

April 23, 2012

Mayor Jenkins opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with prayer by Council Member Sharrard, at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2012, in the City Council Chambers, located in the Gaylord City Hall, 305 East Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation.

Members Present: Campbell, Jenkins, Johnson, Mankowski and Sharrard.

Members Absent: Duczkowski and Wishart.

Motion by Campbell, supported by Sharrard, to amend the agenda for the meeting by adding the following under New Business:

Request by Ken Arndt to Setup an Orienteering Project in Aspen Park as Part of his Eagle Scout Requirements

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, supported by Sharrard, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to accept them as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Campbell, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to accept them as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

City Council scheduled the 2012/13 Budget Worksession for 6:00 p.m., on Monday, May 7, 2012.

During the public comment portion of the meeting Jim Varnas, Houghton Lake, asked about the cost to the City of a water service line previously reported on by City Manager Joseph Duff.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Campbell, Whereas, provided by the MERS Plan Document, and in accordance with the Employer's policy there under, the additional credited service described is hereby granted this Member by Resolution of the Governing Body of Gaylord, City of, at its meeting on April 23, 2012. The Employer understands this is an estimated cost, calculated using actuarial assumptions approved by the Retirement Board. Any difference between the assumptions and actual experience will affect the true cost of the additional service. For example, changes in benefit programs through adoption or transfer of the affected employee to a division with "better" benefits; increases in wages other than 4.5% per year; and changes to the anticipated date of termination, will affect the actual cost of the additional service (increase or decrease). Thus, actual future events and experience may result in changes different than those assumed, and liability different than that estimated. The Employer understands and agrees that it is accountable for any difference between estimated and actual costs.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

The additional credited service request was from Chief Joseph FitzGerald to allow the purchase of one (1) year of service time in the MERS Nonunion Plan.

Motion by Campbell, supported by Sharrard, WHEREAS, upon the purchase of one (1) year of credited service time in the MERS Nonunion Plan, the City Council hereby approves the transfer of Chief Joseph FitzGerald into the MERS POLC Plan.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried

Request by Jim Varnas for a property division for property identified as 102-540-034-005-00, located on Hayes Road, was not acted upon. The City Council directed the City Attorney to provide a legal opinion as to the legality of the division before formal action is taken. Formal action upon Mr. Varnas' additional request to allow private well and septic system on the property was tabled until City Council receives the legal opinion from the City Attorney. City Council directed the City Manager to share the legal opinion with Mr. Varnas upon its receipt.

Motion by Campbell, supported by Mankowski, to approve a request by the Shriner's Club for their annual "Newspaper Sale" to be held July 20, 2012.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Campbell, to approve a request by Ken Arndt to allow an Orienteering Course be setup in Aspen Park as part of an Eagle Scout project. The request is approved contingent upon the DPW Superintendent approving the positioning of the orienteering posts and an agreement that the Scout Troops will maintain the course in the future.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Campbell, to direct the Planning Commission to schedule a Public Hearing to receive input on an amendment to the City of Gaylord Zoning Ordinance, to establish that the City Council serve as the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Rebecca Curtis, City Clerk
John Jenkins, Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council, held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2012, in the City Council Chambers, located in the Gaylord City Hall, 305 East Main Street, Gaylord, Michigan.

Rebecca Curtis, City Clerk
Dated: April 23, 2012