

October 27, 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, October 27, 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, Mankowski, Sharrard and Wishart.

Members Absent: Johnson.

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.

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

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Ms. Tammy Labouef, 333 East Felshaw Street, asked when the minutes of the City meeting would be posted on the City's website and asked if the minutes of the DDA meetings could again be posted on the website.

Mr. Sky Pogue, a veteran of the war in Afghanistan and resident of Gaylord, addressed City Council regarding the issue of homelessness and lack of information regarding where resources are available to those in need in our community. Mr. Jim Flint, 217 East Sheldon Street, stated he thought we need to be careful how the term "homelessness" is defined and as a community we need to investigate it closely. Mr. Flint also questioned Mr. Pogue's claim of being homeless and asked if Mr. Pogue's parents were still alive. Mr. Flint also stated people travel and show up in a locale and expect people to take care of them. Miranda Smith, 1965 Ferndale Drive, stated she felt that lack of information about resources available was a problem, as she had lived here nine years and many people do not know of places to obtain help.

Motion by Sharrard, supported by Campbell, to post no parking signs on the first block of Schreur Street off North Ohio Avenue, to alleviate parking problems associated with school drop off and pick up at North Ohio Elementary School. City Council also directed the Chief of Police and City Manager to meet with school officials to discuss the issues regarding parking and alternate parking areas available.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Wishart, to accept the proposal in the amount of \$10,849 from Lake State Superior University for an income survey to determine if the City of Gaylord can reinstate its low to moderate income status for the purposes of grant funding.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Jim Flint, 217 East Sheldon Street, stated that the way it sounds we already don't qualify because the Federal Government has already made that determination and questioned with two conflicting studies, how is one chosen.

Motion by Duczkowski, supported by Sharrard, to accept 2014 Street Improvement Project Change Order No. 1. This Change Order reduces the project cost by \$48,357, revising the final contract cost to \$700,484.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Campbell, to approve the 2014 Santa Parade, as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Rebecca Curtis, City Clerk

John Jenkins, Mayor