

July 25, 2016

Mayor Jenkins opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with prayer by Council Member Wishart at 7:00pm on Monday, July 25, 2016, in the City Council Chambers, located in the Gaylord City Hall, 305 East Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation.

Members Present: Mankowski, Wishart, Duczkowski, Johnson, Jenkins, and Sharrard.

Members Absent: Hartz.

Motion by Duczkowski, supported by Sharrard, to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and accept them as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried

Public Comment:

Mrs. Judy Duhoski, 214 East Sheldon, commented about the curb in front of Citizen's National Bank and how you cannot push a wheelchair down it. She is still having issues with Diana's Delights not complying with their Outdoor Café Permit spacing. Most days you cannot push a wheelchair down the sidewalk

Mrs. Janet Flint, 217 East Sheldon, showed pictures to the council of Diana's Delights and echoed the fact that they are encroaching in the walk way more days than not.

Ms. Tammy LaBouef, 333 East Felshaw, suggested that Diana's use the same approach to their outdoor seating as Mary's Tavern; where there is never an issue using the sidewalk.

Motion by Duczkowski, supported by Sharrard to excuse Steve Hartz from tonight's meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Sharrard to accept the reading of the amendment to the Water Service Ordinance and allow the following change:

25-524, Section 5309.1 – Adoption by Reference

Repeal the following language: The City of Gaylord adopts by reference the Water Supply Cross Connection Rules of the Michigan Department of Health, being R 325.431 to R 325.440 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

Adopt the following language in its place: The City of Gaylord adopts by reference the Water Supply Cross Connection Rules of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality being R 325.11401 to R 325.11407 of the Michigan Administrative Code.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Wishart, supported by Sharrard to accept the second reading of the amendment to the Sign Ordinance and adopted the changes as follows:

20.402 - Definitions

12. Flashing Signs. "Flashing Sign" is a sign which contains an intermittent of flashing, scintillating, blinking or traveling light source which includes signs that give the illusion of intermittent or flashing light by means of animation, or an externally mounted intermittent light source. A Flashing Sign excludes an illuminated digital sign that displays a fixed message or image by re-pixilation every 8 seconds or longer without perceivable delay.

20.407 - Permitted Signs in the B-1, Central Business District

7. Flashing Signs are prohibited. The direct source of all lights used for the illumination of commercial establishments or for the illumination display of merchandise or the products of such establishment shall be completely shielded from the view of vehicular traffic using the roads or streets abutting such premises. Floodlights used for the illumination of commercial premises or any sign thereon, whether such floodlights are attached to or separate from the building, shall not project above the highest elevation of the front wall of such building, or thirty (30) feet above street level, whichever is less.

20.407a - Permitted Signs in C-1 (General Commercial) District

9. Flashing Signs are prohibited. The direct source of all lights used for the illumination of commercial establishments or for the illumination display of merchandise or the products of such establishment shall be completely shielded from the view of vehicular traffic using the roads or streets abutting such premises. Floodlights used for the illumination of commercial premises or any sign thereon, whether such floodlights are attached to or separate from the building, shall not project above the highest elevation of the front wall of such building, or thirty (30) feet above street level, whichever is less.

20.407b – Permitted signs in the C-2(Central Commercial) District

10. Flashing Signs are prohibited. The direct source of all lights used for the illumination of commercial establishments or for the illumination display of merchandise or the products of such establishment shall be completely shielded from the view of vehicular traffic using the roads or streets abutting such premises. Floodlights used for the illumination of commercial premises or any sign thereon, whether such floodlights are attached to or separate from the building, shall not project above the highest elevation of the front wall of such building, or thirty (30) feet above street level, whichever is less.

20.407c – Permitted Signs in M-1 (Manufacturing) District

10. Flashing Signs are prohibited. The direct source of all lights used for the illumination of commercial establishments or for the illumination display of merchandise or the products of such establishment shall be completely shielded from the view of vehicular traffic using the roads or streets abutting such premises. Floodlights used for the illumination of commercial premises or any sign thereon, whether such floodlights are attached to or separate from the building, shall not project above the highest elevation of the front wall of such building, or thirty (30) feet above street level, whichever is less.

Ayes: Wishart, Johnson, Jenkins, Sharrard, and Mankowski. Nays: Duczkowski. Motion carried.

Motion by Sharrard, supported by Wishart to approve the 20 acres property split requested by Good Will Co, Inc. located on Meijer Drive.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Wishart, supported by Duczkowski to approve the Solicitor's Permit to allow the Cub Scouts to sell popcorn at Wal-Mart 10/8-1/9, 10/22-10/23 and 11/5-11/6.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Whereas, the City of Gaylord, a member of the Otsego County Fire Department, along with its partners and other members have from time to time needed to make decisions affecting the taxpayers for the good of the City and the Community as a whole,

Whereas, such decisions are made in the best interest of the community; in order to provide our courageous Volunteer Firefighters with the equipment necessary to fight the fires which occur and to save not only property, but lives of all of our citizens,

Whereas, it has been determined that a new Fire Pumper is needed by the Otsego County Fire Department to replace a 1996 model,

Whereas, the estimated cost of \$550,000 is needed to purchase this new Fire Pumper,

Whereas, the City of Gaylord does agree that the best and most appropriate way to fund this capital expense is by asking the taxpayers in the participating entities, and partners, to cast a ballot for the levying of a one year millage in the amount of .8 mills to cover the anticipated expenses necessary to purchase this new Fire Pumper.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Gaylord City Council does hereby agree to the placement of a ballot issue on the November election of the City of Gaylord to allow the collection of .8 mills for a one year period to be directed to the Otsego County Fire Department for the purchase of a Fire Pumper Truck.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Duczkowski to approve the resolution as written.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Wishart to approve the following ballot language for the collection of .8 mills to be used for a Fire Pumper to be placed on the November ballot in the City of Gaylord:

Should the City of Gaylord create a special assessment district and impose a special assessment on all properties within the City (except those exempt from the collection of taxes under the General Property Tax Act) in the amount equal to .8 mills of the taxable value of each parcel subject to the special assessment, for the purpose of funding the Otsego County Fire Board's purchase of a pumper truck and associated equipment?

Ayes: Wishart, Johnson, Jenkins, Sharrard, and Duczkowski. Nays: Mankowski. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Duczkowski to allow the OMH Foundation to hold a rehabilitation fundraiser at Aspen Park on October 2nd, 2016.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Kimberly Awrey, City Clerk

John Jenkins, Mayor