

June 28, 2021

Mayor Wishart opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with a prayer by Council Member Sharrard at 7:00pm on Monday, June 28, 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 June 14, 2021 meeting and accept them as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Sharrard, supported by Hartz to include Mr. Edmond's to tonight's meeting. He is requesting council approval to host a circus in Gaylord.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Ian Murphy, owner of Iron Pig presented council with a handout/information; he will be requesting a liquor license from the DDA.

Mark Hansen, 615 W. Sheldon Street thanked councilmember Ouellette and councilmember Sharrard for their support and voting for his neighborhood. He is concerned about the business at 157 N. Illinois Avenue, stated they are loitering and open after hours. He is frustrated, does not want to make it personal and feels that he is put in a bad position having to report that they are not following the five stipulations they were supposed to follow.

Pam Patterson, 221 N. Illinois is also concerned about the business at 157 N. Illinois Avenue. She stated motorcycles are parked out front as well as two under the pavilion. People are coming and going out the back door and not following what they are supposed to do. She believes someone is living at the business. She doesn't think it is working, telling a good story but not living it.

CC Calahan, 523 W. Sheldon, believes someone is living at the business at 157 N. Illinois. She stated any person would never leave a motorcycle out all night long. She believes in keeping the neighborhood nice. CC also gave an update on the Mt. Caramel Center. She is the project coordinator and stated that Phase I will be completed this week. They have two major donors and a small amount of additional money to support. She would like the city to consider planting ornamental trees on the north side, on Mitchell Street.

Gage Phillipy, Eagle Scout Candidate presented to council; he needs to perform an eagle project to become an eagle scout. His project is a Covid-19 Memorial. He would like to build a memorial for those that have lost their lives or have been in some way affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. He is requesting from council, approval to build a memorial and plant trees on the north east side in Aspen Park. Gage will continue working with the DPW superintendent on the project. Motion by Sides, supported by Witt to approve and move forward with the addition of a memorial and trees of permitted species in Aspen Park.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Leslie Kettren, member of the planning commission offered her expertise and requested to work with staff to review the master plan; improve it and allow an educational opportunity for the commission. She recommended to council that the master plan should be updated every five years. She feels that in order to update the master plan, the commission needs to be educated. She suggested three options for the commission to receive education: MI Chapter of American Planning Association, MSU Extension, and Nemcog. She also feels the need to recruit additional members. Motion by Sides, supported by Ouellette for Kim Awrey, City Manager to continue to work with Nemcog to update the master plan and explore educational opportunities for commission members.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hartz, supported by Sides to set the Public Hearing for the USDA Rural Development Grant for July 12, 2021.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Awrey to approve the offer from Big Name Cannabis to purchase Lot #8 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 of minutes.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Sides, supported by Sharrard to approve the following Resolution setting New Water & Waste Rates:

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 25.004, paragraph three (3) of the City of Gaylord Compiled Ordinances Charter and General Code all rates for sewer service shall be determined by the City Council by resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 25.510 of the City of Gaylord Compiled Ordinances Charter and General Code all rates for water service shall be determined it necessary to adjust water and sewer rates and fees;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gaylord City Council has determined it necessary to adjust water and sewer rates and fees;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the water and sewer utility system fee schedules shall be effective as of July 1, 2021.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that effective July 1, 2021 the water rate shall increase for .91 cents per 100 cubic feet to \$1.25 per 100 cubic feet.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that effective July 1, 2021 the sewer rate shall increase from \$3.25 per 100 cubic feet to \$4.00 per cubic feet.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Witt to approve the 2021-2022 budget adjustments.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Sides, supported by Witt to approve the request from Richard Edmonds to continue with planning and hold a circus on July 10, 2021 at 1200 Gornick Avenue. The circus in a one day event. The city is requiring a \$100 security deposit.

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