

**CITY OF GRAYLING**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, December 9, 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: Lori McGeorge (City Clerk), Kathleen Armstrong, Zoe Graysen, Ryan Nelson, Tony Johnson, Christian Bon, Heidi Farmer, Penny Farmer, Laurie Jamison, Enid Wireman, Lacey Stephan, Joe Smock and other members of the public.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Heidi & Penny Farmer commented about the lack of the snow removal program.  
Kathleen Armstrong spoke of constitutional matters.

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**24-108**

**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 November 12, 2024**

**B. Revenue/Expenditure Report**

**C. Chamber of Commerce River Festival, Multi-Use Permit**

**24-117**

**Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the meeting minutes for November 12, 2024, as presented.**

**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. The council had no additional questions.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Water/Sewer Rates discussion**

Discussion was had by the Council regarding an increase in water/sewer rates of up to 16%. Public hearings will be held in January and February. Notices will be put on social media, the city website and in the newspaper along with sending out a mailing to water/sewer customers.

### **B. Easement for Road Commission**

Podjaske explained that the proposal needs to be re-approved as the easement size has changed.

**24-109**

**Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the easement for the Road Commission.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Partner with Grayling Township for New Well (Lacey Stephan presenting)**

Lacey Stephan, Tony Johnson (project manager) and Christian Bon (EGLE) spoke of the city partnering with Grayling Township. 2 new wells are proposed to be installed in the Industrial Drive area with both the city and the township having an equitable split in maintenance, etc. The township is in need of utilizing our water tower for water pressure purposes as they do not currently have funding for a water tower of their own. Discussion was had with council members regarding backflow preventers where the proposed connections to city infrastructure would be as well as possible concerns about future capacity. Stephan had suggested starting a committee regarding this possible partnership. The township requested our engineering contact to obtain additional information so that modeling can be done. Some members of the public provided additional questions. All council members were in agreeance to move forward with obtaining additional information from the modeling to be completed.

A motion of support to move forward with obtaining additional information to include a possible partnership with Grayling Township for a new well(s) with roll call vote.

**24-110**

**Pettyjohn: Aye**

**Nelson: Aye**  
**Forbes: Aye**  
**Sloan: Aye**  
**Moshier: Aye**  
**Ayes: 5 Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0, Vacant: 0**

**B. 2025 Meeting Dates**

The date for the “All Boards Meeting” needs to be possibly changed.

**24-111**

**Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Nelson to approve the 2025 regular meeting dates as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**C. Resolution, M-72 East**

Podjaske explained the resolution and that they need approval from both the City and the Township.

**24-112**

**Moved by Forbes, seconded by Pettyjohn to waive the reading of the M-72 East Resolution.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**24-113**

**Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Nelson to approve the M-72 East resolution as written.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**D. Reappropriate Police Training Funds**

**24-114**

**Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to reappropriate Police Training Funds as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**E. Recommendation for Laurie Jamison to be appointed to the Housing Commission board.**

Moshier's term on the Housing Commission board is ending this year. Jamison would be taking over his position on the board.

**24-115**

**Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to recommend Laurie Jamison to be appointed to the Housing Commission board.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**X. REPORTS**

**A. DDA**

No comments or questions.

**B. Planning Commission**

No comments or questions.

**C. Fire**

No comments or questions.

**D. Police**

No comments or questions.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wireman spoke about water/sewer matters and snow removal. Armstrong spoke about different constitutional matters.

**XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Pettyjohn indicated that he was open to ideas to try to bring back sidewalk snow removal.
- Moshier and others discussed the manhole that was collapsed with the county doing the repair.
- No other council members had comments.

**XIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**24-116**

**Moved by Nelson, seconded by Moshier that meeting is adjourned.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Adjourned at 8:01 PM**