

August 22, 2011

Mayor Jenkins opened the regular meeting of the Gaylord City Council with prayer by Council Member Sharrard at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 2011, 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, Johnson, Mankowski and Sharrard.

Members Absent: Wambold.

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

Consideration of 2011 Street Improvement Project Change Order No. 1

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

City Clerk Rebecca Curtis read a communication from Paul Witgen, 315 East Mitchell Street, requesting the apple tree in Freel Park be removed due to the fact that annually adolescents throw apples at each other and onto neighboring properties. City Council directed the Department of Public Works to remove the apples from the tree in an effort to quell the problem.

Motion by Duczkowski, supported by Campbell, to approve a request by Zip's 45th Parallel for closure of Gornick Avenue from South Wisconsin to the Gaylord Bowling Center on Thursday, August 25, 2011, from the hours of 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., to provide parking for the Harley Davidson Owner's Rally to be held at 980 Gornick Avenue.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

City Council discussed conditions at 207 North Hazel Avenue and possible actions that could be taken to abate ongoing nuisance violations associated with the property. Other property owners from the immediate area were in attendance to express concerns regarding the health and safety of the property, including Robert Hasselbach of 217 North Hazel Avenue, Pat Sepura of 340 East Sheldon Street and Mary Ann Welsh of 325 East Mitchell Street. A communication from Paul Witgen of 315 East Mitchell Street expressing his concerns was also received.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Campbell, to authorize the City Attorney to take whatever remedies he feels are necessary to abate the nuisance violations at 207 North Hazel Avenue.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Campbell, to decline a request by the County of Otsego to enter into an agreement with them for recycling services funded by a special assessment for residents inside the City limits.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, supported by Duczkowski, to authorize the Department of Public Works to assist with activities associated with Oktoberfest.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Mankowski, supported by Sharrard, to approve 2011 Street Improvement Project Change Order No. 1. This Change Order eliminates Divisions C and D from the project and reduces the contract price by \$98,336.50. Revised contract price is \$481,630.50.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Campbell, to excuse the absence of Council Member Wambold from the meeting.

Ayes: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Rebecca Curtis, City Clerk
John Jenkins, Mayor