

August 25, 2014

Mayor Jenkins opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with prayer by Council Member Sharrard at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, August 25, 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, Jenkins, Johnson, Mankowski, Sharrard and Wishart.

Members Absent: None.

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.

MDOT representatives Jason Bodell and Jay Gailitis were in attendance to present a power point presentation regarding the changing the roadway configuration on South Otsego Avenue from a four-lane to a three-lane from Main Street to Wisconsin Avenue. The following questions were received from the public:

Marie Kirt, 213 East Sheldon Street: When trying to turn left is this going to make it more difficult? She used West Branch as an example and says that their 3 lane configuration is a nightmare.

Jim Flint, 217 East Sheldon Street: If you go from 4 to 3 lanes, what is the cost of striping? Can you provide the cost of the "delays" for time spent waiting?

Tammy Labouef, 333 Felshaw Street: How will the conflict of this pertain to the streetscape project?

All questions were addressed by MDOT representatives.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Duczkowski, Whereas, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is planning some roadway construction on this section of roadway within the City of Gaylord in 2015 or 2016 and, Whereas, this work is commonly known as a mill and fill and the MDOT TSC is in agreement that this roadway will operate in a safer and more efficient manner for both vehicles and all other modes of transportation as a three lane roadway as opposed to its current four lane configuration, and, Whereas, MDOT feels that this is an ideal time in which to make this change with the upcoming construction activities, and, Whereas, the City of Gaylord agrees with the analysis of the MDOT and wishes to see the changes made to safely move this section of roadway from a four lane roadway to a three lane roadway, and, Whereas, the MDOT and City of Gaylord agree to revisit and review data after one year from the time the change is made to evaluate the operations of this roadway and its impact on safety, commerce and operation for the community. A return to the old four lane configuration will be acceptable to both MDOT and the City of Gaylord if analysis indicates that traffic operations and safety have been compromised as a result of the change. Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the City Council of the City of Gaylord supports the intentions of the MDOT to change the traffic lane configuration of the I-75 BL from Grandview Blvd. to M-32 in the City of Gaylord from a four lane roadway to a three lane roadway when the mill and fill construction takes place on this roadway section.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Sharrard, to enter into a Service Agreement for Economic Development Support with the Otsego County Economic Alliance (OCEA) for a term to expire May 31, 2015.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Duczkowski, supported by Campbell, to approve a request for a Parade Permit by the Otsego Strong Committee, for a parade to be held at 4:30 p.m. on September 11, 2014.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Request by Michigan Scholastic Cycling Association to host a bike race at Aspen Park was tabled.

Motion by Sharrard, supported by Mankowski, to approve the following budget amendments for fiscal year 2013.14:

Fund	Description	Original Budget	Amended Budget
101 General	Election Salaries 101-192-702-00	\$8,500	\$12,000
101 General	Administrative Supplies 101-248-727-00	\$27,100	\$33,000
101 General	City Hall Contractual Services	\$21,600	\$26,600
101 General	Other City Property Salaries 101-269-702-00	\$15,000	\$19,000
101 General	Planning Commission Contractual Services 101-400-818-00	\$3,000	\$5,600
101 General	Sidewalk Fund Contractual Services (Random Lane) 101-442-818-00	\$15,450	\$28,000
101 General	Transfers to Other Funds (Industrial Park) 101-446-965-00	\$72,500	\$100,000
202 Major Street	Winter Maintenance Equipment Rental 202-478-940-00	\$40,000	\$49,000
202 Major Street	Routine Maintenance Equipment Rental 202-463-940-00	\$9,400	\$16,000
203 Local Street	Winter Maintenance Equipment Rental 203-478-940-00	\$45,000	\$55,000
203 Local Street	Routine Maintenance Equipment Rental 203-463-940-00	\$12,000	\$16,000
302 Industrial Park Debt Retirement Fund	Principal Payment 302-549-991-00	\$10,000	\$46,000
302 Industrial Park Debt Retirement Fund	Interest Payment 302-549-996-00	\$12,258	\$30,000
590 WWT Plant Operational	Contractual Services 590-548-818-00	\$125,000	\$210,000
591 Water Fund	New Equipment 591-556-977-00	\$22,500	\$40,000
661 Equipment Fund	Equipment Maintenance 661-930-778-00	\$45,000	\$88,000

661 Equipment Fund	Repair Parts 661-930-781-00	\$45,000	\$90,000
661 Equipment Fund	New Equipment 661-930-977-00	\$8,000	\$37,000

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Travis Hewitt, City Treasurer and Acting Clerk

John Jenkins, Mayor