

January 15, 2001
Gladwin, Michigan

The regular meeting of the Gladwin City Council was called to order by Mayor Schuster at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Caffrey, Crawford, Hindman, Jungman, Matteson, Novak, Winarski

Absent: Mienk

Staff Present: Bob McConkie, Charles Jones, Doug Jacobson, John Simpson

Also Present: Mayor Schuster, Kortni Myers, Anne Wolfe, Danny Ogden, Keith Edick, Marilyn Garrison, Jeanie Pickard, Mort Stein, Bernadine Stein.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Schuster followed by the invocation given by Council Member Jungman.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 2, 2001 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Council Member Winarski, supported by Council Member Caffrey to approve warrant 01-20 in the amount of \$30,576.30. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations

County Commissioner Edick advised the Council that he was appointed Chairman of the County Commission for another year. There are three new Commissioners this year, Grimes, Roehrs, and Walters. The 911 radio tower has been completed and the radio equipment has been ordered and it is anticipated the system will be in operation shortly.

Mayor Schuster then placed New Business item c, Gladwin Area Artist Guild proposal, on the floor. Marilyn Garrison presented a concept to construct a new gallery for the Gladwin Area Artist Guild. The Guild would like to see if the city could provide land for a gallery site. Administrator McConkie advised that he had a meeting with the co-directors of the Arts Council last week and the discussion at that time, he thought, was centered around the possibility of constructing an addition to the existing Community Arts Building. Ms. Garrison advised she was seeking Council approval of the concept. The Guild is looking at a 1,500 square foot building. Mayor Schuster advised he has been a big supporter of the Arts and that half of the members of the Arts Council are not residents of the City. The City could not undertake the responsibility for such a building. The best he could do at this time would be for the City to give its blessing to the proposed concept. Council Member Winarski stated that the City is committed to the Arts Council but didn't know what type or relationship existed between the Arts Council and the Artists Guild and the Friends of the Theater. Ms. Garrison advised that they have tried to hold meetings at the Arts Center but there have been scheduling problems involved in the use of the building. She also handed out a proposal for uses of the building along with two proposed building plans. Council Member Crawford asked if it was premature to be having this discussion

without having a committee meet with the groups involved. Council Member Winarski advised that when phase three is complete at the Community Ice Arena, there will be meeting rooms available for classrooms and meetings. Ms. Pickard asked what grants might be available that could be applied for? Mayor Schuster advised that before any grant could be applied for, it was necessary to have definite plans in hand, not just a concept of what was desired. Mort Stein stated he wasn't aware of the concept plan that the Artists Guild was presenting tonight. When he met with Mr. McConkie last week, the discussion was of better utilization of the existing building. City Administrator McConkie advised that he has a publication that lists grants that are available and he will make this available to the Arts Council.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Hindman to establish the agenda with the following additions: Old Business - b. Panorama Video sewer and water request; New Business - e. Defibrillator, f. Parking; Consent Agenda: Certificate from Census Bureau. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Winarski, supported by Council Member Hindman to establish the Consent Agenda which includes the following: Communications - Housing Commission meeting schedule for 2001, Varnum, Riddering FCC Preemption of Control of Rights of Way, Consumers Energy Notice of Public Hearing, Canham Drain Notice of Meeting of Board of Determination, Board of Review meeting time change: Meetings - Community Arena Board 12/06/00, County Commission 12/26/00, County Commission 12/28/00, County Commission 01/02/01, Fire Board 01/03/01, Safety Committee 01/09/01; Miscellaneous - Police Activity Report for December 2000, MEDC minute, Environmental Impact Newsletter, Census Bureau Certificate. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Motion by Council Member Winarski, supported by Council Member Caffrey to release the \$500 being held in escrow for the landscaping at the Community Ice Arena. Council Member Matteson advised the Arena Board met and concurs that the work has been done and the money can be released. All ayes. Motion carried.

Administrator McConkie advised he has received a request from the property owners at the Panorama Video property today. They are requesting a special assessment district for their sewer hook-up payment spread over ten years. Amount of the assessment would be approximately \$3,500 plus interest. Council Member Crawford asked what would happen if, after three or four years, the store should close. He was advised that this would be a tax lien and would remain with the property until it is paid off. Council Member Jungman asked if ten years was an unusual length of time to ask for a special assessment. She was advised that this is a standard time length and one that the city has used in the past. Motion by Council Member Crawford, supported by Council Member Caffrey to grant a ten year special assessment district. All ayes. Motion carried. Administrator McConkie also brought up a request for a temporary water service between the current structure at 900 East Cedar and the new video store building. It was the consensus of the City County the matter be referred to the discretion of the City Administrator to resolve.

New Business

Mayor Schuster recommends that Council Member Matteson be appointed to the Election Commission. Motion by Council Member Winarski, supported by Council Member Crawford to approve the recommendation. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council member Jungman to enter into our annual trade-in program for John Deere lawn tractors in the amount of \$4,009.87. All ayes. Motion carried.

Administrator McConkie advised that the City/County are in line for a \$166,666 (including local match) grant to finish work on the taxiway and complete fencing on the north airport property. This would be a 95% grant (90% federal, 5% state) with 5% local funds. The Council will be asked for authorization to execute the grant contract when it is received.

Police Chief Jones advised that he was contacted by Sheriff Hargrave today and was advised of grant money available until January 19, 2001 to cover ½ of the costs of automated external defibrillator units. It is the intent to try and purchase three units to be placed in the patrol cars. Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Caffrey to authorize up to \$5,000 for the purchase of three defibrillator units. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council Member Caffrey requested that plans be updated for construction of a parking lot at Grout and Arcade. He would like to have the plans reviewed for the most cost effective plan to construct a new lot.

Comments

Personnel Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee will meet on Thursday, January 25th at 4:00 p.m.

Council Member Hindman stated that when the original Arts Building was built, it used to be empty most of the time. Name of the building has changed several times but is largely remained empty. Now it seems to be used mostly for dinners. We may need to get the Arts back into the building.

Council Member Jungman advised that Saturday, a gentleman fell on the ice in front of the building owned by Dr. Johnson. She said she stopped by today and talked with the store proprietor and asked if he could salt the sidewalks. The store proprietor told her Dr. Johnson told him that was the city's responsibility.

Police Chief Jones advised of the Crime Stoppers Dinner being held on Friday, January 26th. He also updated the Council on the incident involving an escaping inmate from the hospital and the stolen vehicle apprehension.

Administrator McConkie advised of MML Conference in March. If you wish to attend, please let him know as soon as possible. Also, when Gladwin Manufacturing closed, they turned off the heat in the building but left the water turned on. A 4" water main broke inside the building

over the weekend. When we were able to get inside, there was about 2 feet of water inside the building and 3 feet of water in the boiler room. The city pumped close to a million gallons of water before the break was discovered and the water could be shut off. An estimated water bill will be sent to Gladwin Manufacturing. As a result of the break, there were also 2 water services that ruptured along with one water main break caused by the water pressure.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Novak to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Earl Schuster, Mayor

John Simpson, Deputy City Clerk