

May 26, 2026

Mayor Sharrard opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with a prayer by Councilmember Ouellette at 7:00PM on Tuesday, May 26, 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, Kennedy and Jaques

Members Absent: None

Motion by Ouellette, supported by Jaques to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the May 11, 2026 meeting and accept them as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Communications: Council was provided with copies of all written correspondence for tonight's meeting. Copies are on file in the clerk's office.

Public Comment: P. Battalia, B. Heska, K. Beyer, S. Loubert, M. Hansen, C. Gibson, J. Flint, D. Morris, L. Correll, C. Ryder, A. Hamilton, L. Hewitt and G. Kosch all spoke during public comment.

Unfinished Business:

Ward 2 and At Large Council Member Appointments & Administer Oath

Ward 2 Appointment: Paul Welitzkin

At Large Appointment: Al Witt

Tallied votes are attached to the minutes. The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office and the newly appointed council members were seated.

New Business:

Motion by Awrey, supported by Witt to approve the following Resolution to Hold a Public Hearing for Special Assessment for Police & Fire Services 2026/2027:

The Gaylord City Council, does hereby resolve that it is its intention regarding the special assessment district heretofore created for the purpose of defraying some or all the cost of the operation of the City Police and Fire Departments, that the special assessment for the fiscal year 2026.27 shall be in the amount of 4.00 mills of the taxable value of each parcel subject to the special assessment.

It is further resolved that the City Manager shall prepare a special assessment roll.

It is further resolved that the City Council shall hold a hearing at the next regular City Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday June 8, 2026, on the costs and expenses of police and fire protection and on the aforesaid proposed amount of the specials assessment and on the special assessment roll and the Clerk is directed to give notice of said public hearing as required by MCL 41.801.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Judy Doan from The Refuge gave a presentation to council.

Motion by Jaques, supported by Witt to approve the request for Road Closure (Gornick Avenue) for the Gaylord Gus Macker slated to be held June 12 through June 14, 2026.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Council Member Ouellette made a motion to deny the Rezoning of Parcel 101-033-000-070.00 from R1 to R2. No support. Motion failed.

Motion by Witt, supported by Awrey to approve the Rezoning of Parcel 101-033-000-070.00 from R1 to R2 with the conditions stipulated from the Planning Commission.

A protest petition was filed, requiring a 2/3 vote.

A roll call vote was taken:

Kennedy: Aye  
Ouellette: Nay  
Sharrard: Nay  
Jaques: Aye  
Awrey: Aye  
Witt: Aye  
Welitzkin: Aye

Ayes: 5

Nays: 2

Motion Passed.

Motion by Jaques, supported by Witt to set the Public Hearing for the 2026/2027 Budget and Millage Levies on Monday, June 8, 2026.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Jaques, supported by Witt to approve the Outdoor Café Permit for Alpine Chocolat Haus on 208 W. Main Street with the stipulation of drawing a delineating line clearly marking the area.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Kennedy, supported by Awrey to approve the Compensation and Benefits Study.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Jaques, supported by Witt to approve the following Resolution Adopting Final Project Planning Document for Water System Improvements and Designating an Authorized Project Representative:

WHEREAS, the CITY OF GAYLORD, MI recognizes the need to make improvements to its existing water distribution system; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF GAYLORD, MI authorized C2AE OF GAYLORD, MI to prepare a Project Planning Document, which recommends the replacement of lead-impacted water services;

WHEREAS, said Project Planning Document was presented at a Public Hearing held on Monday April 13, 2026 at 7:00pm and all public comments have been considered and addressed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CITY OF GAYLORD, MI formally adopts said Project Planning Document for the following selected alternatives:

Lead Service Line Only DWSRF Funding

- Alternative 2: Replacement of Lead Impacted Water Service Lines

Comprehensive/Traditional DWSRF Funding

- Alternative 3: Water Main Replacement w/ Service Lines
- Alternative 4: New Drinking Water Well
- Alternative 5: Water Meter Replacements

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager, a position currently held by Kim Awrey, is designated as the authorized representative for all activities associated with the project referenced above, including the submittal of said Project Planning Document as the first step in applying to the State of Michigan for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan to assist in the implementation of the selected alternatives.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion by Jaques, supported by Witt to approve the Engineering Proposal from C2AE regarding the WWTP Monitoring Well Abandonment and New Well in the amount of \$7500.00

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

No other business was presented, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

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Jennifer Molski, City Clerk

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Todd Sharrard, Mayor

Council Member Appointments

Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Ward 2

	Kennedy	Ouellette	Sharrard	Jaques	Awrey	
Mike Ryan		✓				1
Brady Schulz					✓	1
Al Witt						
Mark Hansen						∅
Paul Welitzkin	✓		✓	✓		3

At Large

	Kennedy	Ouellette	Sharrard	Jaques	Awrey	
Mike Ryan		✓				1
Brady Schulz						∅
Al Witt	✓		✓	✓	✓	4
Mark Hansen						∅
<del>Paul Welitzkin</del>						

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Public Forum Notice

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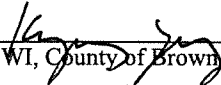
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