

**RECORD OF  
DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/GRAYLING MAIN STREET  
PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE  
14th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024  
1020 CITY BOULEVARD, GRAYLING, MICHIGAN**

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**I. Meeting called to order by Swander 8:31 AM**

**II. Roll Call**

Members Present: Swander, Pettyjohn, LaFontaine, Podjaske, Thompson, Millikin  
Members Absent: Huber, Teeter, Wheeler  
Also in attendance: Lori McGeorge (City Clerk), Amanda Clough (City Police Chief), Rodney VanDeCastele (City Fire Chief), Mike Arwood (City Fire Inspector)

**III. Public Comment**

None

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

**24-035**

**Moved by Swander, seconded by Pettyjohn to move Item B (Christmas Walk) in Unfinished Business to Item IV.5**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 3, Vacancies: 0.**

**Motion Carried.**

**A. Christmas Walk**

Chief VanDeCastele and Chief Clough were present to go over the information for the Christmas Walk parade. Everyone provided updates (i.e. tree lighting, caroling, carriage route, Santa, etc.)

**V. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**24-036**

**A. DDA/GMS Regular Meeting Minutes for Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**B. DDA/GMS Special Meeting Minutes for Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**C. DDA/GMS Regular Meeting Minutes for Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Moved by Podjaske, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the consent agendas for September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 3, Vacancies: 0.**

**Motion Carried.**

**VI. Treasurer Report**

A. Podjaske and Swander explained the treasurer's report. Swander, Podjaske & LaFontaine will meet after the new year to go over budget matters.

**VII. City Manager Report**

Podjaske explained that the Fred Bear Day people want to change the name of City Park to the Fred Bear Park. The Sawmill Lofts are beginning construction with Burton being temporarily closed. Dunkin Donuts may be opening in January and Yoder has received the prints for the Carmella project.

**VIII. Unfinished Business – DDA**

**A. State of Properties – Downtown Project Updates**

Millikin noted the Michigan Brew has been listed and is now up for sale.

**B. Christmas Walk (See IV, Item A)**

**C. NYE Fundraiser**

A DDA multi-use permit will be needed. There will be a canoe drop in the intersection. There will be a 50/50 raffle, entry tickets will be \$50 per ticket and the party will be from 8pm - midnight.

**D. Administrative Position**

Discussion was had regarding making a list of tasks regarding the position. Will discuss more at the next meeting.

**IX. New Business – DDA**

None

**X. A. Org Committee**

There are no additional updates.

**B. Design**

Decorating the canoe for the canoe drop.

**C. EV Committee**

There were no additional updates.

**D. Promotions Committee**

Spend \$10 promotion. Will be looking at new committee assignments in January as well as reappointments.

**XI. Community Meetings Update**

**A. CCEDP (Crawford County Economic Development Program)**

No updates.

**B. Historical Museum**

No updates.

**C. GPA**

Festival of Trees begins tomorrow. Discussion was had regarding the budget for next year.

**D. Rotary**

No updates.

**E. Chamber of Commerce**

Millikin provides updates regarding Christmas Walk and all of the help that Emily has provided. There will be a Holiday After Hours on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**F. Camp Grayling**

There is a new commander.

**XII. Public Comment**

None.

**XIII. Member Comments**

Millikin thanked everyone for their help.

**XIV. Correspondence**

None.

**XV. Adjournment**

**24-037**

**Moved by Podjaske, seconded by LaFontaine to adjourn the meeting.**

**Roll Call Vote**

**Ayes: 6, Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 3, Vacancies: 0.**

**Motion Carried.**

Swander adjourned the meeting at 10:01 AM