

**CITY OF GRAYLING**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, November 12, 2024**

**I. Meeting called to order by City Clerk McGeorge at 6:30 pm**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE**

**City Clerk McGeorge administered the Oath of Office to newly elected City Council members; Forbes, Sloan and Moshier**

**IV. ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent: None

Vacant Seats: None

Also in Attendance: Lori McGeorge (City Clerk), Jenny French (City Treasurer), Amanda Clough (City Police Chief), Michelle Phillips, Sharron Jenkins, Tom Jenkins, Garrett Godsey, Greg Dilone, Andrew Wenthers, John Wejrowski, Laurie Jamison and other members of the public.

**V. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR AND MAYOR PRO-TEM**

**A. Nominations for Mayor**

**24-100**

**Moved by Nelson to nominate member Forbes for Mayor, close nominations and supported by Sloan.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**B. Nominations for Mayor Pro-Tem**

**24-101**

**Moved by Forbes to nominate member Pettyjohn to Mayor Pro-Tem and to close nominations, supported by Nelson.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**City Clerk McGeorge turned the meeting over to Mayor Forbes.**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**24-102**

**Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to approve the agenda with item #C under Unfinished Business moved to the next work session.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**VIII. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2024**

**B. Revenue/Expenditure Report**

**24-103**

**Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to approve the meeting minutes for October 14, 2024, as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Podjaske elaborated on his report to include discussion regarding talks with the Crime Lab in which their lease will be up in December 2027. Additional discussion was also had regarding the Rayburn Trail with Pettyjohn indicating that he would like the stone pillars restored.

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Greg Dilone, 36 acres – Industrial Park**

Greg Dilone gave a presentation regarding the delay in construction due to the cost of construction and interest rates. Things seem to be stabilizing, and they would like to extend the terms of the purchase agreement by 2 years.

**24-104**

**Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to extend the terms of the purchase agreement for an additional 2 years.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

## **Motion Carried**

### **B. Allowing chickens in the City**

Pettyjohn had questions regarding regulating this by lot size, number of chickens, type of structure and roosters. The decision was made by the council to send this discussion to the Planning Commission for their opinion.

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Renaming City Park to Fred Bear Memorial Park presentation.**

The Fred Bear Day Inc members of the board spoke regarding changing the name of City Park to the Fred Bear Memorial Park. The consensus from Council was to get additional input from the community and reconvene in 6 months for further discussion. Alternatives were also given, i.e. naming the pavilion in Fred Bear's honor.

### **B. Closing a portion of Burton Court**

Podjaske explained that a request was made to close a portion of Burton Court during the construction of the Sawmill Lofts project. The council indicated their support with the caveat of Sawmill Lofts having additional discussion with area businesses in order to not cause an interruption in traffic or needed deliveries and possibly marking a temporary right turn only for the duration of the closure.

**24-105**

**Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Nelson to approve the closing of a portion of Burton Court as proposed.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

### **C. Peace Pole Project by Grayling Rotary.**

Discussion was had by Council Members with the request that Rotary come to present additional information about the project.

### **D. Express Copy would like to use our logo**

The council consensus was not to allow the use of the City logo.

**24-106**

**Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to deny the request from Express Copy to use the City logo.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

## **XII. REPORTS**

### **A. Planning Commission**

No Comments

### **B. Fire**

No Comments

### **C. Police**

The report was handed out at the meeting. Chief Clough was present for questions. Cop vs. Kids event has been moved to December 17<sup>th</sup>. Toys for Tots, Stuff the Patrol Car will take place on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Garrett Godsey spoke about the city logo, his opinion regarding City Park and budgetary concerns with the crime lab contract.

## **XIV. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Pettyjohn spoke regarding agreements for easements and that he discussed this with Dan. Podjaske explained that this was why the new Right of Way permit was created to help combat this problem.
- No other council members had comments.

## **XV. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**24-107**

**Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn that meeting is adjourned.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Adjourned at 7:22 PM**