

August 28, 2023

Mayor Sharrard opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with a prayer by Councilmember Awrey at 7:00pm on Monday, August 28, 2023. 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: Sharrard, Awrey, Ouellette, Hartz, Ryan and Witt.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Awrey to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the August 14, 2023 meeting and accept them as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Witt to add the Temporary Authorization Application request from Snowbelt Brewery.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried

Motion by Witt, supported by Hartz to excuse councilmember Wilson from tonight's meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

M. Conn spoke regarding the duplex at 421 S. Court Street.

L. Correll spoke regarding stopping for a school bus on a divided highway with its red lights flashing.

R. Wojan gave input on the need for housing and his support of the missing middle housing development on the city owned 18 acres.

Rob Huta (RLH Industries) gave his support regarding the housing development; he stated his employees struggle to find housing in the area.

A. Correll stated concern regarding a bush on the corner of 2nd street and 27.

New Business:

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Witt to approve the Purchase Agreement for the City Owned 18 Acres with the following conditions: (1) the agreement is not subject to higher and better offers and (2) no closing will take place until the referendum period expires. The referendum period is no less than 30 days after publication and approval of the minutes from this meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Hartz to approve moving forward with the Repurchase of Lot 18 in the Gaylord Industrial Park. City Attorney Paul Slough will prepare a resolution for approval at the next council meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hartz, supported by Awrey to approve the Non-Use Variance Request from Tommy's Express at 1377 W. Main Street. The request is for a side yard setback to install an additional canopy over both of their pay lanes.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Witt, supported by Hartz to approve the Temporary Authorization Application from Snowbelt Brewery with the following conditions: (1) submit a \$100 clean-up bond and (2) submit/provide a copy of insurance. The event will be held on September 22, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Jennifer Molski, City Clerk

Todd Sharrard, Mayor