Waste Schedule**

Mayor Schreiner asked why this needs council's approval.

City Manager Baum said it always has and wasn't sure why.

Mayor Schreiner asked that future schedules don't need approval and should be given under correspondence.

Council Members agreed

18-024

**Moved by Moshier seconded by Allen to approve the 2018 Yard Waste Schedule as presented.**

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

#### **I. ATC Consultant-Northern Market**

City Manager Baum explained that they have been the consultants since the project started and also assisted with the Grant/Loan for the Brownfield. He is asking that council waive the bid process due to the relationship with ATC Consultant and they are local. He feels this will save cost as well, then bringing in a new firm.

Council Members had discussion.

18-024

**Moved by Allen seconded by Forbes to approve ATC Consultants for the Northern Market and waive the bid process due to the established relationship with the firm.**

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

#### **J. DPW Teamster Contract**

City Manager Baum explained there were no big changes and no wage increases due to Health Care increases.

18-025

**Moved by Moshier seconded by DeVries to approve the DPW Teamster Contract as presented.**

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

**XI. Reports**

Council Members had no questions or comments.

**XII. Public Comment**

NONE

**XIII. Council Member Comments**

Council Member Moshier mentioned a streetlight that was out.

Council Member Allen asked if the city has looked into a consultant to see if there are other health care options out there to help with the rising cost.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson explained they do have a consultant. 44 North does review options yearly and brings them back to an employee meeting, so employees can have discussion on the options. They always wish to keep the current plan and not take wage increases.

City Manager Baum let council know that Kim Murphy was terminating her employment with the City. He also mentioned that the Project Rising Tide Graduation was being held on Thursday at 2:30 pm at City Hall and that the Governor would be in attendance.

**XIV. Correspondence**

A. Email from Lori Lornado

**Adjournment**

18-026

**Moved by DeVries seconded by Forbes that the meeting is adjourned.**

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

Mayor Schreiner adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.

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Lisa K Johnson,  
City Clerk/Treasurer