

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, August 12, 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), Jenny French (City Treasurer), Kathleen Armstrong, Laurie Jamison, Kharissa Hearn, Diane Tomlinson, Aaron Wendzer, Michelle Phillips, Gail Swope, Carol Wilder, Rich Fancin, Lisa McComb

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Swope inquired about the flowers downtown (care, etc.). Armstrong spoke of the importance of attending meetings and other political matters.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

24-071

Moved by Nelson, 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

A. Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2024

24-072

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the meeting minutes for July 8, 2024, with Item A under VIII. New Business being corrected to “Exhaust Fan Replacement at WWTF” instead of “Blower Replacement at WWTF”.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

VII. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

Podjaske elaborated on his report and explained that there would be an upcoming recap of the River Festival/Canoe Marathon with all the participating agencies. Everything went smoothly and it was decided all DPW workers would get an additional day off. There is also a potential manufacturing plant that is thinking of moving to Grayling.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. CWSRF Bid Acceptance

Podjaske indicated that the bid for the sewer ponds came back with only one. Aaron from ROWE explained that the current bid was more than the grant; therefore, there will need to be a contract modification signed to bring it down under the amount of the grant so that the city will not incur any additional cost.

24-073

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the current bid that is contingent upon a contact modification to lower the bid amount below our grant.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

B. Industrial Drive Extension Resolution

The Crawford County Road Commission is trying to get a grant to extend Industrial Drive. A resolution of support is needed from the City.

24-074

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to waive the reading of the Industrial Drive Extension resolution of support.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

24-075

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve a resolution of support with the caveat of removing the “local match” from the resolution.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

C. Solid Waste Bids Discussion

Podjaske explained that GFL and Waste Management submitted Solid Waste bids. GFL is the least expensive so far. Both provided separate bids for recycling (at an

additional cost). The consensus of the board was to provide a public hearing for residents to review.

D. DDA TIF Plan Approval

Podjaske explained that six jurisdictions have opted out. The final stage is the notice of adoption.

24-076

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Nelson to approve the DDA TIF Plan.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

E. Spark Grant Resolution

24-077

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Sloan to waive the reading of the Spark Grant resolution.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

24-078

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the Spark Grant resolution.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

F. 23/24 Budget Amendments

Podjaske explained the budget amendments that are being requested in most part to transfer funds to water/sewer debts.

24-079

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the 23/24 Budget Amendments as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

G. Reallocate up to \$20,000 of cemetery funds for tree removal

Podjaske explained that Yoder would like to remove more dead trees from the cemetery by reallocating funds for that.

24-080

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the reallocation of up to \$20,000 of cemetery funds for tree removal.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Lisa McComb, Small Business Support Program

McComb explained the program and left brochures. The program ends in September 2026.

B. Handicap Parking Downtown

Someone had called about providing more handicap parking downtown. The board spoke about having the current spaces remarked to make more visible and possible new spaces when the parking lots are redone.

C. Multi-Use permit, Fred Bear Statue

The permit will span September 6th and 7th to provide time for set-up. It has been requested that some of the parking be blocked off. The parking at City Park will be used for equipment and the parking at the Nature Center will be for a turn around for bussing as well as police staging.

24-081

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Nelson to approve the multi-use permit for the Fred Bear Statue unveiling.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

D. Sewer Line Replacement – Spruce Street

24-082

Podjaske explained that the sewer line on Spruce Street is in need of replacement. They are also requesting a quote for repaving.

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the bid for the sewer line replacement on Spruce Street.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

E. Maintenance Resolution with MDOT.

24-083

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to waive the reading of the resolution.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

24-084

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to approve the maintenance agreement resolution.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

F. August 20th Master Plan Meeting at 6 pm.

Podjaske explained that Mara wanted to do a joint board meeting regarding the Master Plan. August 21st will be for public input.

X. REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

None.

B. DDA

None

C. Police Department

None

D. Fire Department

None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public provided commentary regarding the Constitution of the State of Michigan, Fred Bear Day, City Park and the Canoe Marathon.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Pettyjohn & Podjaske spoke about the city bringing Income Tax back in-house.
- Moshier & Podjaske spoke about the Bear Archery property and a potential buyer flying up this week.
- Sloan inquired about re-asphalting Peninsular Street.
- Nelson inquired the process for the upcoming public hearing for the Solid Waste contract.

- Pettyjohn indicated that he would promote the public hearing by going on the radio station WQON to make the residents more aware of the meeting time and date.

XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

24-085

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 8:00 PM