

September 22, 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, September 22, 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.

Public Comments were as follows:

Joe Lukasiewicz, candidate for 36th State Senate District, addressed City Council as it relates to his campaign platform.

Jim Flint, 217 East Sheldon Street, stated the use of the term "Downtown Manager" (as it relates to the DDA) has certain connotations and implications. Mr. Flint also stated that during the last two (2) meetings of the DDA no financial report had been given and asked who had custody of monies and donations related to the proposed Renaissance project.

Mrs. Laura Hansman of the Alpine Regional Tennis Association appeared before City Council to inform Council of the Association's intent to raise money to support the sport of tennis and to build tennis courts in the community. Ms. Hansmann also requested City Council's support of their request to be recognized as a nonprofit entity for the purpose of obtaining a gaming license.

Motion by Duczkowski, supported by Campbell, that the request from Alpine Regional Tennis Association of Gaylord, County of Otsego, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be considered for approval.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Sharrard, supported by Wishart, to accept the proposal of C2AE in the amount of \$138,000 for engineering services related to the Dickerson Road Reconstruction Project.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Campbell, to accept the second reading of an amendment to the City of Gaylord Ordinance Code, Tax Exemption Ordinance No. 13. This ordinance will provide a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for the construction of the proposed Northwind Apartment complex on West Mitchell Street. Service charges under the PILOT becomes effective when funding is secured for the project.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Ordinance becomes effective October 12, 2014.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Sharrard, to enter into an employment contract with City Manager, Joseph Duff, as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Wishart, to approve a request by Otsego County Toys for Tots for Permission to use the Gaylord Industrial Park for the 2014 Turkey Trot.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Wishart, supported by Sharrard, **WHEREAS**, the Otsego County Road Commission and the City of Gaylord rely on a combination of Federal, State and local funding for the maintenance of their roadway systems; and, **WHEREAS**, this funding has continued to diminish over recent years causing the conditions of the road systems to deteriorate; and, **WHEREAS**, the Otsego County Road Commission requested the Otsego County Board of Commissioners approve a ballot proposal seeking millage to provide additional funding for the resurfacing and rehabilitation of the local road system in the County; and, **WHEREAS**, the Otsego County Board of Commissioners approved language placing the proposal on the ballot of the November 4, 2014 General Election; and, **WHEREAS**, the ballot proposal is for the authorization to levy 1-mill for a period of ten years to resurface and rehabilitate local roads; and, **WHEREAS**, under state law the proceeds of the millage, if approved would be shared with the City of Gaylord for the resurfacing and rehabilitation of streets within the City of Gaylord. **WHEREAS**, the City agrees not to utilize these funds for any cost or expenses associated with the Gaylord Renaissance Plan. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Gaylord hereby supports the passage of the Otsego County Local Road Improvement and Construction Road Millage on November 4, 2014; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council urges its residents to support the millage in order to provide funding to adequately maintain the City's transportation infrastructure.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Jim Flint, 217 East Sheldon Street, questioned granting a 50-year tax abatement to a private developer. Mr. Flint stated there is no risk to the developer and as a taxpayer it "irks" him Mr. Flint stated charging a service fee is not fair to taxpayers, the City is giving away too much money, that the taxpayers are assuming everything and it really is a gold mine that is being given away much too cheaply.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Rebecca Curtis, City Clerk

John Jenkins, Mayor