

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 10, 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: Eric Podjaske (City Manager), Jenny Maples (Treasurer), Lori McGeorge (City Clerk), Nicole Kent (Chamber of Commerce), Rob Pallarito (District Director to the Office of Senator Hoitenga) & Kathleen Armstrong

IV. Public Comment

Kathleen Armstrong spoke about fraud, COVID, etc.

V. Approval of Agenda

23-060

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Moshier 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

23-061

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Pettyjohn 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

Podjaske reiterated the training that has been taking place with the new clerk and treasurer.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Proposed amendment to Grass and Weed section

Amendment to change to grass of no more than 8" from June through October and amending current proposal of the expanded location to include north of Young Street with the Industrial Park excluded.

23-062

Moved by Moshier, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve as amended.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

B. Garage Sale Discussion

It is determined that the amendment for garage sales would be considered to be a zoning ordinance amendment. The amendment will be reworded and brought to the Planning Commission for a public meeting to approve. It will then come back to council; however, a memo of understanding will take place next meeting in order for the amended times for the garage sale to go into effect for Labor Day weekend.

IX. New Business

A. Fred Bear Statue Insurance Discussion

The city is being asked to cover the insurance for the Fred Bear Statue (the statue will be valued at \$100,000). It could possibly be worked into the park budget. No vote done at this time.

B. Social District Boundary Map

23-063

Nicole Kent spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Liquor License for the festival.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the Liquor License for the festival.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

C. 22/23 Budget Amendments

23-064

Podjaske spoke about the different budget amendments that are requested.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the 22/23 Budget Amendments.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

D. Reappropriation of Funds

23-065

Podjaske spoke of the reappropriation of some funds.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Sloan to approve the Reappropriation of Funds requested.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

E. Audit Discussion

The Audit was provided and will be discussed at the next meeting.

F. MERS Letter Discussion

Discussion regarding MERS benefits regarding the severance pay of Doug Baum. Will verify with city attorney and readdress at next meeting.

X. REPORTS

No questions regarding all provided reports.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Armstong recited excerpts from the Michigan Constitution. Rob Pallarito introduced himself to the council and indicated that Senator Hoitenga would be here for the Canoe Marathon. Discussion was made regarding her participation in the parade.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Pettyjohn had questions regarding the new apartment complexes and if the interiors were completed.

Moshier had questions regarding the progress with the stump grinding in the cemetery in which Podjaske indicated that he is trying to work that out.

Sloan requested that the DPW start closing the doors after leaving on the weekend.

Podjaske indicated the Catholic Church was concerned about building debris from the apartment complex project on the church lawn. The contractor needs to be talked to about clean-up. One of the apartments is supposed to be done by fall. The Sawmill Lofts applied for 2 grants to act as a gap filler in order to move forward.

Forbes was appreciative of Pettyjohn regarding the parade.

XIII. Correspondence

None

XIV. Adjournment

23-066

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

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:10 PM