

March 25th, 2019

Mayor Pro Tem Sharrard opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with a prayer by Council Member Ouellette at 7:00pm on Monday March 25th, 2019, 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 Pro Tem Sharrard, Wishart, Hartz, Ouellette, Witt

Members Absent: Mayor Jenkins, Steve Johnson

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

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Witt, supported by Wishart, to excuse Mayor Jenkins and Councilmen Johnson.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Taylor Akin (123 W. Petoskey St.)-I understand that there is a need for housing based on studies but I challenge council to look at the future and seek out the housing the new millennial generation is looking for.

Mark Hanson (615 W. Sheldon St.)-(Directed questions to Jonathan Nessburg)

- How are you paying for the loan?
- Percentage of the loan covered by the rents collected?
- Who determines the rent rate?
- Who determines if we need more low income housing?
- Do you have any other locations?

We have a need for housing in this community but I live by Northwinds apartments and it's a disaster to deal with.

Glen Catt(Partner with Catt Real Development)-If this development moves forward it will generate more interest in the rest of the property as everything seems to be moving West of the Interstate. The retailers and the Family Fare will benefit greatly from this as it adds more customers within walking distance. Bill Blaker indicated that the price of homes has gone up 8% and looks to go up another 8% which makes this housing project more appealing as many people are unable to afford to purchase homes.

Cecelia Callaghan(219 N. Indiana Ave)-Well you all know my feelings on this project. Why would you put a hotel next to a low income housing project? We do not need more hotels in

this town. What amounts of money are being taken away from our schools if this is approved and they aren't paying taxes? Northwind Apartments has not been pleasant to deal with as we are constantly picking up their trash that blows down the road and I'm not pleased with having to pick up after them. It's not fair for us to have to pay taxes and then they can come in and not have to.

Motion by Witt, supported by Ouellette, to delay any decision and have a public hearing on April 8th to get feedback from the community and then discuss the second reading at the following meeting on April 22nd.

Ayes: 3 Nays: 2 Motion carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Wishart, to approve the development agreement amendment with Shoppes on Main to extend the payment period by 10 years.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried

Motion by Witt, supported by Hartz, to approve the Random Acts of Music Event, July 5th and 6th, 2019 and allow solicitation for tips.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Wishart, supported by Witt, to proclaim and recognize April 2019 as Sexual Assault Awareness month.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Hartz, to approve the Resolution opposing Grayling and Grayling Low Military Operation Area that would impact our local Airport.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Witt, to approve the Future Planning Committee recommendation for the South Otsego Avenue Business Loop.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion, motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Travis Hewitt, City Treasurer

Todd Sharrard, Mayor Pro Tem