

September 25, 2023

Mayor Sharrard opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with a prayer by Councilmember Wilson at 7:00pm on Monday, September 25, 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, Ouellette, Ryan, Wilson, Hartz and Witt.

Motion by Witt, supported by Hartz to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the September 11, 2023 meeting and accept them as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Witt to excuse councilmember Awrey from tonight's meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

A Public Hearing regarding a Non-Use Variance Request for Edgewood Holdings, 524 W. Fourth Street opened at 7:04PM. There were no public comments received. The hearing closed at 7:16PM.

A Public Hearing regarding a Variance Request from Woda Cooper Companies, Jenson Greene Project opened at 7:04PM. There were no public comments received. The hearing closed at 7:16PM.

Public Comment:

None.

New Business:

Motion by Hartz, supported by Ouellette to approve the Non-Use Variance Request for Edgewood Holdings, 524 W. Fourth Street

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Wilson to approve the Variance Request for Woda Cooper Companies, Jenson Green Project. The request is to allow the homes to be built with a slab on grade instead of the required crawl space and/or basement. The request is approved at their discretion of building the homes on either slab on grade or a crawl space.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Craig Patterson from Woda Cooper Companies was present at tonight's meeting to request an additional land price concession of \$123,000 to aid in the MSHDA Missing Middle financing for the Jenson Greene Project. A motion was made by councilmember Ouellette and supported by councilmember Wilson to reduce the price concession in the amount of \$80,000.00 resulting in a purchase price of \$210,000.00.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Witt, supported by Wilson to approve the following Resolution in Support of TAP Project Implementation:

WHEREAS, The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a federally funded program administered in Michigan by the Michigan Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, The City of Gaylord has plans and specifications for a South Otsego Business Loop Streetscape Project developed by C2AE and proposed in conjunction with MDOT's reconstruction of said roadway;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Gaylord hereby supports the South Otsego Business Loop Streetscape Project and actions required for Transportation Alternative Program implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Gaylord certifies that the excess expense of the South Otsego Business Loop Streetscape project over the TAP Grant amount of \$945,130 will be paid by the City of Gaylord; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Gaylord commits to owning, operating, and implementing a maintenance program over the design life of the facilities constructed with TAP funds for the South Otsego Business Loop Streetscape Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that City Manager Kimberly Awrey is authorized to act as the City's agent during project development and to sign a project agreement on the City's behalf upon receipt of funding award for the project.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hartz, supported by Witt to approve the Early Voting Plan between the City of Gaylord and Otsego County.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

No other business was presented and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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Jennifer Molski, City Clerk

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Todd Sharrard, Mayor