

**CITY OF GRAYLING  
CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, September 9, 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, Kimberly Hatfield, Roger Moshier and Heather Forbes

Members Absent: Clinton Ross (excused)

Vacant Seats: None

Also, in Attendance: Lisa Johnson, City Clerk/Treasurer, Erich Podjaske, Zoning Officer, Rae Gosling, Matt and Christine LaFontaine, Amanda Clough, Brock Baum, Mike Grosberg, Mike Paille, Jenny Maples, Paul Olson, Daniel Leonard, Marilyn Crowly, Dave Vargo, Anne Tuck

**IV. Public Comment**

None

**V. Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Forbes asked to Move item F under New Business to before item A under New Business

19-93

**Moved by Schreiner seconded by Hatfield to approve the agenda with moving item F to before item A under New Business.**

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

**VI. Approval of Consent Agenda**

19-94

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

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

City Manager Baum explained his report and asked if any member had questions. Member Moshier asked about the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting for Northern lower Traffic Safety Network.

City Manager Baum mentioned he didn't have that information with him.

Member Moshier mentioned he would stop in and discuss with him.

City Manager Baum also mentioned the squatters are out of the house on Maple Street and the house should now be boarded up and they will start getting pricing to have it torn down.

Member Hatfield asked if it would be worth getting a price to fix it up.

City Manager Baum feels it is not.

## **VIII. Mainstreet Managers Report**

Mainstreet Manager Gosling mentioned that another business downtown is working on another Match on Mainstreet grant.

Harvest Festival has been cancelled.

She also mentioned that there is a lot of training happening this month.

## **IX. Project Updates**

City Manager Baum gave a quick update on the projects.

Member Moshier asked how funding was going for the Northern Market

City Manager Baum mentioned that we are still waiting to hear from MEDC on that.

## **X. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Proposed Blight Ordinance**

Member Moshier asked if the city adopted this, how long before the township and city would adopt it. Since most members are not city residents.

Member Hatfield asked Member Moshier if he was wanting the committee to present this to the township as well.

Member Moshier said yes and the county.

Member Schreiner feels like they are making Grayling a gated community. He feels it needs to go to a public hearing.

Member Hatfield mentioned the big thing is who is going to enforce it.

Member Schreiner said in Sec 4 it states the zoning officer is to enforce it.

19-95

**Moved by Schreiner seconded by Moshier to set a public hearing for October 14ths meeting.**

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

### **B. City Recycling**

Zoning Officer Podjaske mentioned that there would be approx. \$11,000 short fall after paying for trash in this year's budget.

Mayor Forbes asked if there were funds within the budget to cover this.

Clerk/Treasurer said she could look over the budget, but more than likely something would need to be cut from the budget.

Member Schreiner mentioned he would like to see a table.

Member Hatfield would like to see a few years for the full amount to be placed on the residents.

Clerk/Treasurer Johnson mentioned she could do a table showing a prorated % each year until 100% is on the residents, for like a 5-year time frame and bring it back to the next meeting.

## **XI. New Business**

### **F. MI Community Capital-Sawmill project tax abatement discussion**

Marilyn Crowley and Daniel Leonard explained to the members what a tax abatement was and how it worked. They asked council to consider a neighborhood enterprise zone to help bring developers in and make their projects more feasible for a few years. It would cap the taxes at the current taxable value for the number of years council approves.

Mayor Forbes asked that a special meeting be set for discussion on this and to learn about the tax abatement options and that more discussion could be on this later towards the end of the meeting.

#### **A. Confirm City Managers Reappointments of Shawn Abraham and Erich Podjaske to the DDA/GMS Board.**

19-96

**Moved by Schreiner seconded by Moshier to confirm City Managers reappointments of Shawn Abraham and Erich Podjaske to the DDA/GMS Board.**

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

#### **B. Reconfirm Housing Commission Board Members term end dates.**

City Clerk/Treasurer Johnson explained that when the document was being updated, a few years ago. The end dates were changed, so her and Storm Miller at the Housing Commission tried to get everyone as close as possible to their correct dates. This way they all expire a different term per the City Code of Ordinance.

19-97

**Moved by Moshier seconded by Schreiner to confirm the term end dates for the Housing Commission Board as presented.**

**Ayes: 1, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 1, Vacant 0, Motion Carried**

**C. Rotary Multi-Use Permit**

19-98

**Moved by Moshier seconded by Hatfield to approve the Multi-Use Permit from Rotary as presented.**

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

**D. Approve Fire Budget part time inspector and transfer between accounts.**

19-99

**Moved by Moshier seconded by Schreiner to approve a part time fire inspector and to moving \$4,200 from gl # 205-336-702.400 to new gl#205-336-704.000.**

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

**E. Discuss selling of DPW vactor truck and cat loader**

City Manager explained that last year we replaced both items and are now ready to sell them. He mentioned the city works closely with the Village of Roscommon and they have expressed interest in purchasing the old vactor truck. He would ask council to waive putting the vactor truck out for bids and accept \$20,000 from Roscommon for the purchase of the vactor truck. He said he would recommend putting the loader out for sealed bids with the min. bid being set at \$23,000.

19-100

**Moved by Schreiner seconded by Moshier to sell the old vactor truck to the Village of Roscommon in the amount of \$20,000.**

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

19-101

**Moved by Moshier seconded by Schreiner to go out for sealed bids on the loader with a min. bid of \$23,000**

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

**F. Move to be before A.**

**G. City Insurance renewal**

Insurance representative Paul Olson explained there was a 7% increase mostly caused by the purchase of newer equipment over the last year.

19-102

**Moved by Moshier seconded by Hatfield to approve the city insurance quote with Municipal Underwriters of West MI Inc in the amount of \$58,526.**

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

## **H. POAM Contract**

City Manager Baum explained it was pretty much a new contract as the Fire Public Safety side of the old contracted needed to be removed. He mentioned the wages were increased and handed out documents that showed how far below average the officers were on the pay scale.

Mosher asked what % the wage increase was.

Deputy Chief Clough did not have that with her to say a true %.

City Manager Baum explained that 6 officers have left the department to take jobs that paid better. So, this is why they did a comparison of payrates for state and national police officers.

He also noted that they have not received a cost of living raise in 9 years. Only one rate increase of 2% about 4 years ago.

19-103

**Moved by Moshier seconded by Schreiner to approve the POAM Contract as presented.**

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

## **XII. Reports**

- A. Planning Commission - August 20, 2019
- B. Parks and Rec Committee – August 13, 2019
- C. DDA/GMS Meeting – No meeting in August
- D. Grayling Agricultural and Education – No meeting in August
- E. Fire Committee – September meeting minutes not completed.
- F. Housing Commission – No meeting in August
- G. Public Safety – August Activity Report
- H. Public Safety Police-August Activity Report not completed.

General discussion on meeting updates took place

## **XIII. Public Comment**

None

## **XIV. Council Member Comments**

Members discussed the TIF district again

Mayor Forbes asked if a work session for the end of the month would work for everyone, so they could learn more on this and if it is something they wish to consider.

Members discussed different dates and Set Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 for a TIF work session.

City Manager Baum mentioned that consumers are in the process of replacing the street lights over to LED. This should save the city some utility cost.

**XV. Correspondence**

A. 4989 Grayling CHINA Report 2019

**XVI. Adjournment**

19-104

**Moved by Schreiner seconded Hatfield that the meeting is adjourned.**

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

Mayor Forbes adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm.

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Lisa K Johnson,

City Clerk/Treasurer

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