

January 26, 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, January 26, 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, Johnson, Mankowski, Sharrard and Wishart.

Members Absent: None.

Motion by Sharrard, 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.

Ms. Brittany Mauricette, Otsego County Conservation District Forester, appeared before City Council to discuss the current condition of the forest areas of Aspen Park and to request permission to update the Forest Management Plan of the Park. The Plan would make recommendations for improvement of the timber stand in the area. City Council referred the matter to the Park Committee for review and recommendation.

Mr. Joe Ackerman, representing the BeBloomin organization, in partnership with the Otsego County Commission on Aging (OCCA) along with Ms. Dona Wishart, Executive Director of the OCCA, appeared before City Council to request permission to research options involved in the installation of cameras at the Elk Park for viewing of the Elk Herd on the BeBloomin website.

Motion by Duczkowski, supported by Sharrard, to give permission to BeBloomin and OCCA to pursue options involved in the installation of equipment and development of a plan to display the Elk Park on the website of BeBloomin.

Ms. Tammy LaBouef, 333 East Felshaw Avenue, asked Mr. Ackerman if Gaylord would be specifically identified on the website and how the email component of the BeBloomin website worked.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Campbell, to proclaim April 2015 as Social Host Awareness Month in the City of Gaylord.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Campbell, to enter into an agreement with Awakon Federal Credit Union for the extension of utilities and reimbursement of associated costs.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Sharrard, to enter into an agreement with the Otsego County Economic Alliance, Inc. (OCEA), the Gaylord Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Gaylord Downtown Renaissance Committee to provide for matching funds relating to the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP Grant) to be transferred into the custody of the City of Gaylord upon request of the City of Gaylord and prior to the commencement of the Downtown Streetscape Project.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Ms. Tammy LaBouef, 333 East Felshaw Avenue, asked if the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) doesn't come through, will this project (Streetscape) go forward? And what happens to the TAP Grant if moneys are not obtained in full for the project?

Motion by Campbell, supported by Duczkowski, to appoint Russell Bresser to the Planning Commission for a term to expire in January 2016.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Rebecca Curtis, City Clerk

John Jenkins, Mayor