

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 7, 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), Ben Yoder (Zoning Administrator), Todd McGeorge

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Approval of Agenda

23-067

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to approve the agenda with New Business for the Board Committee Application added to the agenda.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

VI. Approval of Consent Agenda

23-068

Moved by Sloan, 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 went over report as well as discussion regarding the Canor Marathon & the Attorney General visit. Also, information regarding 911 service for Crawford County being transferred to the MSP Gaylord.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Rental Trash Discussion

The consensus is that landlords should pay for trash pickup as it is considered to be a business. There are approximately 200 non-homesteaded properties. A letter/postcard will be drafted for council members to review with a public hearing to occur in October. Pettyjohn indicated that a presentation should be put together in case there are questions during the public forum.

B. Audit Discussion

Discussion regarding the previously presented audit. More discussion to be had at the upcoming work session.

IX. New Business

A. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Add Marihuana to permitted use table

23-069

Yoder spoke about the permitted use table needing updating, already approved with planning commission.

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Nelson to add Marihuana to the permitted use table.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 4 Nays: 1, Abstain 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

B. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Allow permitted parking downtown & application

23-070

Yoder spoke about how signage will be done as well as how the fees were determined.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to allow a zoning ordinance amendment to allow permitted parking downtown & the application.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

C. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Request from Bear’s Den & Paddle Hard to add cardboard dumpster to city lot.

23-071

The area will need to be fenced and meet all current ordinances. The existing dumpsters will remain grandfathered with no additional fencing needed. No zoning ordinance amendment is needed.

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Moshier to approve the dumpster request from Bear's Den & Paddle Hard as amended.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

D. Proposal to have paychecks for Board Members done on a Bi-Annual basis (end of June & end of December) discussion

Discussion was had with the decision being to keep paycheck for Board Members as is (on a monthly basis).

E. Request from ARPOA for approval for sign on the back bridge.

23-072

The signage is on the river and looks similar to the previously approved sign for the canoe race.

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to approve the sign request from ARPOA.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 4 Nays: 1, Abstain 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

F. Request from Jill Fettig at Catt Realty to have all water/sewer penalties & non-payment fees removed from the account at 2321 S-I75 Business Loop #B.

23-073

Discussion with McGeorge regarding this account. The landlord was not receiving copies of the bill as previously requested.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to approve the removal of the water/sewer penalties & non-payment fees from the account at 2321 S-I75 Business Loop #B.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 4 Nays: 1, Abstain 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0

Motion Carried

G. As of January 1, 2024 no penalties, non-payment fees, etc. will be removed from ANY water/sewer accounts.

23-074

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Moshier to approve the removal of the water/sewer penalties & non-payment fees from the account at 2321 S-I75 Business Loop #B.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

H. Days off after River Festival Week for DPW & Police Discussion.

Discussion made regarding a “floating holiday” paid day off to spread between two weekends.

I. Board Committee Application

23-075

Application from Matthew Gross was received for board committee vacancy. Request permission to appoint him to the Planning Commission board as it currently has a vacancy.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the appointment of Matthew Gross to the Planning Commission board.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

X. REPORTS

- A. Assessor’s Report
- B. Planning Commission Report
- C. Fire Department Report.

No questions regarding all provided reports.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Pettyjohn had questions regarding what is a reasonable amount of time for projects to be completed for homeowners.

Moshier had concerns regarding the property at 708 Ionia.

Heather had questions regarding the Roost that Yoder was able to answer.

XIII. Correspondence

None

XIV. Adjournment

23-076

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn that meeting is adjourned.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:42 PM