

April 3rd, 2017

Mayor Jenkins opened the special meeting of the Gaylord City Council with a prayer by Council Member Wishart at 7:00pm on Monday April 3rd, 2017, 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: Mayor Jenkins, Wishart, Mankowski, Sharrard, Duczkowski, Hartz, and Johnson

Members Absent: None

The public hearing in regards to the ICE grant was opened by Mayor Jenkins at 7:01pm.

Mayor Jenkins questioned whether the water main leads to homes would be replaced. The Mayor felt this would potentially assist the City in winter freeze ups that occur during certain times. Larry Fox (C2AE) indicated that all water leads would be replaced to new curb stops at the property line thereby helping in insuring that proper depths and connections to the mains were in place and could assist greatly in winter freeze ups.

Councilman Stephen Hartz inquired as to the cost estimate prepared by the engineers and wanted to insure that adequate funding was going to be sought. Larry Fox (C2AE) indicated that they feel the amount prepared in the cost estimates should be adequate to complete the work.

Larry Fox (C2AE) indicated that this SE quadrant is an area where the deterioration of sanitary sewer lines has become a problem and the City has made it a priority to replace these lines. This was evident by the recent television inspection done during the SAW grant which showed blockages, crumbling mains, and a very flat sewer main with little elevation deviations. This ICE grant opportunity would greatly assist the City in finding the funding to repair and replace this crumbling infrastructure.

Councilman Sharrard wanted to ensure that the proposed projects would be finished by 2019.

Lisa McComb (OCEA) indicated that for future consideration, the MEDC is going to require the City to become a Redevelopment Ready Community, of which we are not.

There were no other comments by the community and the public hearing was closed at 7:14.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Wishart, to approve the resolution authorizing the City of Gaylord to apply for the CDBG-Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) competitive funding round.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Strategic Fund has invited Units of General Local Government to apply for its CDBG-Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Competitive Funding Round; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gaylord desires to request \$ 1,893,900 in CDBG funds to complete a Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Facility Upgrade Project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is consistent with the local Community Development Plan as described in the Application; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will benefit all residents of the project area and 67.1 percent of the residents of the City of Gaylord are low and moderate income persons as determined by an income survey approved by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not been obligated/incurred and will not be obligated/incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal written authorization to obligate/incur costs for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Gaylord here by designates the City Manager as the Environmental Review Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.

Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:17

Travis Hewitt, City Treasurer

John Jenkins, Mayor