

**CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 13, 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 6:30 P.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Members Present: Forbes, Kersey, Moshier, Schreiner, Ross

Members Absent: None

Vacant Seats: None

Also, in Attendance:

In Person: Douglas Baum, City Manager, Lisa Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer,
Members of the general public

IV. Public Comment

Susan Marcus 605 Peninsular asked why the city residents can't take their recycling to the Township location or has the City talked to the landfill to allow recycling from city residents.

Mary Stewart Green introduced herself to the members. She is running for Crawford County Clerk.

V. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Forbes asked to add item D, Budget Amendments under New Business

20-55

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Ross 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

20-56

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

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried

Closed regular meeting at 6:38 and opened Public InPut Session

VII. Public Input

A. City wide recycling

City Manager Baum explained why city residents can no longer use the township recycling location.

Mary Garcia with Grayling Housing Commission would like the city to consider allowing them to participate in the recycling program if the City approves city wide recycling.

Mayor Forbes mentioned that could be a discussion at a later date, if the city moves forward.

Cathy Lester 605 Park mentioned it was promised in the past by the company and now they want the residents to pay.

Rita McEvers 607 Park mentioned she has been recycling for 30 years. She just has her daughter take it for her. She asked why the cost couldn't come out of the taxes they already pay to the city.

City Manager Baum explained that the city currently pays for trash for city residents and on some parcels actually loose money, that the taxes don't even cover the cost of trash.

Kirsten Lietz 703 Vine wants and supports city wide recycling.

Paul Smith 405 Brink what is considered a parcel, he is only here six months of the year and feels it is to high and should be charged.

City Manager Baum mentioned this input session is to see if residents are interested in recycling, and then a decision would be made on if it would be a millage or special assessment.

Susan Marcus asked if they are going to recycle or if they just dump it.

Member Kersey said they already addressed that and they recycle 100%

Kama Case 504 Ionia how much per parcel and how much each year increased

Member of the General public asked why not just some large dumpsters

Member Kersey said not all can go to a dumpster, trash would get dumped in it and also others from outside the city would use it.

Paul Smith 405 Brink feels residents are priced to death on their taxes.

Other general comments were made through out public input.

Mayor Forbes thanked everyone for their input and closed public input at 7:05 pm resumed Regular Meeting.

VIII. City Manager's Report

City Manager Baum explained his report to the members. He mentioned a Camp Grayling outing and if any members were interested in going to let him know and he would RSVP.

He asked if members had any questions.

Member Schreiner asked if a mini marathon would be happening.

City Manager Baum mentioned that nothing is happening under the city's approval, not sure if they are doing anything on their own.

IX. Mainstreet Managers Report

Gosling was absent

City Manager Baum mentioned the Chamber was in need of the Managers office, so she would be moving her office to the city since the city had an extra office space due to layoffs.

X. Project Updates

City Manager Baum explained that the Market site will be having some soil removal starting soon, this is covered under the Brownfield Grant.

Member Schreiner asked how funding was coming for the project.

City Manager Baum said with COVID no funding was being awarded, but that he is still working on securing funding.

XI. Unfinished Business

A. City Charter

Nothing to report at this time.

B. Sawmill Lofts Brownfield Work Plan Amendment

Zoning Officer Erich Podjaske mentioned they had to move funds from one area of the Brownfield to another but the total amount stays the same.

20-57

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Forbes to approve the Brownfield amendment as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried

C. City Wide Recycling

City Clerk/Treasurer handed out options that may be available, she's working with the City Attorney to see if all are options.

Member Schreiner mentioned residents out of work due to COVID and not sure if they can afford at this time. Feels if it can go on the ballot that would be the best option and let the residents make the decision.

Member Kersey agreed with member Schreiner.

205-58

Moved by Kersey seconded by Schreiner to put the wording on the November Ballot for City Residential Recycling

Zoning Officer Podjaske mentioned if it went on as a millage, businesses would be assessed as well and not receive the service. Not sure if that is what council wishes. City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson also mentioned a special assessment is still being looked into by the City Attorney.

Member Kersey requested to retract her motion; Member Schreiner supported.

XII. New Business

A. Charging Station Agreement Review/Overview

Zoning Officer Podjaske explained a grant/company that can do this in the city parking lot. He is wanting to know if Council wishes him to move forward working on this option for the city. Consensus of the members is to continue working on this for the city.

B. Confirm City Managers appointment to the DDA/GMS Board

20-59

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Forbes to confirm the City Managers appointments of Josie Swander and Michelle Millikin to the DDA/GMS Board.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried

C. Employee Manual Update

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned that there were only minor changes to the manual

20-60

Moved by Ross seconded by Kersey to approve Employee manual as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried

D. Fire Works Code of Ordinance-Draft

Zoning Officer Podjaske handed out an updated draft from the City Attorney and explained that with this change when the State changes, the City would still be in compliance. The only time an update would be needed is if the MCL# would change. City Manager recommended council set a public hearing for the next regular meeting in August.

20-61

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Ross to set a Public Hearing for the August 10th meeting and hold by go to meeting as well for public to attend

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried

XIII. Reports

No questions on the reports

XIV. Public Comment

None

XV. Council Member Comments

Member Schreiner asked on the model home of Steffens, he thought that was to be sold and not a show room.

Zoning Officer Podjaske mentioned it was to be used as a show room until he sold one to be build on the next lot and would than sell the model home.

Members mentioned that is not how they thought he presented it to them.

Member Schreiner also asked on the State St property

Zoning Officer Podjaske mentioned it was going to the Planning Commission next month.

Member Moshier asked on the outside seating that was approved for Spikes.

City Manager Baum mentioned he had notified them, but was unsure why they were not doing it as of yet.

Member Moshier asked on yard waste left.

City Clerk/Treasurer mentioned the company missed the week in error and would be picking up for the next two weeks.

Member Kersey asked on the Shoppenagons building and what was happening with it.

City Manager Baum mentioned the building inspector has done everything he can, so it has now been turned over to the City Attorney and he has been given a letter to have it removed within two weeks.

Member Kersey asked if he would have to repair or take it down.

Zoning Officer Podjaske wasn't sure, but there are no grants to help with demo. If not handled by the owner, the courts could order the city through a judgement to take it down and place the cost on the tax bill.

General discussion took place.

XVI. Correspondence

None

XVII. Adjournment

20-62

Moved by Schreiner seconded Moshier that the meeting is adjourned.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Mayor Forbes adjourned the meeting at 8:04 pm.

Lisa K Johnson,

City Clerk/Treasurer

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