

**CITY OF GRAYLING  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, September 12, 2022**

**I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Forbes at 6:30 pm**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

Members Present: Forbes, Schreiner, Pettyjohn, Moshier, Sloan

Members Absent: None

Vacant Seats: None

Also, in Attendance: Erich Podjaske, City Manager, Amanda Clough, Chief of Police, Jillian Tremonti, Grayling Main Street Manager, Chelsea Goodwin, Clerk/Treasurer, Caleb Casey

**IV. Public Comment**

None.

**V. Approval of Agenda**

**22-080**

**Moved by Schreiner seconded by Sloan to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**VI. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**22-081**

**Moved by Sloan seconded by Schreiner to approve the consent agenda with the correction of Sloan present at the meeting.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**VII. City Manager's Report**

City manager Podjaske explained his report. He also added that the updated annual MML insurance quote was almost \$5,000 less than the quote in council's packet. There were items that were never taken off in 2020 when they were disposed of. When the renewal policy came in, Clerk/Treasurer Goodwin noticed the error and requested an updated quote. The initial quote was for \$69,642.00. The updated quote is for \$65,046.00.

**VIII. Main Street Manager's Report**

Main Street manager Tremonti explained her report. She also stated that the August block party was more successful than the last block party. She reminded council that the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday party would be downtown this Saturday at 3pm.

**IX. Project Updates**

Pettyjohn was not present for an update.

**X. Unfinished Business**

**A. Knight Street Properties**

City manager Podjaske explained that the notice did not go in the paper within the 15-day window as required and just needed to be reapproved by council.

**22-082**

**Moved by Schreiner seconded by Sloan to reapprove the Knight Street Property for the zoning amendment process.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**B. Training for the City Manager**

City manager Podjaske explained that training costs were more than anticipated. The cost for the training council requested he complete is more than anticipated. It is \$630.00 for the membership and an additional \$1465.00 for the training. City Manager Podjaske requested a budgeted amendment to move funds from the city manager's wage line (101-172-703.000) to the city manager's education & training line (101-172-911.000) in the amount of \$2095.00.

**22-083**

**Moved by Schreiner seconded by Sloan to approve the budget amendment as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**C. State Street and the Business Loop “No Left Turn”**

MDOT would like a consensus from City Council as to their thoughts about an island being installed to prevent traffic from turning left at the intersection. There would be no cost to the city for this.

Schreiner stated he had a problem with the previous city manager’s comment “someone’s gonna get killed”. He stated he had no problem with an island being installed.

Moshier asked about the Michigan and Maple light.

City manager Podjaske stated that he and DPW were looking into having rumble strips carved potentially. He is worried about flashing lights disturbing neighbors.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. City/Township Fire Department, Township to Take Over Operations**

Grayling Charter Township Supervisor Stephan asked if council had any questions or problems with the township taking over.

Schreiner stated he was not interested in changing.

City manager Podjaske stated he talked to Pettyjohn prior to the meeting, and he was also not interested in changing.

Schreiner explained he felt they needed to give the new administration a try. With a new city manager, new clerk/treasurer, and new Chief of Police he believes it’ll be for the good.

Stephan stated that he wanted to clear the air about the fire truck. At a previous fire committee meeting, he asked the previous city manager Doug Baum to talk to his board (City Council) about finding funds within the budget to put towards a new fire truck. He stated that the township did not demand funding for the truck. He later learned that Baum never talked to council.

Schreiner replied he was not interested. There’s a new admin board and he finds it odd timing. It works with how it is now. He’s not interested.

Stephan asked to be kept in the loop to avoid future problems. He asked if council viewed the township as a partner or as a contracted service.

City manager Podjaske replied to the city and township were partners for the joint fire department.

**B. One-Way Street – Spruce to Ottawa**

City manager Podjaske explained that the one-way would only be for this academic school year during the hours noted on the email in the packet. It will change once parking is established during the renovations.

**22-084**

**Moved by Sloan seconded by Schreiner to approve the One-Way Street – Spruce to Ottawa for the time frame stated.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**C. CBD Zoning Amendment**

**22-085**

**Moved by Sloan seconded by Moshier to approve the CBD Zoning Amendment.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes: 3 Nays: 1 (Schreiner), Abstain 0, Absent: 1, Vacant: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**D. Multi-Use Permit for 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday Street Closure**

One change needed to be made on the permit. The road closure would also need to include the intersection of Michigan and Peninsular due to the large size of the stage.

**22-086**

**Moved by Sloan seconded by Schreiner to approve the Multi-Use Permit as amended.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**E. Generator/Computers quotes – ARPA funds discussion**

Previously council approved to use some of the ARPA funds on a back-up generator. City manager Podjaske requested that by downgrading the size of the generator and going with option #2, it would allow enough funds to replace the computers at city hall and the police department which are going on over 6 years old and are running very slow.

**22-087**

**Moved by Schreiner seconded by Sloan to approve option #2 for use of the ARPA funds.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**XII. REPORTS**

The Police Department is back to fully up and running again.

**XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joe Smock stated that the changes with the gas station will be nice.

Rick Rawlings thanked council for giving him a change to start the laundromat. He is hoping to have it up and running within the next 3-4 months.

**XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

Moshier asked if the streets would be sealed this year before the road commission put their equipment away. He stated that MI Brew and Paddle Hard were obstructing the sidewalks with their outdoor dining.

Sloan stated he didn't want the sandwich boards on the sidewalk.

Schreiner stated that it was nice to finally see the hospitality house gone and that the EZ Mart will look a lot nicer.

City manager Podjaske mentioned that Therese Kaiser and Beth Hubbard both passed away recently and wanted to let council know.

Schreiner asked if the city would be sending flowers.

Podjaske believed the family was requesting donations in-lieu of flowers and would let council know.

**XV. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**22-088**

**Moved by Sloan seconded by Schreiner to adjourn the meeting.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

Mayor Forbes adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

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Chelsea Goodwin  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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