

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 8, 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, Clinton Ross, Kimberly Hatfield, Roger Moshier and Heather Forbes

Members Absent: None

Vacant Seats: None

Also, in Attendance: Doug Baum, City Manager, Lisa Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer, Chelsea Goodwin, Deputy Clerk, Erich Podjaske, Zoning Officer, Rae Gosling, Matt and Christine LaFontaine, Lacey Stephen, Tom Steffen, Randy Smock, Amanda Smock, Jeremie Mead, CGMTC.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment.

V. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Forbes asked to table item A under new business until the August meeting and to add item E, Resolution to Revise City Charter.

19-72

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Hatfield to approve the agenda tabling item A under new business and adding item E Resolution to Revise City Charter under new business.

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

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

19-73

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

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

VII. City Manager's Report

City Manager Baum explained his report.

Member had no questions or comments.

VIII. Project Updates

City Manager explained project updates.

- A.** Force Main- Working on punch list items.
- B.** Canoe Launch-Parking Lot- Working on punch list items.
- C.** Trail Projects-Received a planning grant from the DNR towards this project.
- D.** Community Center-On hold for now.
- E.** DPW Building-Moving along, sides and roof going on.
- F.** Northern Market-Will discuss under new business
- G.** Lift Station-Pumps have been ordered.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Proposed Blight Ordinance-No Update

Podjaske mentioned he met with Carey Jansen and gave her a copy of the International Property Maintenance Code to review to see if changes were needed.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned that Carey called the office today and was wondering why the Ordinance was still on the agenda, she thought after the public hearing it would have been approved. She then told Carey that members had some concerns with some of the wording and would find out more on that and get with her. She asked members to get with her after the meeting so she could get their concerns and email them to Carey.

X. New Business

A. Water Bill – Curriston – TABLED to the August 12th meeting.

B. Zoning Permit-Swimming pool setbacks & fence height

Podjaske explained they have a small yard and could not meet all the set backs for a pool and also would like a 4' fence. He explained they also submitted letters from the neighbors and they were ok with their request.

Mr. Smock mentioned they would like to put a fence up on all sides of the property and if he could do a 6' fence was ok with that.

19-74

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Ross to approve the Zoning Permit for 808 Smith St. as presented.

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

C. Re-Appropriation of funds

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson explained the projects were not completed by fiscal year end June 30th and asked that the remaining fund amounts be re-appropriated to the new fiscal year.

19-75

Moved by Ross seconded by Schreiner to approve the Re-Appropriation of funds to the new fiscal year

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

D. Accept resignation letters.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson explained they had received resignation letters from Dee VanNuck from the Planning Commission and Paul VanNuck from the Wage Commission and Property Tax Board of Review due to moving outside the city limits and also one from Tim Chilcote from the DDA/GMS Board due to other obligations.

19-76

Moved by Moshier seconded by Hatfield to approve resignation letters received from Dee VanNuck, Paul VanNuck and Tim Chilcote as presented.

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

E. Resolution to Revise City Charter

City Manager Baum explained the information received from the City Attorney that explains the process to revise the City Charter.

Members had discussion.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned she would look into when the deadline would be to have wording placed on the next election was and would bring this back to the board once it was needed to be discussed again.

XI. Reports

- A. Mainstreet Managers Report-Given by Gosling
- B. Planning Commission – No meeting
- C. Parks and Rec Committee – June 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- D. DDA/GMS Meeting – June 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- E. Grayling Agricultural and Education – June 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- F. Fire Committee – June 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- G. Housing Commission – June 11, 2019 Meeting April Minutes – Update given by Member Moshier.
- H. Public Safety – No Report
- I. Public Safety Police-No Report

XII. Public Comment

Mr. LaFontaine mentioned sending a letter to all business owners to take a second look at their property for items to be cleaned up or fixed. He also mentioned vacant properties and tall grass that needs to be mowed. He asked if members would consider non city residents to sit on council and commissions/boards. He mentioned signage and some need to be repaired and then asked about the liquor license for the Mexican restaurant and if the city could help in any way with them obtaining one.

City Manager Baum mentioned that the City already allows non residents to sit on boards/commissions but they are not allowed to run for a City Council seat. He also mentioned that all liquor licenses are taken within the county.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned that when the Mexican restaurant came before planning, they were working on obtaining/purchasing a current license that was available.

Member Ross mentioned that is what he thought they were doing as well when it came in front of planning.

Gosling mentioned that in the DDA district there are options available to obtain dine in licenses, but they are not within the district.

Other discussion took place on areas that need clean up within the City.

XIII. Council Member Comments

Member Hatfield had no comments

Member Moshier asked on the business loop is in bad shape and if the state had any plans to fix.

City Manager Baum mentioned he has been in contact with them and that last year they didn't receive any bids back for that and that it is on their radar.

Member Moshier asked about the crosswalk by the nature center and signage.

City Manager Baum mentioned he had not been in contact with MDOT recently on that.

Member Moshier asked about the repaving of Michigan Ave.

City Manager Baum mentioned it was still in litigation and there has been an arbitration date set.

Member Ross had no comments

Member Schreiner mentioned the street painting and also how long the containers were going to be sitting on the city parking lot. He feels they need to be moved as soon as possible.

City Manager Baum mentioned he had sent an email to the person to discuss this issue.

Member Hatfield asked if the traffic study for the 4-way stop had been done.

City Manager Baum mentioned they are looking into cost for that and would get back with council as soon as he has the information.

Member Hatfield asked about the house the city purchased and what was happening with that.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned the deed had been received and the process could begin on that property now.

Member Schreiner mentioned a location that a camper was parked next to a house and people were living in it.

City Manager Baum mentioned the officers are looking into that.

Mayor Forbes mentioned she was downtown over the weekend and was amazed how many people were downtown. She also asked why the picnic tables were not under the park pavilion.

City Clerk/Treasurer mentioned they move them for the Farmers Market but are to put

them back. She would look into this.
Member Hatfield asked what time the City park closes
City Manager Baum said 10 pm.

XIV. Correspondence

A. PFAS Public meeting

XV. Adjournment

19-77

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 7:38 pm.

Lisa K Johnson,
City Clerk/Treasurer

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