

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 9 2021

I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Forbes at 6:41 P.M.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Forbes, Moshier, Sloan, Schreiner

Members Absent: None

Vacant Seats: One

Also, in Attendance: Doug Baum, City Manager, Lisa Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Goodwin, Erich Podjaske, Economic Development Officer, Rae Gosling, Main Street Manager and other members of the public.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of Agenda

21-093

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Moshier to approve the agenda as presented

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

21-094

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

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Crawford AuSable School expansion/road vacating

Justin Gluesing, Superintendent and John Dancer

John explained the schools plans for the expansion and why there was a need for vacating a portion of Ottawa Street.

Members of the Council asked questions on the plan and also if the bond doesn't pass in May would the school still be doing this project.

Justin said yes, they would just need to look at what they could do and it would be done in steps as funding was available. He mentioned the school has already purchased properties to do this project and are committed to this project.

Mayor Forbes asked members to ask any further questions until later in the meeting when they get to that section.

Mayor Forbes then asked if any public had questions.

None were made.

Closed the Public Hearing at 6:54 pm and resumed the regular meeting.

VII. City Managers Report

City Manager Baum explained his report. He is also having discussion with the Commission on Aging for water and sewer hook up and a possible PILOT program, it may or may not come back to Council for action. It is only in discussion on what options they have.

VIII. Mainstreet Managers Report

Mainstreet Manager Gosling mentioned the festival went well and there was a great turn out with no major issues. She mentioned the Social District is up and going and going well. The Sawmill project has been approved by the Michigan Strategic Fund so the project will be moving forward here soon.

IX. Project Updates

Zoning Officer Podjaske mentioned he has reviewed preliminary drawings for 108 units at the Hospitality property.

X. Unfinished Business

A. 208 Maple Street

Zoning Officer Podjaske mentioned the city wasn't selected for the grant to demo the home. He mentioned that it was time to put the property out to bid and he asked if council would consider two options as criteria for the bid. 1. Demo the home and a new home be built or 2. A full remodel of the home to bring it up to code be done. He also mentioned the city has approx. \$9,150 into this property and that they set the minimum bid for this amount.

Members asked general questions.

Member Sloan mentioned that the garage is good and doesn't need to be demoed.

Members agreed.

21-095

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Forbes to approve the two bid options and the min bid for \$9,150

Member Moshier mentioned that when they purchased the property from the county due to foreclosure, the council did this to have the home demoed and a new home built. Consensus of the members was to keep it as the home to be demoed and not to be remodeled.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: 2 Nays:2, Abstain:0, Absent: 0, Vacant 1

Motion Failed

Zoning Officer Podjaske mentioned he would move forward with the home being required to demo the home and a new home to be built.

City Manager Baum asked that a motion be made to set the min. bid for the sale.

21-096

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Forbes to set the minimum bid for the property at \$9,150.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

XI. New Business

A. City Council Applicants for the open seat.

Mayor Forbes explained that they received 2 interested residents to fill the open seat. William Gosling and Jack Pettyjohn. She mentioned that at this time questions could be asked of them, but that both needed to be asked the same questions.

Members asked questions of Mr. Gosling and Mr. Pettyjohn.

Mayor Forbes then mentioned council's options for moving forward.

Member Moshier mentioned he was disappointed that only two residents applied.

21-097

Moved by Moshier seconded by Sloan to appoint Jack Pettyjohn to fill the open seat.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Mayor Forbes thanked William Gosling for his interest in the open seat.

Pettyjohn was then asked to join the meeting.

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson gave Jack Pettyjohn the Oath of Office
Pettyjohn took his place on council.

**B. Reappropriate 20-21 Capital for the Crime Lab roof to the 21-22 budget,
General ledger number 401-470-970.000 in the amount of \$106,337.50**

City Manager Baum explained

21-098

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Sloan to Reappropriate 20-21 Capital for the Crime Lab roof to the 21-22 budget, General ledger number 401-470-970.000 in the amount of \$106,337.50

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

C. Resolution discontinuing and Vacating a portion of Ottawa Street

21-099

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Sloan to waive the reading of the Resolution

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

21-100

Moved by Sloan seconded by Forbes to approve Resolution 21-100 discontinuing and vacation a portion of Ottawa Street as presented.

Members asked general questions.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

D. Resolution Crawford County Hazard Mitigation Plan

City Manager Baum explained.

21-101

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Sloan to waive the reading of the Resolution

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

21-102

A. Moved by Sloan seconded by Forbes to approve Resolution 21-102 Crawford County Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented.

Members asked general questions.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

E. Performance Resolution for Municipalities

City Manager Baum explained and this is just an update to a past resolution approved.

Member Sloan asked if there were any major changes.

City Manager Baum said no.

21-103

Moved by Schreiner seconded by Forbes to waive the reading of the Resolution

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

21-104

Moved by Sloan seconded by Schreiner to approve Performance Resolution 21-104 for Municipalities as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

F. Spikes-Land purchase discussion

Mr. Bowers explained they are looking at adding an outside patio and a portable kitchen along the side of the building and was inquiring if council would consider selling a small piece of property approx. 12'x60'.

Mayor Forbes asked about how many people would this allow for dining.

Mr. Bowers said 30 to 40

General discussion took place.

Mr. Bowers is just looking to see if council was open to this option before he moved forward looking into his options and cost to do this project.

Consensus of the members was ok with this consideration and mentioned they were ok with Mr. Bowers exploring this option for his business.

XII. Reports

Members had no questions

XIII. Public Comment

None

XIV. Council Member Comments

Member Moshier asked on the crosswalk by the Nature Center and asked if the City Manager could look into it again on flashing signs.

City Manager Baum said he would, there has been a change of personnel and currently he is having a hard time getting in contact with MDOT. But that he would look into this again.

Member Moshier also brought up brush that has been sitting at a home on Lake Street east of Maple. He asked that an Officer address this.

Zoning Officer Podjaske mentioned that the DPW Forman mentioned this was brought in from outside the city and they would not be picking it up.

City Manager Baum said he would look into this.

Mayor Forbes thanked everyone for attending and mentioned that she was downtown everyday for the festival and only heard good things being talked about.

City Manager Baum also mentioned it was a good atmosphere and that there were no major issues during the event week.

XV. Correspondence

A. MEDC-2021 Water Related Infrastructure Findings.

City Manager Baum explained and since the city wasn't awarded the Grant, he would be working on other options and also prioritize the items needing repair.

B. Letter from Paul Crandall

XVI. Adjournment

21-105

Moved by Sloan seconded Schreiner that the meeting is adjourned.

Roll Call Vote

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

Mayor Forbes adjourned the meeting at 7:59 pm.

Lisa K Johnson

City Clerk/Treasurer

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