

November 25, 2024

Mayor Sharrard opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with a prayer by councilmember Awrey at 7:00PM on Monday, November 25, 2024. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United State of America 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, Jaques, Witt, Wilson and Ryan

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Awrey to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the November 12, 2024 meeting and accept them as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

Motion by Wilson, supported by Witt to approve the Wayfinding Design Proposal from Corbin Design for a sign projected to be completed in partnership with the tourism bureau and the DDA.

Councilmember Ouellette asked for a roll call vote:

Sharrard – Aye  
Awrey - Aye  
Ouellette - Nay  
Jaques - Nay  
Ryan - Nay  
Witt - Aye  
Wilson -Aye

Ayes: 4      Nays: 3      Absent: 0      Motion Carried

Motion by Jaques, supported by Ouellette to approve the License for Use of Pavillion.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Witt to approve the Request to Close M32 for the Santa Parade from S. Indiana to the Pavilion on November 30, 2024 from 5:00pm – 6:00pm.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Witt, supported by Wilson to approve the Marihuana License Renewal for LJA Holdings II, LLC at 1354 W Main Street)

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Awrey supported by Ouellette to postpone a decision/motion regarding the MEDC Grant Agreement Recommendation – Treetops Wastewater Treatment Plant to the next meeting on Monday, December 9, 2024.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Witt, supported by Jaques to approve the following Resolution to Hold a Public Hearing for a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (BRA):

RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CREATE AND PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF GAYLORD PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Gaylord has received and reviewed testimony that there are or may be certain environmentally distressed, functionally obsolete and/or blighted areas in the City of Gaylord and that the continued existence of such areas can limit, hinder or delay redevelopment or revitalization of properties within the City, and, accordingly, that it is in the best interest of the public to facilitate identification and treatment of environmentally distressed, functionally obsolete and/or blighted areas and promote revitalization within the municipal limits of Gaylord; and

WHEREAS, in order to further such interests, it is appropriate for the Council to create and provide for the operation of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority within the City of Gaylord pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, this Council is required (a) to hold a public hearing on the adoption of a proposed resolution creating a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority under the Act (the "Authority") and (b) to publish notice of the public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Gaylord, all in accordance with Section 4(2) of the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council hereby determines that is in the best interest of the public to promote the redevelopment of environmentally distressed, functionally obsolete and/or blighted areas of the City.
2. The Council hereby declares its intention to create and provide for the operation of the Authority within the City of Gaylord pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
3. A public hearing shall be held before the Council on December 9th, 2024, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 305 East Main Street, Gaylord, MI 49735, on the adoption of a resolution creating the Authority within the City of Gaylord, within the municipal limits of which the Authority shall exercise its powers.
4. The City Clerk (the "Clerk") shall give notice of the public hearing by causing notice to be published, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 (Sample of Notice of Public Hearing to Establish BRA), in the Gaylord Herald Times, a Weekly newspaper of general circulation in the City of Gaylord day of Tuesday November 26th, 2024, and by posting notice of the public hearing, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 , pursuant to the practice of the Clerk.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

No other business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Jennifer Molski, City Clerk

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Todd Sharrard, Mayor