

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 11th, 2023

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Vacant Seats: None

Also in Attendance: Eric Podjaske (City Manager), Lori McGeorge (City Clerk), Laurie Jamison, Marilyn Chrumka, Susan Thiel

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Approval of Agenda

23-108

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn 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

23-109

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Sloan to approve the consent agenda 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 with additional discussion had regarding November 15th, November 30th and December 7th.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Presentation by Marilyn Chrumka regarding the Sawmill Lofts Brownfield Plan for Housing.

Mrs. Chrumka elaborated on the project including further explanation regarding the TIF grant. Due to additional MSHDA requirements, a new plan will be drafted and brought back to present to City Council at the next meeting.

B. Horizon Bank

Podjaske explained that a new motion is needed from City County that explicitly indicates that Doug Baum and Chelsea Goodwin be removed as signers on the Horizon Bank account and that Eric Podjaske and Jenny Maples be added.

23-110

Moved by Forbes, seconded by Pettyjohn to remove Doug Baum and Chelsea Goodwin as signers for Horizon Bank with Eric Podjaske and Jenny Maples added.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

C. Lot next to NAPA

The lot next to NAPA cannot be sold as-is due to its location in a platted subdivision. It is recommended that NAPA go through Circuit Court and request that Charles Street be vacated with the property being split between NAPA and the American Legion. Each party would receive 40'. This process is no cost for the city.

23-110

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to allow NAPA to pursue the Circuit Court option to have Charles Street vacated and split between itself and the American Legion.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

D. Trash Ordinance Discussion

Podjaske was looking for feedback from City Council in order to update the current ordinance regarding trash pickup to indicate that it will be added to the water/sewer bills including being placed as a lien if unpaid. Podjaske will provide a draft with a public hearing in January.

IX. New Business

A. 2024 Meeting Dates

McKenna and Associates will be at the All-Boards Meeting to provide additional information regarding the TIF Plan.

23-111

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Nelson to approve the meeting schedule as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

B. DDA Class C License Resolution

El Patron Restaurant is requesting a DDA Class C License Resolution as they are interested in purchasing the Dawson and Stevens building. The purchase agreement is contingent on obtaining a Class C License.

23-112

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the DDA Class C License Resolution.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

C. Spark Grant Resolution

Susan Theil elaborated on the Rayburn Connector Project and is requesting a resolution of support regarding the project application to the MDNR Spark Grant Program.

23-113

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to provide a resolution to support the City of Grayling Rayburn Connector Project Application to the MDNR Spark Grant Program.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

D. Training Plan Draft

Podjaske elaborated on the draft and asking for a motion to approve.

23-114

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Sloan to approve the Training Plan Draft as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

X. REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission
- B. DDA
- C. Fire Department
- D. Police Department

No questions regarding all provided reports.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Pettyjohn is having a Christmas Party and also spoke about the sidewalk snowplowing. Podjaske indicated that he would speak to Yoder.

Moshier wanted to obtain a copy of the zoning permit for the outdoor dining at Paddle Hard and was questioning the zoning ordinance.

XIII. Correspondence

None.

XIV. Adjournment

23-115

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

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:35 PM