

**CITY OF GRAYLING**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, September 13, 2021**

**I. Meeting called to order by Mayor Forbes at 6:50 pm**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

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

Members Absent: None

Vacant Seats: None

Also, in Attendance: Doug Baum, City Manager, Amanda Clough, Deputy Police Chief, Erich Podjaske, Economic Development Officer, Rae Gosling, Main Street Manager, Chelsea Goodwin, City Clerk/Treasurer, Caleb Casey, Gordon LaFontaine, Sue & Kenneth Louchart, Paul Olson, Lacey Stephan, Grayling Charter Township Supervisor, Christine LaFontaine.

**IV. Public Comment**

None

**V. Approval of Agenda**

21-110

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

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**VI. Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mayor Forbes asked to add item #B under New Business – Harvest Fest Multi-Use Permit.

21-111

**Moved by Sloan seconded by Forbes to approve the consent agenda with the addition of #B under New Business – Harvest Fest Multi-Use Permit.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**VII. City Manager's Report**

City Manager Baum mentioned he had been working on funding for the Northern Market and had a meeting coming up at the Capital in Lansing. He mentioned that he was also looking into options for a traffic light at the Michigan and Maple Avenue intersection. He explained that Camp Grayling had a new Camp Commander and that things were working out well so far and that they would be expecting more troop for training next year. He talked about the trees at the Cemetery and 8 trees had been removed so far. He explained that he was still waiting on quotes for the remaining trees to be removed to then take the quote to the Township board for funds. He mentioned that there were also 8 trees downtown that Danny and Erich found in the right-of-way that also needed to be removed that would take priority over the cemetery trees being removed due to the danger of them but that the tree services were so backed up that it was hard to even get quotes currently. Member Sloan mentioned there was another dead tree by it with multiple chutes coming off of it that block the view on oncoming traffic towards the north at Ottawa & Maple. Members asked Christine LaFontaine how the fence was coming for the dealership. Christine replied that the fence has been ordered and the down payment has been made. She said there was tree in the fence line that she needed to be removed first before the fence could be installed.

### **VIII. Mainstreet Manager's Report**

Main Street Manager Gosling mentioned that they were getting ready for harvest festival comping up as well as the Christmas walk. She explained that items had been ordered with vibrancy grant funds and would arrive the first week in October. She mentioned that there has been good feedback with the social district on Facebook and there didn't seem to be any major concerns. She said that the cups are currently on backorder.

### **IX. Unfinished Business**

#### **A. City Manager's Contract**

Member Sloan expressed that he would like to have a copy of the current contract and new contract in-hand to compare the differences between the two. City Manager Baum said that he would be happy to provide them with that. Members decided to table the item until the next meeting.

### **X. New Business**

#### **A. Annual Insurance Renewal for 21/22**

City Manager Baum introduced Paul Olson to Members to present the annual insurance plan for FY 21/22. Olson mentioned there was a 5% blanket increase, as expected, to the annual contract which includes all autos and buildings. The city currently has a loss ratio of \$780,000 over the last 10 years. Members had no questions about the policy and agreed that it seemed like a good price.

#### **B. Harvest Festival Multi-Use Permit – requesting road closure on October 2, 2021**

21-112

**Moved by Sloan seconded by Schreiner to approve the road closure of the 200 block for Harvest Fest on October 2, 2021.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**XI. Public Comment**

Lacey Stephen, Grayling Charter Township Supervisor, explained to Members that he felt that the City Manager's contract should be renewed and that he has been great to work with from everything to the Fire Department to the Cemetery and that he knows he can always call Baum for the facts.

**XII. Council Member Comments**

Member Sloan asked Erich to get approval from the Township for funds to have the trees in the cemetery removed. Erich Podjaske replied that he didn't have a number to take to the township board yet. Member Sloan asked to just get approval for funds so it wouldn't take too long when he did get the quote. City Manager Baum explained that we would need a dollar amount to know the City costs and the Township costs of the tree removal before asking the board to approve funds. Member Moshier explained that there had been dumpsters being dumped at 5:10am next to his house and that there was to be no dumping between the hours of 9pm and 6am. City Manager Baum said he would look into it.

Member Pettyjohn asked how often the streets are swept. He stated that he had been having to clean up garbage from the wind starting to pick up lately. Member Sloan replied that as fall progresses, the sweepers would start to go around more often to prevent the leaves from going into the sewers.

**XIII. Correspondence**

None

**XIV. Adjournment**

21-113

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

**Roll Call Vote**

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

Mayor Forbes adjourned the meeting at 7:38 pm.

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Chelsea Goodwin  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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