

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 26, 2020

Meeting was held via video conference for Council Members and members of the General public.

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Forbes at 6:32 P.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Members Present: Heather Forbes

Via Conference/Video Call in: Karl Schreiner, Kimberly Kersey, Clinton Ross, Roger Moshier

Members Absent: None

Vacant Seats: None

Also, in Attendance:

In Person: Douglas Baum, City Manager, Lisa Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer,

Via Conference/Video Call in: Erich Podjaske, Zoning Officer, Chelsea Goodwin, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, Kyle Bond DPW Director, Matt and Christine LaFontaine

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Forbes asked if there were any additions

There were none.

20-39

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

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Ross, Moshier, Kersey, Schreiner, Forbes

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

20-40

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

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Moshier, Schreiner, Kersey, Forbes, Ross

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried

VII. City Manager's Report

City Manager Baum gave a verbal report. He explained that the City Clerk/Treasurer and himself had attended multiple State Webinars pertaining to State Revenue Sharing and Act 51 Road Funds. Due to the economy the City will see a reduction in both areas' beginning this next quarter. The State has given estimated numbers, and are monitoring this as this change in our State. He mentioned due to these reductions, three employees have been laid off and the remainder of the employees will be furloughed one day a week and the city will be participating in the State of Michigan's Work Share program, where the employees will receive a reduced unemployment amount for the furlough day. He also plans on reopening the office on June 1, 2020 and with the furlough day and staffing, the office will be open Monday-Thursday and closed Fridays for the office staff furlough day. They have also reduced expenditures in the upcoming budget to help balance the budget and will be monitoring revenues and expenditures monthly. All staff were notified that the City is on a spending freeze

Mayor Forbes asked if members had any questions.

There were no questions from the members

VIII. Mainstreet Managers Report

No Update

IX. Project Updates

City Manager Baum explained that the Northern Market project has been put on hold for now and will still be looking for funding, but budget was set for this project in the 20-21 fiscal year.

Zoning/ED Officer Podjaske mentioned he is sitting in on webinars with Camp Grayling on a 50 M grant to be spread across all 50 states to see if funding could possibly come from this grant.

City Manager Baum also mentioned due to requirements that have been put in place for farm markets, the decision was made not to hold the City Farmers Market in the park this year. So no budget was set for this in the 20-21 fiscal year.

City Manager Baum mentioned the only projects being worked is the Trail Head.

Mayor Forbes asked if members had any questions.

There were no questions from the members.

X. Unfinished Business

A. City Managers

Mayor Forbes mentioned that only four reviews had been returned

Member Moshier mentioned he would need to stop in and get another copy to complete.

Mayor Forbes and asked if any of the members wished to move forward or wished to wait for the final review to come in.

All members were good with moving forward.

20-41

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Kersey to approve and file as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Moshier, Ross, Forbes, Schreiner, Kersey

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried

B. Recycling

City Manager Baum mentioned with the current Revenue and Fiscal year situation, that he didn't feel the city could help cover any cost for Recycling. He recommends only to move forward with recycling if the residents cover the cost.

Members agreed and asked to move forward with reviewing the cost as 100% paid by city residents. They asked to receive more information at the June meeting and to also hold a Public In Put session at the July meeting.

C. Charter Revision

No new information at this time.

D. Industrial Park sale of property

Zoning/ED Officer explained he received a request to purchase property from Vash Investment Group L.L.C and or Assignee for 2.0 +/- acres in the industrial park. To build warehousing but this would not create any jobs. He would recommend that council not sell the property since it would not be creating any jobs within the city.

No action was taken on the proposed sale of property.

E. Cemetery property/LaFontaine

Zoning/ED Officer explained he went back to the LaFontaine's with councils questions after last meeting and they are good with a trading property and with pay all cost associated with the transaction and to move the fence to the new property line.

Matt LaFontaine said they were good with this.

Member Ross mentioned he was good with selling or trading property.

20-42

Moved by Ross seconded by Forbes to sell the proposed cemetery property to the LaFontaine's.

Member Moshier mentioned he was not in favor of selling.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Ross, Forbes,

Nays: Kersey, Moshier, Schreiner

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Failed

20-43

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Moshier to trade property with LaFontaine and for all cost to be paid by the LaFontaine and for the fence to be moved to the new property line.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Forbes, Ross, Kersey, Moshier. Schreiner

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried

XI. New Business

A. Multi-Use Permit – Spikes

City Manager Baum explained the request is to use City property for outside seating and it would be for only food services and no alcohol would be served.

Members asked general questions and also agreed if they needed more space then requested, they were ok with that and the City Manager to approve if size was not an issue.

City Manager Baum mentioned is alcohol would ever come up as an option, it would come back to the members for approval.

20-44

Moved by Kersey seconded by Moshier to approve the Multi-Use Permit requested by Spikes and to allow the City Manager to work with them on size needed.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Ross, Schreiner, Forbes, Moshier, Kersey

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried

B. 20-21 Draft City Budgets

City Manager Baum explained the cuts made again as previously state in his managers report. He mentioned the employees being furloughed one day a week and the city will be participating in the State of Michigan's Work Share program and with doing this they keep all their benefits. He mentioned he has been in contact with the Township on budget items and both wished to use the Cemetery Fund balance to cover the city's and township's cost for the new fiscal year to help with shortfalls.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned the work share program can run for 52 weeks if needed.

Mayor Forbes asked what the different colors on the budget were for.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned they were for her tracking and for one's that linked to other areas of the budget.

Member Kersey asked if we knew how much of a short fall the city would see for the current fiscal year.

City Clerk/Treasurer as of current there is no short fall and she explained the revenue expenditure report balances.

No other comments were made.

20-45

Moved by Forbes seconded by Schreiner to set a Public Hearing for the June 8, 2020 meeting for adoption of the 20-21 City Budgets.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Moshier, Ross, Kersey, Schreiner, Forbes

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried

XII. Reports

Mayor Forbes asked if members had any questions on the reports.

Member Ross mentioned the Planning Minutes still showed him as a member.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned she would correct those.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned that the last fee was to be placed on the current quarters water-sewer bills and asked members if they wished this not to happen. She mentioned there were still residents that have not paid the past bill and to date still can not shut those one's off.

Consensus of the members was to apply the late fees.

XIII. Public Comment

None

XIV. Council Member Comments

Member Kersey if the market tear down was through a grant and if so how did the city pay for payroll.

City Manager Baum said yes and that was all budgeted during the current fiscal year.
Member Kersey asked on the city's contribution to the DDA/GMS program.
City Manager Baum said yes, it is still being funded through city's budgets.
Member Moshier asked on yard waste and if you can still use reusable containers.
Zoning/ED Officer Podjaske messaged his contact. He texted back and said the bags need to be used.

XV. Correspondence

None

XVI. Adjournment

20-46

Moved by Schreiner seconded Moshier that the meeting is adjourned.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Ross, Kersey, Forbes, Schreiner, Moshier

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Mayor Forbes adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.

Lisa K Johnson,
City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes can be found on our website: www.cityofgrayling.org