

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 12, 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: Lisa Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer, Erich Podjaske, Zoning Officer, Rae Gosling, Matt and Christine LaFontaine, Jeremy Mead CGMTC, Jill Reynolds – Waste Management, Deputy Chief Clough, Larry Curriston, Roger Wilcox, Gail Swope, Carol Wilder, Mark Bevelhymmer and Andy – American Waste and Carl Yost.

IV. Public Comment

Gail Swope with GPA wanted to thank the city for helping with the watering of the plants. Many complements have come in on how nice the flowers look and the city looks great. She mentioned that since 2014 they have spent \$11,500 on flowers and decorations throughout the City and since 2016 Grayling Mainstreet has contributed half of the yearly cost and thanked them for their support as well. She mentioned that it is getting harder for the GPA ladies to water flowers and also finding a location for the watering cart. She asked that the City consider taking over all of the watering if they could find the funds to cover to pay an employee to do so. GPA is still willing to purchase the flowers, but just need the help with watering. She also thanked Paddle Hard for watering the flowers downtown every Sunday. General discussion took place.

V. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Forbes asked to move the Mainstreet Managers report up on the Agenda to after City Managers Report.

19-82

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Ross to approve the agenda moving the Mainstreet Managers report up on the Agenda after City Managers Report.

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

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

19-83

**Moved by Moshier seconded by Schreiner to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0, Motion Carried**

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson explained that some of the wage lines were updated to the new chart of account numbers since now salary, full time and part time wages have account numbers but the actual wage amount budgeted is the same, she just moved the amount to the correct account numbers.

VII. City Manager's Report

Mayor Forbes explained that City Manager Baum could not be at the meeting due to a funeral. She asked if there were any questions of his report.

Mayor Forbes asked about the meeting with the LaFontaine.

Christine LaFontaine explained it was about tree limbs blocking their sign and also possible corner that is unused and possibly purchasing and that they are still working with him on this.

VIII. Mainstreet Managers Report

Mainstreet Manager Gosling mentioned that a business downtown received a Match on Main Grant for \$25,000. Only one business applied for this grant within Graylings Downtown.

Mainstreet had a technical visit and discussed asset in business mapping and they also received recommendations to consider a Business Resource Center.

She mentioned the festival numbers were up this year and that all brackets of Paddle Battle were filled this year and the beer tent did well.

The next DDA/GMS meeting is Thursday @ 5 pm.

IX. Project Updates

Mayor Forbes mentioned the update was in the packet and asked if there were any questions. City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned that MEDC came in last Thursday and did a preliminary review of the Canoe/Parking Lot project and mentioned there were no critical findings at that time.

- 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.

X. Unfinished Business

A. Proposed Blight Ordinance

City Clerk/Treasurer explained the emails she received and also her reply to the committee. She asked Christine LaFontaine if she had anything to report. Christine explained that the committee thought the proposed ordinance had been updated when submitted last time, since they had worked with the city attorney. They feel the city needs to now work with the city attorney on items they have concerns with. If not, they are going to let it drop. Consensus of the members was to send the concerns to the city attorney and then bring it back for discussion.

XI. New Business

A. Water Bill – Curriston

Larry Curriston explained that he received a late fee on two of his bills. He assumed that it would be applied to the next billing and didn't realize that if not paid he would receive an \$80 non payment fee and be shut off. He feels that a late fee should be allowed to be carried to the next bill since he paid in full and it just arrived late. This is what other utility and credit card companies do. Just feels it is harsh. Council members had general discussion.

19-84

Moved by Schrinier seconded by Hatfield to change the cities policy to allow late fee only to be applied to the next bill and not get the nonpayment fee charged or shut off. But the resident must pay the full amount of the next bill or they will be shut off. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0, Motion Carried

19-85

Moved by Hatfield seconded by Schrinier to refund the two nonpayment fees of \$80 to Larry Curriston. Ayes: 4, Nays: 1 (Moshier), Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0, Motion Carried

B. Tree City

Jessica presented and explained what a tree city was. General discussion took place and members asked question. Mayor Forbes thanked Jessica for the presentation.

C. Confirm Mayors appointment of Ben Teeter to the Planning Commission

19-86

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Moshier to confirm the appointment of Ben Teeter to the Planning Commission. Ayes: 4, Nays: 1 (Hatfield), Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0, Motion Carried

D. Confirm City Managers appointment of Christine LaFontaine to the DDA/GMS board.

19-87

Moved by Moshier seconded by Hatfield to confirm appointment of Christine LaFontaine to the DDA/GMS board.

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

E. Sale of the Old DPW Building to Air Way Automation

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson explained that Air Way Automation submitted a proposed purchase price for the building to council at the July 10, 2017 meeting when the new building was being considered. At that time no action was taken. Air Way Automation is wishing to now move forward with the purchase since the new building is almost completed.

Member Schreiner asked if they were still willing to pay the price they originally submitted.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson said yes.

19-88

Moved by Hatfield seconded by Schreiner to sell the old DPW building to Air Way Automation for the amount of \$235,000.

Member Moshier asked who will be paying closing cost.

Zoning Officer Podjaske mentioned it would probably be just the filing fee with the county and that is very minimal.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson agreed and felt the city could cover the cost.

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

F. City Trash/Recycling Proposals

Zoning Officer Podjaske explained an RFQ was sent out and two were received back. One from Waste Management and one from American Waste. The city has approximately 561 residential units that received pick up. Waste Management quoted: \$132,282 1st year, \$138,449 2nd year, \$145,815 3rd year, \$153,153 4th year and \$160,760 5th year and doesn't offer recycling as an option. American Waste quoted: \$102,000 1st year, \$105,000 2nd year, \$108,000 3rd year, \$111,000 4th year and \$114,000 5th year and offers recycling at an additional cost. He mentioned currently Waste Management picks up the city trash and the yearly cost is \$125,000.

Members of council asked questions to the two on options they offer or will offer to make sure the service will stay the same.

Members asked if totes were given out to the residents.

Waste Management said they did not include that in their quote.

American Waste said they will give residents a tote and it was included in the quote.

Other general discussion took place.

19-89

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Hatfield to approve American Waste Trash and option number 1 of the recycling.

Member Moshier voiced his concerns on adding recycling and feels it should go to the vote of the residents to see if they want this service.

Member Hatfield asked if you can approve one and not the other and consider the recycling later.

American Waste said yes.

General discussion on how the cost for the recycling would be paid for.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned if the city covered the cost, the budget would have to be amended.

Zoning Officer Podjaske gave other options to fund recycling and or both trash and recycling.

General discussion too place.

Moved by Schreiner seconded Hatfield to withdraw the motion to approve American Waste Trash and option number 1 of the recycling.

19-90

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Hatfield to approve only the American Waste Trash bid at this time.

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

Members discussed that a special meeting should be set for public input on city wide recycling. Date for a special meeting were discussed.

Members also asked if the proposed blight ordinance is reviewed and updated by the City Attorney by then if it could also be added to the special meeting.

Mayor Forbes requested that a special meeting be set for Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the council chambers.

Members requested that a notice be sent to all residents.

City Clerk/Treasurer said that they could send out a postcard to all residents notifying them of the meeting.

XII. Reports

- A. Mainstreet Managers Report-Given by Gosling earlier in the meeting.
- B. Planning Commission July 16, 2019 Podjaski and Ross gave an update.
- C. Parks and Rec Committee – No meeting in July
- D. DDA/GMS Meeting – No meeting in July

- E. Grayling Agricultural and Education – No meeting in July
- F. Fire Committee – August 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- G. Housing Commission – June 11, 2019 Meeting April Minutes – Update given by Member Moshier.
- H. Public Safety – July Activity Report
- I. Public Safety Police-July Activity Report

XIII. Public Comment

None

XIV. Council Member Comments

Member Schreiner mentioned the bike stripping on State St by 7-11 was marked. It should have stopped at Date St.

Member Hatfield asked if could be marked for parking.

Ross no comments

Member Moshier mentioned that postage had gone up by 5 cents. He mentioned a water sewer study had been done in the past and feels this should be done again. He would like to keep increase minimal as the post office does.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned that this was in the works and will hopefully be presented to council soon.

Member Moshier asked on the containers downtown and how that project was coming along.

Member Hatfield thought it was to be food trucks.

Zoning Officer Podjaske mentioned it will also have food trucks. This was approved by the Planning Commission.

Member Ross said he also remembered it as Podjaske mentioned.

Member Schreiner mentioned he is surprised the fire department isn't mad with them blocking the alley and feels a time frame needs to be set to get this project done.

Member Hatfield asked if a sign can be put up at the intersection by subway so no left turns can be made.

Deputy Chief Clough mentioned they have more accidents at other locations then this one.

Member Schreiner mentioned this has always been a problem and asked how many personal injuries has the city had at that location.

Deputy Chief Clough thinks there has only been one since she has been employed with the city.

Member Hatfield asked about the 4 way stop on Michigan Ave and if the study has been done.

Deputy Chief Clough said yes and will be getting with the City Manager on that. But really don't have many accidents at that location.

XV. Correspondence

- A. Community Clean Up Thank You letter
- B. Michigan Works July Newsletter.

XVI. Adjournment

19-91

**Moved by Moshier seconded Schreiner that the meeting is adjourned.
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant 0, Motion Carried**

Mayor Forbes adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm.

Lisa K Johnson,
City Clerk/Treasurer

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