

CITY OF GRAYLING
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 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), Jenny French (City Treasurer), Kathleen Armstrong, Laurie Jamison, Michelle Phillips

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Armstrong spoke about political matters.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

24-086

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the agenda with Item C “Water/Sewer rates” added to New Business.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A. Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2024

24-087

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to approve the meeting minutes for August 12, 2024, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Solid Waste

Hearing Opened at 6:38 pm

Podjaske explained both bids. GFL is the least expensive with more pickups for big items and yard waste.

Closed Hearing: 6:44 pm

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Podjaske elaborated on the Fire Committee meeting and talked about the city & township both continuing to each pay \$25,000 a year (after the truck is paid off) to be put into a CD or other investment for the future purchase of another fire truck. fire meeting. Him & LaFontaine met with some developers. Questions were asked regarding the Artisan Village and the TIF Plan.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Solid Waste Bids discussion

The consensus was to sign the new contract with GFL without the recycling option.

24-088

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the bid from GFL with the addition of language to include the weekly large item pickup.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

B. Park & Recreation Plan Resolution

The dates were updated for the Park & Recreation Plan with the city now being able to apply for grants through the DNR.

24-089

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Sloan to waive the reading of the Park & Recreation Plan resolution.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

24-090

Moved by Pettyjohn, seconded by Nelson to approve the Park & Recreation Plan resolution.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

C. MDOT Agreement Resolution

24-091

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Pettyjohn to waive the reading of the MDOT Agreement resolution.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

24-092

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Sloan to approve the MDOT Agreement resolution.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Municipal Insurance Quote

Podjaske explained that 11% was added to the budget for a possible insurance rate increase; however, the increase was more than 11%. The difference will be offset from the recent sale of land.

24-093

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Nelson to pay the premium for the new Municipal Insurance quote.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

B. Multi-Use permit – Homecoming Parade

24-094

Moved by Sloan, seconded by Pettyjohn to approve the multi-use permit for the Homecoming Parade.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion Carried

C. Water/Sewer rate discussion

Moshier wanted to have a discussion regarding the water/sewer rates.

The last increase was in 2016 but must be evaluated again in order to make the water/sewer department self-sustainable. Podjaske & McGeorge will look into a rate study.

XI. REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

There will be a public hearing at the next meeting.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Armstrong spoke about water/sewer rates as well as reading from the Michigan Constitution. Jamison had mentioned bringing upcoming public meeting information to provide more exposure.

XIII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Forbes spoke about Pettyjohn's building and that the updates look great.
- No other council members had comments.

XIV. CORRESPONDENCE

Camp Grayling invite to meet the new incoming camp commander.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

24-095

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 7:17 PM