

July 28, 2014

Mayor Jenkins opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with prayer by Council Member Sharrard at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28, 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 Campbell, supported by Sharrard, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to accept them as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Duczkowski, supported by Sharrard, to amend the agenda for the meeting by adding the following under New Business:

1. Aspen Park Tennis Court Maintenance
2. Aspen Park Animal Waste Station

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

City Manager Joseph Duff presented a proposal to City Council from Peter Jobson for a low to moderate multiple family residential housing development on property commonly known as 403 West Mitchell Street to determine if the site was acceptable to City Council. After discussion, City Council directed the City Manager to communicate to Mr. Jobson their approval of the location.

The following comments, questions and concerns were heard during the Public Comment portion of the agenda.

1. Mr. Kurt Wheeler, 651 North Otsego Avenue, addressed City Council during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Mr. Wheeler stated he strongly recommended the tennis courts in Aspen Park be resurfaced, as the courts are currently in a state of disrepair with cracks and asphalt coming off. City Council directed the DPW Superintendent get an estimate for repair and discuss resurfacing the courts, as well as discussion of the Ramp Park with the Park Committee.
2. Judy Schroeder, 510 East Main Street, stated that social programs seem to be flooding the area. If the proposed housing development (403 West Mitchell Street) is subsidized then we don't know who will be renting or living there. We need a view of who we are bringing into the County. Ms. Schroeder also asked if the transition house (proposed at 521 East Main Street) could be placed on the agenda for the next meeting so we can collect information and find out what we are dealing with. Are there any organizations backing it? Are there guidelines? Who is in charge? What is going on? Would like black and white information. Ask them to come in and talk about it.

3. Michelle and Pat Hilley, 201 East Main Street, stated their concerns with parking at the proposed transition house and asked what if they have visitors, there is only room for one car to park.
4. Loretta Fitzek, 506 East Huron Street, stated her property backs up to the proposed transitional house and they have cars parked in the back yard.
5. Jim Flint, 217 East Sheldon Street, stated his concern was that the transitional house was a business.
6. Judy Schroeder, 510 East Main Street, stated she heard there was one area in the house where the head of house lives and everyone else would have the rest of the house. Don't we have any information about moving them (tenants) from Otsego Lake into town? Is anyone (tenants) involved with court?
7. Wayne Brown, 533 East Huron Street, asked why would they ask for a zoning permit if they didn't need one?
8. Sarah Fitzek, 506 East Huron Street, asked if this was really the right location.
9. Loretta Fitzek, 506 East Huron Street, stated she was concerned about of the safety of the children.
10. Sarah Fitzek, 506 East Huron Street, asked if when she is out watering her flowers does she have to worry about being knifed.
11. Jim Flint, 217 East Sheldon Street, asked if the Sportsplex had been billed for the May Special Election.
12. Wayne Brown, 533 East Huron asked if the DDA had come up with the \$400,000 in matching funds needed for the grant.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Sharrard, to approve the purchase of an animal waste station in Aspen Park.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Rebecca Curtis, City Clerk

John Jenkins, Mayor