

April 8, 2013

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 8, 2013, 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, Duczkowski, Jenkins, Mankowski, Sharrard and Wishart.
Members Absent: Johnson.

Motion by Wishart, 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.

Mayor Jenkins opened a Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. on the question of creating a special assessment district and special assessment levy of 0.75 mills on all real property within the geographic boundaries of the City of Gaylord and/or within the jurisdictional control of the City of Gaylord, including all properties that have come within the jurisdiction of the City of Gaylord through a contract pursuant to Public Act 425 of 1984, except property exempt from the collection of taxes under the general property tax act. The reason for the special assessment levy is to defray some or all of the cost of police or fire motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment and housing and the maintenance and operation of the City Police and Fire departments. The purpose of the hearing is to hear objections that may be offered against the cost estimate and the creation of the special assessment district. City Manager Joseph Duff gave a power point presentation which included information relating to the financial position of the City, including reduction in taxable value. Also presented was the estimate of costs relating to Police and Fire vehicles, apparatus, equipment, housing, maintenance, and general operations of the Police and Fire Departments and statistical data relating to the number of complaints and arrests. Officer Frank Claeys explained the statistical information in greater depth.

A summary of the public comment, questions and concerns made during the hearing is as follows:

Terese Sharkey, 1412 Washington: Are forensics shared with the State? Are multiple offenders arrested? I have two children and I want them safe. What happens to the population during the summer?

Jim Flint, 217 East Sheldon Street: Are the 515 arrests (noted on power point) individual or combined? Has the special assessment district been determined and is there a public hearing after it is identified? As a taxpayer I am concerned about a special assessment levy. When are we going to get hit with the pension liability? Increase the tourism tax. Income tax might be a better way to go. Don't think special assessment is the right way.

Vic Ouellette, 418 North Otsego Avenue: How many times does the Police Department get called out to provide backup? Not having a 24-hour Police Department is a big mistake, we still have crack houses. Doesn't want the Police Department to drive a vehicle with 100,000 miles. Encourage City Council to step up and make a hard decision, even with the realization that I am not a fan of supporting new taxes.

Ken Cousone, 223 Ranch Road: How much money is generated by citations? What is the crime rate? Does the Department have a corrective action plan to drive the crime rate down? Look at

staffing; the Department has three (3) people supervising six (6) employees. Will the two (2) sergeants be replaced?

Mike Rola, 900 Elkview, Otsego County Prosecutor: Obviously no one wants to pay taxes, but if things start to improve can the special assessment levy be reduced. Public perception is that once the special assessment is levied it is there for good.

Danielle Davis, Michigan Department of Corrections: Sixty-one (61) parolees live in City, eighteen (18) are violent. The MDOC uses the Police Department to search houses and to find absconders. MDOC uses City Police all the time.

Dr. Peter Hanley, Chief of Staff and Emergency Room Doctor at Otsego Memorial Hospital, Spoke on behalf of himself and Tom Lemon, CEO: Public safety officers provide a number of services that are unrecognized; child abuse, mental health, identifying patients and safety issues. In regards to emergencies, the Police Department secures locations for medics, are used in the Emergency Room, and management of combative patients. The hospital is not staffed to handle and to provide custody of mental health patients. Three weeks ago all law enforcement officers in Otsego County were in the Emergency Room at the same time. Potential for mass casualties on I-75. Hard to predict staffing levels, dealing with seasonal variations. Safety issues are real. Law enforcement is top draw in the community. The role of the Police Department is broader than writing tickets and solving crimes.

Kevin Drummond, 208 East First Street, Walmart Manager: As a property owner I don't care what it takes, I don't want one of my six children to suffer if they need help because I didn't vote (for the assessment). As a business professional I know my money is going to a professional department that provides assistance.

Jim Duhoski, 214 East Sheldon Street: What is the limit of the levy and every year can the City increase it? Is it true that the levy can be overturned by 10% of voters?

Tammy LaBouef, 333 Felshaw Street: If we are \$239,000 short next year, what are we going to do each year? Next year?

Ed Schrader, 246 West Main Street: I have studied history and I know once you start a Special Assessment levy it is never going away.

Judy Duhoski, 214 East Sheldon Street: Asked about the \$25,000 to be appropriated for an Income Tax Study. Asked what do we get (for it) and why don't you just give the \$25,000 to the citizens to let them vote on it?

Brian Beresik, Oakleaf: \$25,000 (Income Tax Study) equates to 8% of the shortfall. Anyone in private industry would be terminated if they spent that kind of money on a study. Does Council consider the decrease in property values due to increased taxes? Trends are powerful, pretty strong message. Have you considered the message it sends to possible investors?

Janet Flint, 217 East Sheldon Street: Regarding the \$25,000 (Income Tax Study) did you get bids and have you considered using other community's information? Have you considered giving up Spring Clean-Up?

Frank Mazzella, 912 Summitview, Mama Leone's Restaurant: An income tax will directly affect my family. Did the City ever considered imposing a sales tax? You could do the same thing with a sales tax that you do with an income tax. Business has declined annually. We cannot afford new taxes, properties have devalued. When businesses pay more in taxes employees get cut. We need to cut services, but not in the Police Department. Anyone who has a business should have a vote.

Wayne Brown, 533 East Huron Street: We are subsidizing the rest of the County, schools, courthouse; it all falls back on the City. What does our Industrial Park look like? Maybe we should have a regional law enforcement department.

Marie Kirt, 213 East Sheldon Street: Can we do something other than P.A. 33? The 10-mills that could be levied is scary?

Mayor Jenkins closed the public hearing at 8:36 p.m.

Motion by Wishart, supported by Duczkowski, to excuse the absence of Council Member Johnson.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Campbell, The Gaylord City Council having heretofore, on March 25, 2013, passed a resolution to create a special assessment district and impose a special assessment upon all properties within that district and setting a public hearing for April 8, 2013 on the estimate of costs and expenses and on the question of creating the special assessment district and defraying some or all of the cost of police or fire vehicles, apparatus, equipment and housing and maintenance and operation of the City Police and Fire Departments by special assessment upon the properties to be benefited; and notice of said public hearing having been given as required by MCL 41.801(4), and a public hearing having been held on April 8, 2013, and the City Council having been in session at the time of said hearing for the purpose of hearing objections to the estimate and the creation of the special assessment district, and the City Council having heard any objections that were offered and having considered the matter, NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that a special assessment district is hereby created for the purpose of imposing a special assessment upon all properties within the special assessment district in the amount of 0.75 mills of the taxable value of each parcel subject to the special assessment. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the purpose of said special assessment shall be to defray some or all of the cost of police or fire motor vehicles, apparatus, equipment and housing and the maintenance and operation of the City Police and Fire Departments. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the description of the property to be included within said special assessment district is as follows:

"All real property within the geographic boundaries of the City of Gaylord and/or within the jurisdictional control of the City of Gaylord, including all properties that have come within the jurisdiction of the City of Gaylord through a contract pursuant to Public Act 425 of 1984, except property exempt from the collection of taxes under the general property tax act."

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the special assessment levy is to be spread on all of the lands and premises in the special assessment district and a special assessment roll is to be prepared and filed with the City Clerk so that the further public hearing as required by MCL 41.801(4) may be scheduled.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Wishart, supported by Mankowski, to approve a request by the VFW Post #1519 for a Charitable Solicitation Permit on May 23-25, 2013.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, supported by Duczkowski, to approve for payment the following expenditures:

Advance Electric Inc.	WWT Supplies/Motor Pool Parts	46.54
Airgas USA LLC	Motor Pool Parts	236.51

Alpine Computers	WWT Plant Parts	39.99
American Waste - Arrow	Sanitation Service City Hall	81.00
Arrow Uniform Rental	Mechanic Uniform/DPW Supplies	304.85
Belleroc Tire/Gaylord 058	Motor Pool Maintenance	65.00
Bio-System International	WWT Plant Supplies	740.40
Brecheisen Diesel Service	Motor Pool Parts	39.84
C2AE	Water Map Updates	474.98
C2AE	Mankowski Road	1,550.00
C2AE	South Wisconsin	2,340.00
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C2AE	Mankowski Road	5,600.00
Centurylink	WWT/Pd/City Office/DPW	13.46
Citizens Bank	North Center Property Debt Payment	4,914.00
City Of Gaylord	Expenses, Insurance Mtg, Traverse City	39.87
Commercial Control Systems Inc	City Hall Maintenance	44.54
Commercial Control Systems Inc	City Hall Maintenance Contract	1,630.00
Consumers Energy	Traffic Lights	1,388.97
Consumers Energy	Street Lights	4,404.44
Consumers Energy	City Hall	794.30
Consumers Energy	DPW	596.98
Consumers Energy	WWT Plant	10,103.81
Consumers Energy	Streetlights - 126 West Main Street	552.93
Consumers Energy	Streetlights - 120 North Oak Avenue	102.46
Consumers Energy	Pavilion	22.24
Consumers Energy	Water Department Bldg. - S. Center	29.28
Consumers Energy	Hale Park	47.92
Consumers Energy	Pavilion	22.24
Consumers Energy	Streetlights - 185 South Center	422.20
Consumers Energy	Pavilion	207.23
Consumers Energy	Well - North Ohio	812.89
Consumers Energy	Water Tower - Fairview Road	38.18
Consumers Energy	Well - North Otsego Avenue	1,246.69
Consumers Energy	Well - North Hazel Avenue	507.35
Consumers Energy	Freel Park	84.69
Consumers Energy	Doumas Park	22.24
Consumers Energy	Doumas Park	98.02
Consumers Energy	DDA Restroom	629.23
Consumers Energy	Fairview Cemetery	22.72
Consumers Energy	Fairview Cemetery	22.24
Consumers Energy	Edelweiss Village Parkway	158.94
Consumers Energy	Streetlights - 113 North Wisconsin	118.96
Consumers Energy	Streetlights - 100 South Wisconsin	436.02
Consumers Energy	Dickerson Road Lift Station	131.92

Consumers Energy	Aspen Park	221.70
Consumers Energy	Commerce Blvd. Lift Station	82.88
Consumers Energy	Milbocker Road Lift Station	149.55
Consumers Energy	IDC Park Entrance	60.27
Consumers Energy	Dickerson Road Well	795.70
Consumers Energy	South Wisconsin Water Tower	25.84
CRA Payment Center	Motor Pool Parts	1,118.60
Crossroads Industries Inc	Tax Assessment Mailings	47.50
Cummins Bridgeway LLC	WWT Plant Parts	748.71
Cummins Bridgeway LLC	WWT Plant Maintenance	858.71
Cummins Bridgeway LLC	WWT Plant Maintenance	49.29
Cummins Bridgeway LLC	WWT Plant Maintenance	289.38
Delage Landen	Police Department Copy Machine Lease	167.75
Delage Landen	City Office Copy Machine Lease	497.70
DTE Energy	Meijer Lift Station	28.40
DTE Energy	WWT Plant	77.53
DTE Energy	DPW	1,157.87
DTE Energy	WWT Plant	388.67
DTE Energy	WWT Plant	179.40
DTE Energy	South Center Water Bldg	47.51
DTE Energy	WWT Plant	118.60
DTE Energy	McVannel Road Lift Station	26.20
DTE Energy	WWT Plant	531.61
DTE Energy	City Hall	856.74
DTE Energy	North Ohio Well	124.57
Dunn's Office Supply & Machine	City Office/Police Dept Office Supplies	507.06
Easypermit Postage	Postage - Postage Machine	1,626.52
Elhorn Engineering Co	Water Department Supplies	2,900.80
Enerco Corp	City Hall Maintenance Contract	400.00
Election Systems & Software	Maintenance Contract, Tabulators	239.56
Feeny	Motor Pool Parts	336.08
Feeny	Motor Pool Parts	25.92
First National Bank Omaha	Water Dept Expense Conference/City Mgr	500.61
First National Bank Omaha	Police Promotional/Motor Pool	367.40
Fisher Scientific	WWT Plant Supplies	441.99
Fisher Scientific	WWT Plant Supplies	222.68
Foster Swift	Tax Tribunal Legal Fees	1,342.34
Frontier	Milbocker Lift Station	35.80
Frontier	Raccoon Lift Station	42.62
Frontier	Dickerson Road Lift Station	36.61
Frontier	DPW	65.72
Frontier	City Hall	421.82
Frontier	Otsego Club Lift Station	28.75

Frontier	WWT Plant	187.91
Frontier	City Hall Elevator	48.95
Frontier	McVannel Road Lift Station	24.95
Gaslight Media	City Hall Internet Service	59.95
Gaylord Machine & Fabrication LLC	WWT Plant Maintenance	210.00
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Gaylord Machine & Fabrication LLC	WWT Plant Maintenance	1,145.45
Gill-Roy's Complete Hardware	Motor Pool/City Hall/Water/WWT/Street	238.85
Gordon Food Service Inc	DPW Supplies	164.91
Great Lakes Energy	Lift Station/Ind Park/Meijer Traffic/Streetlights	2,736.66
Hach Company	WWT Plant Supplies	238.95
Heights Machinery	Motor Pool Parts	195.86
Heights Machinery	Mower - Holder	3,998.00
I-2000 Inc.	Internet, DPW And WWT Plant	59.90
Industrial Marketing	Motor Pool Parts	1,254.01
Jim's Alpine Automotive	Motor Pool Supplies/Parts	240.77
Jim Wernig Inc	Motor Pool Parts	263.06
Johnson Oil Company Of Gaylord	Motor Pool Fuel	4,913.00
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Kirkpatrick & Dubois Plc	Mankowski Road Land Acquisition	912.00
Kirkpatrick & Dubois Plc	Legal Fees	3,776.00
Floyd Koscielniak	Sidewalks/City Hall Maintenance	2,440.00
Lowes	DPW Supplies	25.86
Marcor Technologies LLC	Computer Maintenance	180.00
Maurer's Textile Rental Service Inc	City Hall Mats	182.02
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Michigan Taser Distributing	Police Dept Taser Supplies	59.05
Northern Fire & Safety	City Hall Maintenance	395.00
Northern Mi Real Estate Consultants	Mankowski Road Appraisals	9,875.00
Northern Michigan Review Inc.	Public Hearing Notice	82.50
Otis Elevator Company	City Hall Maintenance Contract - Elevator	1,792.68
Otsego County Treasurer	Tax Tribunal Reimbursements	180,268.34
Patriot Steel & Fabrication	Motor Pool Parts	160.00
Professional Id Cards Inc.	Police Dept Supplies	65.35
Psi Printing Systems Inc	City Office Supplies	144.00
Rance Charboneau	Lansing - Hearing, Expenses	12.16
Rebecca Curtis	City Hall, March 2013	1,125.00
Scientific	Motor Pool Parts	208.21
Senior All-Night Party	Donation	100.00
Six K's Lawn Service	Elk Care - 3/16 To 4/7	240.00
Spartan Sewer And Septic	Aspen Park	150.00
State Industrial Products	WWT Plant Supplies	150.81
TMDE Calibration Labs Inc	Motor Pool Maintenance	155.00

Unique Paving Materials	Cold Patch, Street Maintenance	866.97
Unique Paving Materials	Cold Patch, Street Maintenance	880.65
Valley Truck Parts	Motor Pool Parts	153.11
Wade-Trim	Meter Reading Services	888.00
Wash-N-Go Management Inc	Motor Pool Maintenance	95.00
<u>Wilber Automotive Supply Inc.</u>	<u>WWT/Motor Pool Parts And Supplies</u>	<u>271.35</u>
	Total	\$286,753.38

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Rebecca Curtis, City Clerk
John Jenkins, Mayor