

May 24, 2021

Mayor Wishart opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with a prayer by Council Member Sharrard at 7:00pm on Monday, May 24, 2021. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation. The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers, located at City Hall, 305 East Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan.

Members Present: Mayor Wishart, Sharrard, Hartz, Ouellette, Witt, Awrey and Sides.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Sides to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the May 10, 2021 meeting and accept them as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Public Hearing: A public hearing regarding the CDBG Grant Funding for Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement was opened at 7:02pm. No comments were received and the hearing was closed at 7:06pm.

Public Hearing: A public hearing regarding a request for a fence variance at 400 S. Oak Avenue was opened at 7:03pm. No comments were received and the hearing was closed at 7:06pm.

Public Comment: Ian Murphy, owner of Iron Pig presented council with a draft/proposed copy of a food truck ordinance to consider. The ordinance is meant to create an equal playing field for all operators within the city limits.

Mark Hansen, 615 W. Sheldon Street stated he is concerned about the business at 157 N. Illinois Avenue. He wondered if the place is supposed to be open and is concerned that it operates right across the street from residential. He also asked if residents could be responsible for mowing their lawn more than a couple times per year. Councilmember Sharrard stated that they would definitely take a look at it.

Pam Patterson, 221 N. Illinois is also concerned about the business at 157 N. Illinois Avenue. She stated there are young kids in the area that play and the shop is attracting undesirable people for that residential area. The residents of that neighborhood are trying to improve the area.

Motion by Sharrard, supported by Hartz to approve the following Resolution of Support for the CDBG Grant Funding for Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement.

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Strategic Fund has invited Units of General Local Government to apply for its Water-Related Infrastructure (WRI) Competitive Funding Round; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gaylord desires to request \$ 740,000 in CDBG funds to replace water and sanitary sewer along North Street, Clover Street and Random Lane; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gaylord commits local funds from its (Street Millage) in the amount of \$ 476,462; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project is consistent with the local Community Development Plan as described in the Application; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed project will benefit all residents of the project area and 67.1 percent of the residents of the City of Gaylord are low and moderate income persons as determined by census data provided by the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

**WHEREAS**, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not been obligated/incurred and will not be obligated/incurred prior to a formal grant award, completion of the environmental review procedures and a formal written authorization to obligate/incur costs from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Gaylord hereby designates the City Manager, Kimberly Awrey, as the Environmental Review Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG Application, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Sharrard to deny the variance request for a fence at 400 S. Oak Avenue.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Sharrard, supported by Sides to remove the special use permit for 157 N. Illinois from the agenda. The permit will be submitted to the planning commission for their next meeting on June 2, 2021.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Witt to approve the offer from Mitten Bliss Holdings, LLC to purchase Lot #4 in the Industrial Park in the amount of \$35,000.00 (thirty five thousand dollars). Price is subject to higher and better offers within 30 days from the date of approval/publication.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Sides, supported by Awrey to approve the offer from Green Matrix, LLC to purchase Lot #18 in the Industrial Park in the amount of \$85,400.00 (eighty five thousand, four hundred dollars). Price is subject to higher and better offers within 30 days from the date of approval/publication.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Harz, supported by Ouellette to approve the development agreement between the M32 Development Group, LLC and the City of Gaylord.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Sharrard, supported by Witt to approve the following Resolution to set the public hearing for the Special Assessment for Police and Fire Services.

The Gaylord City Council, does hereby resolve that it is its intention in regard to the special assessment district heretofore created for the purpose of defraying some or all of the cost of the operation of the City Police and Fire Departments, that the special assessment for the fiscal year 2021.22 shall be in the amount of 5.00 mills of the taxable value of each parcel subject to the special assessment.

It is further resolved that the City Manager shall prepare a special assessment roll.

It is further resolved that the City Council shall hold a hearing at the next regular City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday June 14, 2021, on the costs and expenses of police and fire protection and on the aforesaid proposed amount of the specials assessment and on the special assessment roll and the Clerk is directed to give notice of said public hearing as required by MCL 41.801.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Witt, supported by Awrey to approve the request to set the public hearing for the 2021-2022 Budget and Millage Levies.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Sides, supported by Witt to approve the Resolution of Otsego County 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**WHEREAS** the Gaylord City Council recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Otsego County; and

**WHEREAS** Otsego County has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as 2021 Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

**WHEREAS** the 2021 Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Otsego County from impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

**WHEREAS** adoption by the Gaylord City Council demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2021 Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the 2021 Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of City of Gaylord. The content of this document, together with all maps attached to and contained herein are hereby adopted by the Gaylord City Council as the 2021 Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Plan on this 24th day of May, 2021.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Awrey, supported by Witt, to approve the contract for Janitorial Services for City Hall.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Sharrard, supported by Witt, to approve the Solicitor's Permit Application for the K of C Tootsie Roll Drive.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Sides, supported by Ouellette to approve the Transient Trader Permit Application for John Richardson's Mexican Food Truck

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

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Jennifer Molski, City Clerk

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William Wishart, Mayor