

June 23, 2014

Mayor Pro Tem Mankowski opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with prayer by Council Member Sharrard at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 23, 2014, 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: Campbell, Duczkowski, Johnson, Mankowski, Sharrard and Wishart.

Members Absent: Jenkins.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Mankowski opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. to provide an opportunity for residents and taxpayers of the City of Gaylord to appear and be heard on a request by Alpine Web/Sun Frog Shirts, located at 1564 Dickerson Road, for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, pursuant to Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended. Mr. Josh Kent, business owner, was in attendance to answer any questions the City Council had regarding the request. City Manager Joseph Duff reviewed the request, including level of investment and number of new jobs anticipated to be created. Total costs associated with the project are \$114,100 in real property improvements and \$342,986 in new machinery and equipment improvements. A total of 30 new jobs are anticipated to be created within the first two (2) years after improvements are made. Mr. Duff explained that the tax exemption does not impact school revenues.

Mr. Paul Beachnau, Executive Director of the Gaylord Area Chamber and Tourism Bureau supported the request and stated he encouraged City Council to support the exemption. People like to see job creation and according to the Quality of Life survey, people like to see entrepreneurial endeavors.

There were no other public comments.

Mr. Pat Byrne, 721 Clover Drive, was in attendance and addressed City Council with complaints about the Big Ticket event that had occurred the previous weekend. Mr. Byrne stated the level of sound from the Big Ticket exceeds any other venue. Need to work with the Fairboard to find ways to abate the sound and investigate ways to temper sound. Mr. Byrne stated the sound (of Big Ticket) is designed to be that loud and is an issue when it extends beyond the property.

City Council directed the organizers of the Big Ticket be invited to a meeting to discuss what can be done to address the noise issues.

Ms. Judy Schroeder, 510 East Main Street, informed City Council that a local realtor is looking at establishing an alcohol and rehabilitation facility at 520 East Main Street and asked if it were possible to have a public hearing about this with the neighborhood district.

Ms. Judy Waggle, representing the Gaylord Area Council for the Arts, asked permission to display the artwork of local artists in the hallway area of the City Hall. City Council gave permission to Ms. Waggle to display artwork for a period of 90-days, contingent upon an agreement between the City and the Council for the Arts, as approved by the City Attorney.

Mayor Pro Tem Mankowski closed the public hearing at 7:33 p.m. for consideration of the request by Alpine Web/Sun Frog Shirts for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate.

Mayor Pro Tem Mankowski opened the public hearing at 7:36 p.m. for the consideration of a request by Feeny-Chrysler for an Outer Wall Siding Variance to be used on an addition to an existing building at 1001 Mankowski Road, C-2, Central Commercial District. Mr. Todd Seidell, architect of the project, was in attendance to present the request and answer any questions from the City Council or public in attendance.

Motion by Duczkowski, supported by Campbell, to approve the request by Feeny–Chrysler for an Outer Wall Siding Variance to permit the use of metal siding on a building addition at 1001 Mankowski Road.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

City Council directed that the Planning Commission review and make a recommendation regarding the use of metal siding on buildings in the City of Gaylord.

Motion by Wishart, supported by Campbell, *WHEREAS*, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, M.C.L., 207.551 es. seq., (the Act) after a duly noticed public hearing held on May 16, 1977, the Gaylord City Council by resolution established the City of Gaylord Air Industrial Park Industrial Development District, as requested by the Gaylord Industrial Development Corporation; and, *WHEREAS*, Alpine Web/Sun Frog Shirts has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to the installation and operation of a manufacturing facility to be located within the City of Gaylord Air Industrial Park Industrial Development District; and, *WHEREAS*, before acting on said application, the City Council held a hearing on June 23, 2014 in the City Council Chambers, located in the City Hall, 305 East Main Street, in the City of Gaylord, Michigan, at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and, *WHEREAS*, Completion of the facility is calculated to, and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in the City of Gaylord; and, *WHEREAS*, the building is an existing building on an improved parcel of industrial property used for the manufacturing of goods or materials or processing of goods or materials; *WHEREAS*, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the City of Gaylord, after granting this certificate, will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Gaylord that:

1. The City Council finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding operation of the City of Gaylord, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem taxes in the City of Gaylord.
2. The application of Alpine Web/Sun Frog Shirts for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to new development on the following described parcel of real property situated within the City of Gaylord Air Industrial Park Industrial Development District, to wit: LOTS 50 and 51 of the GAYLORD AIR INDUSTRIAL PARK NO. 1. SEC

8 T30N R3W, City of Gaylord, Otsego County, Michigan, known as 1564 Dickerson Road, Be and the same is hereby approved.

3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of twelve (12) years after completion.

Ayes: Unanimous. Resolution declared adopted.

Motion by Sharrard, supported by Campbell, to enter into an agreement with Alpine Web, LLC, 1564 Dickerson Road, Gaylord, Michigan, for operation of an industrial manufacturing facility subject to an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate, pursuant to Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974, as amended, for a period of twelve (12) years.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Wishart, supported by Campbell, to authorize a change in the DPW Paving Project and to approve an increase of \$9,000 in the cost of the project.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Sharrard, supported by Campbell, to accept the first reading of an amendment to the City of Gaylord Fireworks Ordinance, 20.354, Sec. 4, Permitted Use of Consumer Fireworks.

Ayes: Campbell, Duczkowski, Sharrard and Wishart.

Nays: Johnson and Mankowski. Motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, supported by Duczkowski, to approve a request by the Military Order of the Purple Heart for a Charitable Solicitation Permit, as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Duczkowski, supported by Campbell, to approve a request by the Salvation Army for a Charitable Solicitation Permit, as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Rebecca Curtis, City Clerk

Pat Mankowski, Mayor Pro Tem