

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 10, 2020

Meeting was held via video conference for 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, Erich Podjaske, Deputy Chief Clough, Rae Gosling

Members of the general public: Wayne Koppa and Caleb Casey on video conference

IV. Public Comment

Wayne Koppa gave a presentation of a veteran cemetery that he is working on to hopefully be built in Crawford County. He is asking for support from all for this project.

Members asked general questions.

Wayne asked that he work with City Manager Baum to draft a resolution of support for the members to approve.

V. Approval of Agenda

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

20-63

Moved by Kersey seconded by Schreiner to approve the agenda with the addition of item H under new business.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

20-64

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 6:52 and opened the Public Hearing

VII. Public Hearing

A. Chapter 24, Article VI, Section 24-126 of the Municipal Code of the City of Grayling (Fireworks) amendment

No public comment

Closed public hearing at 6:53 and resumed the Regular Meeting.

VIII. City Manager's Report

City Manager Baum explained his report to the members.

Member Schreiner asked for a copy of the Hazardous Mediation Plan to be emailed to him.

IX. Mainstreet Managers Report

Gosling mentioned that MainStreet received a Match on Main Grant for \$42,000 and that 12 businesses were awarded the funds. She also mentioned that BINGO downtown would be starting on Friday.

X. Project Updates

City Manager Baum mentioned the back bridge was inspected and passed.

Trailhead grant had been extended and that Rowe engineering was looking at possible cost savings for the project.

XI. Unfinished Business

A. City Charter

Nothing to report at this time.

B. Recycling-Attorney information

City Manager explained the city can't do a special assessment and the only option would be a millage and that would be for all residential and industrial properties or that residents would have to contract with American Waste and pay directly.

Member Moshier feels this should be dropped at this time, doesn't feel there is enough support to move forward at this time.

Member Ross feels council can be revisited again if more support comes to them in the future from residents.

Member Moshier said the residents could petition for it, if they really want recycling.

Member Kersey feels if dumpsters are put out instead of curbside that junk will be just dropped off by the dumpsters and that would cause more work for DPW.

Other general discussion took place.

City Manager Baum mentioned the market property clean up is almost completed.

XII. New Business

A. Re-Appropriate 19/20 Capital Police Vehicle Computer/Printer funds

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned that due to COVID this project was unable to be completed before the fiscal year end and asked that they re-appropriate the funds to the 20/21 budget in the amount of \$30,000

Member Moshier asked if the funds were still available.

City Clerk/Treasurer said yes, they were never moved from the income tax capital fund.

20-65

Moved by Moshier seconded by Schreiner to re-appropriate the \$30,000 Capital funds for the Police Vehicle Computer/Printers to the 20/21 budget.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried

B. One-month extension for the Military crash/rescue contract.

City Manager Baum explained the Military emailed the extension over and both parties have signed to extend the contract till September 30, 2020

20-66

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Kersey to extend the contract one month and to amend the Public Safety Military budget for the additional funds.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried

C. Match on MainStreet Budget Amendment

City Manager Baum explained this was not in the budget and that the budget needed to be amended for the revenues coming in and the expenses going out.

20-67

Moved by Kersey seconded by Ross to approve the Match on MainStreet Budget Amendment in the amount of \$42,000

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried

D. Master Plan

Zoning Officer Podjaske explained that Planning had updated minor items to the City's Master Plan and will be doing a review of the Master Plan once the Censes is completed. The Planning Commission is recommending Council approve the Master Plan

20-68

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Forbes to approve the Master Plan as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried.

E. Zoning Amendments Ordinance #1 and #2

Zoning Officer Podjaske explained the need for the changes and that the Planning Commission is recommending Council to approve the amendments.

20-69

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Ross to approve the amendments to Zoning Ordinance #1 and #2 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried.

F. Snow Removal equipment purchase.

Zoning Officer Podjaske explained that with the millage passing for another 4 years, there is a need for a better piece of equipment to be purchased for snow removal along the business loop.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson explained that there is approximately \$140,000 in the fund for snow removal to put towards this purchase.

General discussion took place.

Consensus of the members was to move forward with receiving bids for this purchase.

G. Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement

City Manager Baum explained and all departments within the county to get on the State MAVIS system. It is a pre-planned system for mutual aid back up for all fire departments. The State requires a signed agreement.

General questions were asked.

20-70

Moved by Moshier seconded by Forbes to approve the Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Motion Carried.

H. Amend Chapter 24, Article VI, Section 24-126 of the Municipal Code of the City of Grayling. (Fireworks)

City Manager Baum explained this would not have to be changed every time the State updates MCL 28.457(3).

Members asked general questions and also mentioned that fireworks were also noted in Sec. 26-65 and that also be noted in the Amendment as another area of reference.

20-71

Moved by Ross seconded by Schreiner to Amend Chapter 24, Article VI, Section 24-126 of the Municipal Code of the City of Grayling. (Fireworks) and to reference Sec. 26-65.

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

Deputy Chief Clough mentioned the department has been super busy with assaults, drugs and complaints. They are currently 500 incidences above last year and down one officer. She also mentioned the department applied for a payroll reimbursement grant through the State due to COVID. She also mentioned they applied for a grant in March for another officer but currently haven't heard anything on that.

XV. Council Member Comments

Member Moshier mentioned that the Housing Commission can't evict due to COVID and that some are not paying their rent. He also mentioned AV ballots and that he had some complaints from residents that they never received their ballots.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned the State sent out AV applications to all voters and that many had called her asking about ballots and they mentioned they never received the application, and that she re issued the application to them. But unless they called, she would have had no clue they didn't receive the applications. As far as ballots all applications she received, ballots were sent out.

She asked that he give her the names of those residents so she could look into if they were mailed an application or if she did issue a ballot and if it possibly was a mail issue.

She also mentioned ballots were delayed in being mailed out, due to the County Clerk giving the printer the City's physical address for the AV envelopes and them having to be reprinted.

City Manager Baum mentioned that there have been complaints that PD isn't on 24-hour coverage. Day shift complaints are the highest and that is why shift hours were changed to than allow officers to get their reports completed. So, the current shifts are 7 am to 7 pm and 3 pm to 3 am, so there is only 4 hours not covered and the County Sheriff's department and the Michigan State police help cover during those hours.

Members Schreiner mentioned cars parked on the streets and other violations.

Deputy Chief Clough mentioned if Council wished them to work on those items and not Assaults, drugs and other high priority items. Then that is what they would do.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned with revenue cuts due to COVID the department is down one officer and maybe if revenues come back up to where they were years ago than the department would be fully staffed as it was in 2008 and these other items could be policed as needed.

XVI. Correspondence

A. Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District Summer Newsletter.

XVII. Adjournment

20-72

Moved by Moshier seconded Kersey that the meeting is adjourned.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0,

Mayor Forbes adjourned the meeting at 8:12 pm.

Lisa K Johnson,

City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved Minutes can be found on our website: www.cityofgrayling.org