

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 10, 2024

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: None

Vacant Seats: None

Also in Attendance: Erich Podjaske (City Manager), Lori McGeorge (City Clerk), Ben Yoder (Zoning Administrator), Kathleen Armstrong, Bonnie Stephan, Michael Stephan, Christian Marcus, Richard Rawlings, Paul Compo, Shawn Schnoor (Crawford County Undersheriff), Kelly Elmy, Jason McLean, Michelle Phillips, Dorothy Frederic, Mara Braciszewski (McKenna), Garrett Godsey

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Armstrong spoke on matters regarding politics. Christian Marcus introduced himself as he is a candidate for the Michigan State House of Representatives. Garrett spoke of his support of SAAB Industries considering Grayling as a new potential location.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

24-051

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to approve the agenda with the addition of B (DDA TIF Plan) to Unfinished Business.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Meeting Minutes for May 13, 2024

B. Meeting Minutes for June 3, 2024

24-052

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the meeting minutes for May 13, 2024 & June 3, 2024 as presented

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. DDA TIF Plan

Open: 6:41 pm

Podjaske and Mara Braciszewski provided additional commentary and answers to questions regarding the TIF Plan. The duration of the plan is for 20 years. After that it would need to go back to City Council if there is a desire to extend its duration. Each taxing jurisdiction that is affected will have 60 days from the date of the meeting to opt. There were other questions regarding the extent of the DDA area. Some citizens had questions regarding the DDA itself. There were citizens that inquired as to why the library would want to opt in with Podjaske explaining. Garrett Godsey inquired about the use of parking meters for revenue. It was reiterated by Podjaske that no municipal services will be affected by the TIF Plan.

Closed: 6:55 pm

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Podjaske elaborated on his report including a meeting with SAAB on the 14th. Sloan asked about the SPARK grant and Podjaske also spoke about the sign ceremony at Kirtland and meeting with Senator Peters and staff.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 24/25 Budget

24-053

**Podjaske spoke about the public hearing that took place on June 3rd at 6:30 pm
Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to approve the 24/25 Budget as presented
Roll Call Vote
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0
Motion Carried**

B. DDA TIF Plan

24-054

**Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Nelson to approve the DDA TIF Plan with the
correction of street ownership done to page 39.
Roll Call Vote**

**Pettyjohn: Aye
Nelson: Aye
Forbes: Aye
Sloan: Aye
Moshier: Aye**

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

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Closing Nature Center for winter discussion

24-055

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve closing the Nature Center from November 1st through April 1st.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

B. Code of Ordinance Amendment

This has been tabled for another meeting.

C. Painting Crosswalks by the Schools

24-056

Pettyjohn and Podjaske explained the article that Police Chief Clough had provided regarding artwork at school crosswalks. They will have a paddle design much like the current crosswalks downtown. This will take place before the start of the new school year.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Sloan to approve painting the crosswalks near the school.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

D. Blower Replacement at WWTF

Podjaske spoke about the bid from Aaron with him and Sloan discussing the replacement of the blowers and ductwork. Sloan felt that it is adequate for now. Podjaske wants to have another meeting with Aaron in which they can ask more questions and get some additional information. The decision has been tabled for now.

E. Zoning Amendment Sec 7.10(4)

24-057

Yoder explained that the zoning amendment would entail removing the requirement regarding the exterior walls.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the Zoning Amendment Sec 7.10(4).

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

F. Forbes Excavating Water Bill

24-058

Podjaske explained that Forbes provided more work than anticipated regarding the repair of a water line break. A request is made to trade off the bill for use of water from the water hydrant vs the additional services Forbes provided.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to approve the tradeoff of the bill for water from the water hydrant vs the additional services that were rendered.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

XI. REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

None

B. DDA

None

C. Police Department

None

D. Fire Department

None

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Armstrong expressed her disapproval of SAAB coming to Grayling.

XIII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Pettyjohn explained that he thought the block party was a success despite the rain.
- Sloan inquired from Yoder about the Respecki property in which Yoder explained that the deadline was extended for two weeks with no more additional extensions. Sloan also asked Moshier about the Storm retiring from the Housing Commission in which he responded that Storm would stay on until a replacement was found.
- Nelson, Forbes and Moshier had no additional comments.

XIV. CORRESPONDENCE

None

XV. ADJOURNMENT

24-059

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

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:20 PM