

April 27, 2015

Mayor Jenkins opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with prayer by Council Member Sharrard at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2015, 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, Jenkins, Mankowski, Sharrard and Wishart.

Members Absent: Johnson.

Motion by Wishart, supported by Campbell, to amend the agenda by the removal of the request by Alpine Regional Tennis Association for use of Aspen Park Tennis Court for consideration at the meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

During the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Mr. Jim Flint, 217 East Sheldon Street, questioned whether the meeting of the Salary Compensation Commission complied with the Open Meetings Act and commented that when he requested a copy of the City Charter he only received ten (10) chapters.

Mr. Todd Seidell was in attendance to represent Otsego Memorial Hospital in their request for a variance for the purpose of constructing a 4,000 square foot storage garage at 309 North Street, R-2, Multiple Family Residence District, for use by the hospital. City Treasurer/Zoning Administrator Travis Hewitt reported that he had received both written and verbal comments from property owners in the immediate area of the proposed construction who were concerned about an increase of traffic and associated noise related to the building. A copy of the written communications were provided to City Council.

Motion by Duczkowski, supported by Sharrard, to deny the request by Otsego Memorial Hospital for a storage garage at 309 North Street, R-2, Multiple Family Residence District.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Jerry Beattie was in attendance to represent the Beattie Living Trust in their request for a fence, outer wall siding and paving variance for a proposed storage building development at 2481 South Otsego Avenue, C-2, Central Commercial District. Mr. Beattie requested the Trust be permitted to construct a six (6) foot fence with 2 strands of barbed wire around the development, as well as use metal siding on the building and gravel for all service drives and parking areas except the drive approach, which would be paved.

Motion by Duczkowski, supported by Sharrard, to approve a request by the Beattie Living Trust for a fence, outer wall siding and paving variance for a storage facility development at 2481 South Otsego Avenue, C-2, Central Commercial District. Permission is granted to allow metal siding on the building, the construction of a fence up to eight (8) feet in height and gravel for service drives and parking. Use of barbed wire on the fence is not permitted and the drive approach must be paved.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Jeff Thompson of GPR Investments LLC was in attendance to request a sign variance at 1401 – 1429 West Main Street, Pine Ridge Square, C-2, Central Commercial District. Mr. Thompson is proposing to remove the two (2) existing pylon signs on the property and construct a new sign that is 240 square feet in area and thirty-five (35) feet in height. A communication received from Brad Johnson of Culver's who was concerned the new sign may block visibility of the restaurant was reported to City Council.

Motion by Sharrard, supported by Duczkowski, to approve a request by GPR Investments, LLC to allow the construction of a 240 square foot sign, thirty-five (35) feet in height at the Pine Ridge Square Plaza, 1401-1429 West Main Street. C-2, Central Commercial District. Approval is granted contingent upon the removal of the two (2) existing pylon signs and the new sign located on the west side of the property.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Wishart, to accept the recommendation of the Cemetery Committee and to authorize the purchase and placement of signs at the cemetery and informational brochures detailing the rules and regulations.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

City Council directed the City Manager to send letters to area organizations to see if there is interest by others in acquiring and reusing the Skate Park equipment.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Campbell, to authorize the purchase and equipping of a 2013 vehicle for use by the City Police Department from Gaylord Ford Lincoln-Mercury. Purchase price of the vehicle is \$21,500 and estimated cost to equip the vehicle is \$2,500.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Campbell, to approve a request for a Charitable Solicitation Permit from Friends for Life for a T-Shirt Sale from July 14 – 18, 2015.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Duczkowski, supported by Sharrard, to approve a request for a Charitable Solicitation Permit from Otsego Christian School on May 5 and May 12, 2015.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, supported by Mankowski, to excuse the absence of Council Member Johnson from the meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Rebecca Curtis, City Clerk

John Jenkins, Mayor