

April 27, 2026

Mayor Sharrard opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with a prayer by Councilmember Ouellette at 7:00PM on Monday, April 27, 2026. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States 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, and Techel

Members Absent: Wilson, Kennedy and Jaques

A motion was made by Ouellette, supported by Awrey to amend tonight's Agenda adding item #20; Resignation Letter from Councilmember Techel.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Awrey to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the April 13, 2026 meeting and accept them as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Awrey to excuse Councilmember Kennedy from tonight's meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Awrey, supported by Ouellette to excuse Councilmember Jaques from tonight's meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

The public forum previously noticed and scheduled for tonight's meeting has been postponed per the developer's request.

Public Comment: C. Ryder offered comments regarding the recording of meetings.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Awrey to accept the resignation letter from councilmember Robert Wilson. (letter attached)

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Awrey, supported by Ouellette to accept the resignation letter from councilmember Hannah Techel. (letter and statement attached)

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Awrey to approve the Road Closure Request for the Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Monday, May 25, 2026 from 10:00am to Noon.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Awrey to approve the Marihuana Transfer License for Great Lakes Exotics (2625 S. Otsego Avenue).

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Awrey, supported by Ouellette to approve the Marihuana Transfer License for Great Lakes Exotics (820 W. Main).

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Awrey to approve the First Reading of the Amendment to the Solicitation Ordinance.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Awrey, supported by Ouellette to approve the First Reading of the Ethics Ordinance.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Awrey, supported by Ouellette to approve the First Reading of the Ordinance to Amend the Rental Housing Ordinance.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Discussion took place regarding council member vacancies.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Awrey to post the council member vacancies for Ward 2 and At Large, accept applications/resumes and interview candidates at the regularly scheduled council meeting on Monday, May 11, 2026. Applications/resumes are due no later than noon on Thursday, May 7, 2026.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Discussion to place regarding the public forum date.

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Awrey to set the public forum date with the developer regarding the 18+ acre property located between West Street and I-75 for the second meeting in May, which will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 due to the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday.

Motion by Awrey, supported by Ouellette to approve the budget timeline for 2026-2027.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

No other business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Jennifer Molski, City Clerk

Todd Sharrard, Mayor

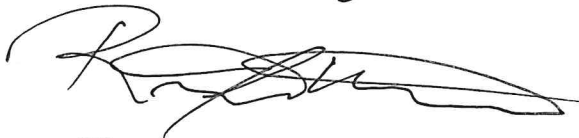
April 18th 2026

To City Council, Gaylord, Michigan

I, Robert Wilson am giving my resignation
to City Council and all the duties

It's been a true pleasure being with you all.

Respectfully,



Robert J. Wilson

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4/27/26

Mayor Todd Sharrard
City Council Members
City of Gaylord
305 E. Main Street

Dear Mayor Sharrard and Fellow Council Members,

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from the Gaylord City Council, effective 4/27/26.

Serving in this role has been eye opening, and I still will remain committed to the future of our community. I stepped into this position to contribute to thoughtful, solution focused leadership, particularly around issues that matter most to our residents.

However, it has become increasingly clear that the current environment on Council is marked by a level of division and underlying animosity that makes it difficult to effectively carry out that responsibility. Productive dialogue and forward progress are too often overshadowed by conflict, and the focus shifts away from the work itself.

I believe in respectful disagreement and understand that differing perspectives are part of the process. But when the environment consistently hinders collaboration and discourages meaningful progress, it becomes challenging to serve in the way I believe this role requires.

After careful consideration, I believe stepping aside is the most appropriate decision at this time, for both my ability to continue serving effectively and for the overall function of Council.

I am hopeful that Council can move toward a more constructive and unified approach that better serves the residents of Gaylord. I am grateful for the opportunity to have served and for the relationships built along the way.

Sincerely,
Hannah Techel



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Mayor, Council, and members of the public,

Before I begin, I would like to request that this statement be entered into the public record in its entirety and included with the official minutes of this meeting.

I ran for City Council for one simple reason, to serve. Period. Not for recognition, but to contribute in a meaningful way to the community I was born and raised in.

That intention has not changed.

What has changed is the environment in which that service is expected to take place.

Over time, there has been a noticeable pattern, not just of disagreement, but of personal undertones, selective scrutiny, and, at times, actions that feel targeted. Whether that was the intent or not, the impact is the same. It creates an uneven playing field and makes it difficult to operate from a place of trust and good faith.

I want to be clear, I am not avoiding tough conversations or differing opinions. Those are necessary. But when the process begins to feel inconsistent, or when individuals are subjected to a different level of examination than others, it shifts the focus away from the work and toward defensiveness. I don't need to feel like I'm on trial every other council meeting.

That is not a productive environment. And it's not one that fosters progress.

I've also had to take an honest look at my own position. I have future development interests in this community, and in the current climate, those interests risk being viewed through a lens of bias regardless of the facts. That dynamic complicates decision making in a way that doesn't serve the process or the public.

And beyond that, I'm also here to live my Unreal Life. A life so amazing that it almost seems unreal. I want that for others too. I value my family, my work, my personal friendships, my neighbors, and those I currently serve, and the ability to operate in spaces that are constructive and forward moving. The current climate surrounding this role has, at times, pulled away from that in a way that's hard to ignore.

At the end of the day, serving effectively requires the ability to collaborate, to trust the process, and to stay focused on outcomes that benefit the community. When those things are consistently challenged, it's important to reevaluate where and how you can best contribute.

For those reasons, I will be stepping down from my position on City Council, effective April 27th, 2026, and have submitted my formal resignation.

I care about this community. That doesn't change based on a title, and it won't stop here.

My hope is that moving forward, there is a stronger commitment to consistency, fairness, and respect, so that the work of this Council can move forward in a way that serves the people of Gaylord.

Additionally, I would like to return my first quarterly paycheck, which has not been cashed, back to the City with the intention that it be directed toward education and training for City Council.


Thank you.

Hannah Techel

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