

January 2, 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, Mienk, Novak, Winarski

Absent: Matteson

Staff Present: Bob McConkie, Charles Jones, John Simpson

Also Present: Pastor Don Potter, Frank Grimes

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Schuster followed by the invocation given by Pastor Potter.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 18, 2000 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Mienk to approve warrant 01-18 in the amount of \$313,566.12 and warrant 01-19 in the amount of \$27,918.67. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations

None

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Hindman to establish the agenda with the following additions: Old Business - a. EDA Grant, b. Snow removal, c. Airport; Consent Agenda: Communications - Senator Schuette Capital Report; Meetings - Fire Board 12/06/00. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Winarski, supported by Council Member Mienk to establish the Consent Agenda which includes the following: Communications - Gladwin County Fair Board change in date for County Fair, Gladwin County Environmental Affairs Committee meeting notice, Senator Schuette Capital Report; Meetings - Housing Commission 12/12/00, County Commission 12/12/00, Planning Commission 12/20/00, Finance Committee 12/28/00, Personnel Committee 12/28/00, Zoning Board of Appeals 12/28/00, Fore Board 12/06/00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

City Administrator McConkie advised a notice was received in the mail today from the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, inviting the city to apply for a \$639,523 grant for infrastructure improvements for the industrial park. Application will be completed and submitted.

Council Member Jungman advised that she observed several senior citizens trying to get through the snow using walkers having trouble negotiating sidewalks that had not been cleared. She had to stop and assist them. She asked if a letter could be sent to business owners requesting they shovel snow from their sidewalks. She noted in particular the sidewalks in front of the Pepper Mill, Village Flowers and the Fitness Center. Mayor Schuster advised that he has received more complaints about snow this year than in past years. Council Member Jungman also asked about sending a letter to Rite Aid for their sidewalks at Cedar and Silverleaf. There are a lot of people who walk to Dr. Seck's and the Prescription Shoppe.. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Business Association requesting they remind the members to shovel the sidewalks in front of their stores. Council Member Novak asked about sidewalks in residential areas. It was stated that the property owner is responsible for maintaining the sidewalks. City Administrator McConkie advised he would be attending the Business Association meeting in the morning and would bring up the snow removal item to them at that time.

Council Member Winarski advised that the Airport Committee would be meeting next week and would be discussing sale of lands to the Fair Board. It appears the County will just deed their portion of land over to the Fair Board. He advised he has not met with the Fair Board yet but they don't have the finances available to purchase land from the City. Mayor Schuster suggested that we sell the land to the Fair Board, then waive any payments or interest for a period of three years. Then the City would expect payments of \$1,000 per year plus 6% interest until the balance is paid off. Council Member Winarski will make that suggestion to the Fair Board.

Comments

Mayor Schuster advised that his family wasn't around on Christmas Day so he and his wife volunteered at the Community Christmas Dinner. He was very impressed with how well everything went and how well it was organized. There was obviously a lot of hard work put forth on the event.

County Commissioner Grimes advised that Keith Edick was elected Chairman of the County Board and Terry Whittington was appointed Vice-Chairman. They will make the rest of the committee appointments at the next meeting.

Council Member Caffrey advised he had received good comments on the DPW for their snow removal.

Chief Jones updated the Council on action taken by Officer Bean. He followed tracks in the snow and was able to locate several individuals behind a closed business. Through his interviews with the suspects and observations at the scene, he was able to determine that the individuals had used keys to enter numerous soft drink vending machines, both inside and outside the City. Subjects were arrested and assisted in solving numerous crimes.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Caffrey to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Earl Schuster, Mayor

John Simpson, Deputy City Clerk