

May 28, 2019

Mayor Jenkins opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with a prayer by Council Member Ouellette at 7:00pm on Tuesday May 28th, 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: Wishart, Jenkins, Johnson, Ouellette, Hartz and Witt.

Members Absent: Sharrard.

Motion by Hartz, supported by Witt to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the May 13th city council meeting and the May 16th budget work session and accept them as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Witt, supported by Hartz to excuse Council Member Sharrard from tonight's meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Ms. Kathy Kelly, 209 North Illinois Avenue, provided photos to the Council of properties in the area of her home. There is lots of garbage, debris and a broken down vehicle that is an eye sore and needs to be cleaned up.

Ms. Cecelia Callaghan, 523 West Sheldon Street, advised that council that she wrote them all a letter last year about these same properties and nothing was done.

Mr. Dave Wojtkowiak, former City resident, wanted to know how many "junk" cars were allowed at one residence.

Mr. Ian Murphy, Iron Pig Smokehouse, garbage cans under the pavilion are not properly weighted. There were cans blown over on a very windy day.

Resolution offered by Hartz, supported by Wishart:

The Gaylord City Council does hereby resolve that it is its intention in regard to the special assessment district heretofore created for the purpose of defraying some or all of the cost of the operation of the City Police and Fire Departments, that the special assessment for the fiscal year 2019.20 shall be in the amount of 3.00 mills of the taxable value of each parcel subject to the special assessment.

It is further resolved that the City Manager shall prepare a special assessment roll.

It is further resolved that the City Council shall hold a hearing at the next regular City Council Meeting at 7pm on Monday June 10th, 2019, on the costs and expenses of police and fire protection and on the aforesaid proposed amount of the special assessment and on the special assessment roll and the Clerk is directed to give notice of said public hearing as required by MCL 41.801

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Hartz, supported by Witt to set the public hearing for the 2019.20 budget and millage levies for the next city council meeting on June 10th, 2019.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Hartz, supported by Ouellette, to approve the License Agreement for Wisconsin Avenue Adjacent to Holiday Station Store #175.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Wishart, and supported by Councilmember Witt:

Whereas, the State of Michigan, in order to protect local government retirement and benefits, passed Public Act 202 of 2017, and

Whereas, the act created underfunded status for retirement and other postemployment benefit (OPEB) accounts held by local governments, and

Whereas, the State of Michigan requires a Corrective Action Plan for all local governments that fall below the established thresholds of 60% funded in retirement accounts and 40% funded in OPEB accounts, and

Whereas, the City of Gaylord is underfunded for Retirement Healthcare Benefits and must submit a Corrective Action Plan to the Municipal Stability Board.

It is hereby resolved that the Gaylord City Council approves the Corrective Action Plan for City of Gaylord's 2018 OPEB and directs its submission to the Municipal Stability Board for their approval.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Witt to approve the appointment of Debra Jaques to the Salary Compensation Committee.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Hartz to approve the Outdoor Café Permit for Diana's at 138 West Main Street.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Hartz, supported by Ouellette to approve the Outdoor Café Permit for the Iron Pig Smokehouse at 143 West Main Street.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Wishart to approve the Outdoor Café Permit for the Sugar Bowl at 216 West Main Street.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Kim Awrey, City Clerk

John Jenkins, Mayor