

**CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 24, 2019**

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Members Present: Karl Schreiner, Kimberly Hatfield, Roger Moshier and Heather Forbes

Members Absent: Clinton Ross

Vacant Seats: None

Also, in Attendance: Doug Baum, City Manager, Lisa Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer, Chelsea Goodwin, Deputy Clerk, Jenny Maples, Amanda Clough, Deputy Police Chief, Mike Edwards, City Attorney, Rae Gosling

IV. Public Comment

No public comment.

V. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Forbes asked to add GPA's Fireworks Multi-Use Permit as #C under New Business

19-67

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Moshier to approve the agenda with addition the of item number C under New Business (GPA Multi Use Permit)

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

VI. New Business

A. 2018-2019 Budget Amendments

Council Member Hatfield asked about line 22 Public Safety Transfer & line 48 Court Cases of the amendment.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson explained that if the Public Safety's budget fall short a transfer is made from the General Fund, since this is where the City's portion of the funding comes from. She also mentioned the cost for Court Cases is for current cases.

19-68

Moved by Moshier seconded by Schreiner to approve the 2018-2019 budget amendments as presented.

Council Member Moshier asked about the 253 Fund reductions
City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson explained since the funding for the project didn't happen in this fiscal year. It was just reducing the fund revenues and expenses.

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

B. Parcel Division request for 603 Galen St. Parcel # 070-200-003-011-00

Podjaske explained the request meets the criteria of a division and they are just putting the parcels back the way they were before they were combined. Two new homes will be built on these properties.

19-69

Moved by Moshier seconded by Hatfield to approve the parcel division for 603 Galen St. Parcel # 070-200-003-011-00 as presented.

Council Member Moshier mentioned they would have to go to the dispatch for a new address
Podjaske said yes and both will need new addresses.

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

C. Multi Use Permit – GPA Fireworks

City Manager Baum explained and that they have supplied the insurance and plan.

19-70

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Moshier to approve GPA's Multi Use Permit (Fireworks) as presented.

Council Member Hatfield asked if it was the same protocol as other years.
City Manager Baum said yes.

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

VII. Professional Development Session

City Attorney Edwards handed out the City Charter and Chapter 5 of the Handbook for Municipal Officials for the Council Members to review. He also mentioned that the City Clerk/Treasurer had also printed off the full Handbook for all members as well.

Council Member Ross arrived at 6:38 pm.

City Attorney Edwards explained Council Member Rules and Staff Rules and how members must be careful of crossing those boundaries and if they do, they could have criminal effects. He also mentioned the Home City Act and also what powers council members have. The city charter is the law, no one has more power than the other on council. He explained areas of the city charter, roles and also roles of the City Manager.

Duties of council and City Manager. He reminded them all that if any issues are brought to their attention, they should direct the person to the City Manager or talk to him about it. He also mentioned that if members don't follow the guidelines of a council members, they possibly could forfeit their seat on the board. He reminded them they are not to be directing city staff on what to do, this is the City Manager's job and not to promise things to residents of the community. The City Manager is the only one who can hire and fire employees.

Council Member Schreiner mentioned he didn't understand why an employee had the right to come before Council if fired if the City Manager is the only one who does this. City Attorney Edwards explained.

City Attorney Edwards also explained other area's in the Charter/Handbook that council is to set policies and ordinances for the City and the City Manager is to make sure those are followed. That Council is not to micro manage the City Manager. He also mentioned that if there is a conflict of interest of a financial gain, a council member must abstain from voting. If they did vote it would be a misdemeanor. He also mentioned they need to obtain all the information they need to understand so they need to contact the City Manager to get educated on the issue. He also mentioned to review the meeting packets before the meeting and if they have questions, to contact the City Manager for more information if needed. This way they come prepared to the meetings. He noted not to turn Municipal issues into personal issues, its ok to have policy issues, but the majority vote passes.

City Attorney Edwards also mentioned that MML offers seminars or online classes, so if they wish to do any of these items, they just need to get with the City Manager to pay for those if needed.

City Attorney Edwards asked if any council members had questions for him.

Council Member Forbes said no.

Council Member Schreiner said no.

Council Member Ross said, he has a lot of reading to do.

Council Member Moshier said he has had his hands slapped a lot in the past, but understands it.

Council Member Hatfield mentioned that City Hall employees also like to 'gossip' and explained.

City Attorney Edwards mentioned to Hatfield that she should go to the City Manager when that happens.

City Manager Baum explained that things have happened in the past which letters had to be drafted to council members, so he felt having the City Attorney come in to have this discussion would help members understand.

Council Member Schreiner mentioned to talk to the City Manager, he can authorize a discussion with an employee.

City Manager Baum encourages member to do ride along with the DPW or Police departments to understand what they do and what assets the city has.

Council Member Schreiner thanked Mr. Edwards for the review.

Council Member Moshier asked if the City Manager is unavailable, they can go to the City Clerk/Treasurer.

City Manager Baum said yes.

VIII. Public Comment

Gosling mentioned they are still looking for participants in the upcoming Paddle Battle event.

IX. Council Member Comments

Mayor Forbes thanked the City Manager and staff along with the members for their hard work.

Council Member Schreiner appreciated the City Attorney coming in it was a great reminder.

Council Member Moshier asked about 104 Date Street and when it would be coming down.

City Manager Baum noted they were waiting on the contractor, would be doing it when in town doing other work.

Council Member Schreiner also asked when the street line painting would be done.

City Manager Baum said soon, just waiting on the contractor.

Council Member Hatfield asked about a light at the 4 way stop on Michigan Ave.

City Manager Baum mentioned that MDOT did a study awhile back and it did not meet the criteria.

Matt LaFontaine mentioned the Community Clean up went great.

Council Member Hatfield asked about the Blight Ordinance

City Manager Baum mentioned it was back to the Blight Committee.

City Manager Baum also mentioned a meeting that he was just made aware of pertaining to options for the Grayling Township residents for the water issue. This meeting was about three potential resolutions to the water issue. It was being held at Kirtland Community College.

Podjaske mentioned he would be attending it.

Council Member Schreiner and Hatfield mentioned they would like to attend as well.

City Manager Baum also mentioned that the South Business Loop streetlights have electrical issues and they are currently looking into that.

X. Correspondence

None

XI. Adjournment

19-71

Moved by Schreiner seconded Moshier by that the meeting is adjourned.

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

Mayor Forbes adjourned the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Lisa K Johnson,
City Clerk/Treasurer

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