

October 28, 2013

Mayor Jenkins opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with prayer by Council Member Wishart at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 28, 2013, 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 amended (date).

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

City Manager Joseph Duff gave a presentation on the Street Improvement Program and upcoming Street Millage Renewal question on the November 5th ballot. Following the presentation comments and questions from those in attendance were as follows:

- Marie Kirt, 203 East Sheldon Street: Asked what projects/streets are being planned for the next five (5) years.
- Jane McGuire, 345 East Felshaw Street: Stated she didn't remember any millages with a ten (10) year commitment and asked why this millage was being requested for ten (10) years. Also asked if there had ever been an excess of funds (from the millage revenue) and what was the excess used for. Asked if Council had considered amending the ballot question to ask for a shorter term.
- Tammy LaBouef, 333 East Felshaw Street: Asked if the millage passes, how much will be used on the Renaissance project.
- Mike Koronka, 324 East First Street: Stated he went through street reconstruction in 2011 (Street Improvement Project) and said it was well worth it. Has nothing but praise for the program, has new curbs and sidewalks.
- Paul Beachnau, Gaylord Area Chamber/Otsego County Board of Commissioners: Applauded the City for sidewalks and pathways constructed.
- Candi Edwards, Owner of Spud Warehouse: Stated she has a business on West Second Street and could not imagine what the street would be like without the Street Program.
- Jim Flint, 217 East Sheldon Street: Stated he is all for street improvements, his concern is the ten (10) year period. He believes City should have voters vote on this every couple of years. Supports shorter period of time.
- Mike Koronka, 324 East First Street: Stated he hasn't seen anything done wrong in the last ten (10) years. Has worked so far.
- Marie Kirt, 203 East Sheldon Street: Asked if you break asphalt do you have to reconstruct the whole street.
- Jane McGuire, 345 East Felshaw Street: Asked if the City can only accept bids from Gaylord contractors.

Jane Pearson, 516 North Otsego Avenue, asked if the City could put speed limit signs on North Otsego Avenue. She stated her primary concern is the speed of traffic.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Campbell, to approve a request by Lou Cyrulik to waive fees associated with transient trader activities at 2782 South Otsego Avenue.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

City Manager Joseph Duff gave a report from the Personnel Committee as it related to proposed changes to the contracts of the Chief of Police, DPW and WWT Superintendents and City Assessor. Mr. Duff also briefly reviewed the job description and salary of the City Treasurer as recommended by the Committee .

Motion by Duczkowski, supported by Campbell, to accept the recommendations of the Personnel Committee and approve revisions to the contracts of the Chief of Police, City Assessor, DPW and WWT Superintendents. Additionally the job description and salary of the City Treasurer is approved. The retirement proposal for the City Assessor was not accepted.

Ayes: Campbell, Duczkowski, Jenkins, Johnson, Mankowski and Wishart.

Nays: None. Abstained: Sharrard. Motion carried.

Council Member Sharrard abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Rebecca Curtis, City Clerk

John Jenkins, Mayor