

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 12, 2023

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Members Present: Forbes, Pettyjohn, Sloan, Nelson, Moshier

Members Absent: None

Vacant Seats: None

Also in Attendance: Chief VanDeCastele, Kathleen Armstrong, Chet Wheeler, Susan Teal (DNR)

IV. Public Comment

Kathleen Armstrong recited excerpts from the Constitution.

V. Approval of Agenda

23-051

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

23-052

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

VII. City Manager's Report

05/08 -MLS water: No updates or additional calls.

05/09 -Asset Management: Moving forward with plan and infrastructure GIS plan.

06/01 -Met with auditors: policy clean-up moving forward.

06/02 -Backup in sewer line at 1101 Ottawa.

06/12 -Officer hit & run. Chief gave recap.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. 23/24 City Budget

Revenue numbers have changes, marihuana was not included. Michigan Works providing reimbursement for new clerk & treasurer.

23-053

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the 23/24 City Budget.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

B. COA Water/Sewer

Gray Rock pays PILOT and the Air Field does not. Pettyjohn requested that a new agreement be clear of what's included. COA will maintain both lines but will be charged a benefit fee for both buildings but no tapping fee. They are responsible for their own maintenance.

23-054

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Nelson to approve the COA Water/Sewer.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

IX. New Business

A. DNR Spark Grant

Information given from Susan Teal (Pathways) regarding the grant. They are partnering with the COA in order to tie into the Iron Bell, the city bike trail and the Commission on Aging Path. Due to the number of entities that would be working together along with Grayling being considered to be an underfunded community puts the city in a better position to obtain these monies. Teal had inquired if Erich could be a representative as the city would be the applicant with Pathways doing the rest of the work. Up to 1 Million dollars in funding can be applied for.

23-055

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to waive the reading of the resolution.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

B. Land next to NAPA

23-056

Chet completed and brought a market analysis. There is water and sewer underneath. It is agreed to sell the property to NAPA for \$10,000.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the sale of the land next to NAPA.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

C. Garage Sale Discussion

23-057

The city has noticed an increase in garage sales over the weekends. The city would like to exempt Memorial Weekend and Labor Day Weekend from the total amount of garage sales that are allocated to city residents. Will revisit topic in July's meeting to finalize verbiage for the ordinance.

D. Lawn Height Discussion

23-058

Discussed making the Lawn Height ordinance more flexible in order to be able to check and follow up on a more consistent basis. Will revisit topic in July's meeting.

X. REPORTS

There was no Housing Commission Report.
Fire Chief provided a report regarding the fire on 06/10.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Armstrong indicated that money allocated from the city should be spent on better things other than measuring grass as well as reciting additional excerpts from the Constitution.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Roger: Pedal Car is at parking lot. Consumers Power light project is great. Will it increase availability? Curious about the stumps being grinded.
Jack: Has the addition began at Grayling Middle School? There will be more information regarding the Fourth of July parade on the 28th.
Heather: McKenzie has graduated with her associates degree.

XIII. Correspondence

None

XIV. Adjournment

23-059

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn that the meeting is adjourned.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:39 PM