

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 13, 2023

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Members Present: Forbes, Nelson, Moshier

Members Absent: Sloan, Pettyjohn

Vacant Seats: None

Also, in Attendance: Erich Podjaske, City Manager, Ben Yoder, Zoning/Cemetery, Jillian Tremonti, GMS Manager, Chelsea Goodwin, Clerk/Treasurer, and other members of the public.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Approval of Agenda

23-015

Moved by Nelson seconded by Moshier to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0, Abstain 0, Absent: 2, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

23-016

Moved by Moshier seconded by Nelson to approve the consent agenda.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0, Abstain 0, Absent: 2, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

VII. City Manager's Report

City manager Podjaske explained his report. He added that the CWSRF grant for \$1.5 million would be starting work in Spring of 2024. He stated that the Christian Help Center, by Walgreens, was interested in doing a land swap with the city for their new building.

The demo for the Chamber building looks to be about August 2023.

VIII. MAIN STREET MANAGER'S REPORT

Main Street manager Tremonti talked about the fundraising campaign 100/100/100. She's received 12 donations so far and still has 89 days left to go.

She's working on getting farmer's market applications out to vendors.

Moshier asked if the person running the market would have to be bonded in order to handle money. Tremonti replied she didn't think so but would check on it to be safe.

IX. PROJECT UPDATES

City Manager Podjaske talked about Shell gas station moving along. Planning Commission is working with them about the location of their vent pipes for the storage tanks.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Marihuana Ordinance – set public hearing

City Manager Podjaske explained that the ordinance would stay the same and the city was not required to hold a public hearing for the code ordinance but would still like to hold one to get the public's input on it. A public hearing will be held at the next regular meeting on April 10, 2023.

B. Public Gathering Space Grant

City Manager Podjaske explained he would like to move forward in applying for public spaces grant through MISHDA and could be anywhere from \$750,000 to \$2 million. The application deadline is April 28th. The city is only required to have a 10% match of the awarded amount for the project. Moshier stated if it would only cost the city 10%, then why not. Members agreed.

C. City/Twp Fire Department Budget for FY 2023/2024

23-017

Moved by Nelson seconded by Moshier to approve the City/Twp Fire Department Budget for FY 2023/2024 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0, Abstain 0, Absent: 2, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

D. Council Meeting Date Changes

City Manager Podjaske asked that with upcoming family events for him and the mayor, asked if meeting dates could potentially be moved. Members discussed and agreed to change the April 24th workshop into a meeting. June 26th would be a workshop. August 14th meeting moved to August 7th.

23-018

Moved by Nelson seconded by Moshier to approve the updated meeting changes for 2023.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0, Abstain 0, Absent: 2, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

E. Technical Assistance to Create a DDA TIF Plan

The city is already a certified community and by applying for the technical assistance grant, if approved, DDA would only be required to pay 5% of the \$24,000+ to create the TIF plan.

23-019

Moved by Moshier seconded by Nelson to approve moving forward with applying for the technical assistance grant to create the DDA TIF plan.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0, Abstain 0, Absent: 2, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2nd Amendment Sanctuary City

Members chose to table the item until the next meeting when all members would be present.

23-020

Moved by Moshier seconded by Nelson to approve tabling the item until the next meeting.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0, Abstain 0, Absent: 2, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

B. Camp Grayling Expansion

Members chose to table the item until the next meeting when all members would be present.

23-021

Moved by Nelson seconded by Forbes to approve tabling the item until the next meeting.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0, Abstain 0, Absent: 2, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

C. Proposed Major/Local Street Changes

City manager Podjaske explained that he would be submitting the application to the state to update the city's major and local roads and request changes to be made. Roads that lead to the schools are considered high traffic and should be classified as major roads. By changing some of them from local to majors, this will increase the funding received from the state by \$30,000+ to help maintain the roads.

Moshier stated that Chestnut from the business loop to Michigan avenue should also be included because that is the main route.

D. Future Trash/Waste Pickup Discussion

City manager Podjaske offered an idea to the council on garbage pickup and saving the city some money. Residential properties that are 'rentals' are technically considered a business. Currently the city does not pay for commercial properties garbage pickup. The contract will be ending and it will be going out to bid next year. If that is an avenue council would like to talk about, he would like to get letters out to landlords ahead of time and give them a head's up that it'll be ending. Members chose to table the item until the next meeting.

E. Letter of Support for Sawmill Lofts

The letter is to Congressman Bergman in support of the project and would like to have the Mayor sign it.

XII. REPORTS

None

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

City manager Podjaske stated that Primary Electric was taking a look at the non-working business loop lights, and he will follow up with him tomorrow.

XV. CORRESPONDENCE

No discussion

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

23-022

Moved by Moshier seconded by Nelson to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 3 Nays: 0, Abstain 0, Absent: 2, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

Mayor Forbes adjourned the meeting at 7:16 pm.

Chelsea Goodwin
City Clerk/Treasurer

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