

February 26, 2018

Mayor Jenkins opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with prayer by Council Member Sharrard at 7:00pm on Monday, February 26 2018, 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: Johnson, Sharrard, Jenkins, Wishart, Hartz, Ouellette, and Witt.

Members Absent: None.

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

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

A Public Hearing for the 2018 to 2024 Capital Improvements Plan was open for public comment at 7:02 pm. No public comment was received and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:11pm.

Public Comment:

Mr. Andrew Driver, Otsego County Resident, addressed the council in regards to working together to draft a good ordinance that would be beneficial to everyone.

Mr. Chris Aiello, attorney, updated the council on things that were currently happening at the state level. He told council that Mt. Morris and Mt. Pleasant had opted in for all five licenses.

Mr. Dave Curtis, Delta One Consulting, addressed the council on the security being offered for the Medical Marihuana Facilities.

Ms. Linda Shafto, area resident, asked the council to remain open and compassionate to the people who need the medication when making their decision.

Mr. Edward Kauska and Mrs. Colleen Kauska told council about how medical marihuana had helped him relieve his opiate dependency and PTSD due to a construction accident many years ago.

Mr. Joe Willebee addressed the council on his desire to invest over 2.5 million dollars into our M1 district, providing for over 50 jobs with an annual payroll of close to 1 million dollars. He doesn't think that Gaylord needs provisioning centers, but all other licenses should be allowed.

Ms. Linda Rypkowski, Substance Abuse Counselor, addressed the council about marihuana usage among the youth. Highest youth usage rates were found in states that have legalized marihuana, seconded by states that have allowed it for medicinal purposes.

Mr. Rob Pallarito, Otsego County Board of Commissioners, reminded council that the Otsego County passed a resolution last year asking all townships, cities and villages to opt out of the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act. It's still a federal crime and more studies need to be done. It is for the betterment of our kids and protecting their futures.

Motion by Wishart, supported by Ouellette to opt out of the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act and allow no licenses to be issued for the City of Gaylord.

Ayes: Ouellette, Hartz, Sharrard, Jenkins and Wishart. Nays: Witt and Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Hartz, supported by Sharrard to approve the Capital Improvements Plan for 2018 to 2024.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Witt to recognize the Christian Homeschoolers of Northern Michigan as a nonprofit in our community.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Sharrard, supported by Hartz to allow Gaylord Community Productions to use Fairview Cemetery for their Cemetery Stroll on September 29, 2018.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Wishart, supported by Sharrard to accept the following recommendations offered by the personal committee:

1. Move the Finance Clerk/City Clerk to a contracted employee going from an hourly wage to a salary wage starting with the next fiscal year beginning 7/1/18.
2. Direct the City Manager to provide annual employee reviews for all department heads and administrative staff.
3. Hire a new Waste Water Treatment Plant employee to place Wayne Davis who will be retiring in August of 2018.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Wishart, supported by Hartz to allow the property split at 2418 South Otsego Avenue with the contingency that the Parcel A is sold to an adjacent property owner and will not become landlocked.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Kimberly Awrey, City Clerk

John Jenkins, Mayor