

March 5, 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, Doug Jacobson, Charles Jones, John Simpson

Also Present: Keith Edick, Brian Jackson, Pastor Deane Wyllys

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

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 19, 2001 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Novak to approve warrant 01-24 in the amount of \$617,546.13 and warrant 01-25 in the amount of \$34,208.04. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations

Brian Jackson, Central Michigan District Health Department, presented a proposal for a Gladwin County Walking Program. There has been a group formed to promote health and fitness in Gladwin County, similar to the Walk Michigan program. They would like to form a collaborative agreement with the city to use the City Parks and walking paths. Every time someone walks, they would sign a waiver form that would also enter them into a drawing for a night in Mackinaw City for the Labor Day Mackinaw Bridge walk and also for a night at a bed and breakfast. There would be no involvement of the city other than providing sign-in sheets. Council Member Jungman added the Parks Commission is in favor of the program and recommended that Mr. Jackson attend the Council Meeting and present the proposal. Motion by Council Member Winarski, supported by Council Member Mienk to support the program. All ayes. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Edick advised that the airport deeds have been signed. He also thought the presentation for the Law Enforcement Center went very well. He thanked the Council for allowing Administrator McConkie to chair the committee. He also advised that they would like to arrange a tour of the Midland Law Enforcement Center for the County Commissioners and City Council members. Mayor Schuster recommended the appointments of Tom Hindman, Dee Jungman, and Tom Winarski to a Law Enforcement Center Committee for additional work that need to be done on the proposed Law Enforcement Center. Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Novak, to appoint Hindman, Jungman and Winarski to the Law Enforcement Center Committee. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Caffrey to establish the agenda with the following additions: Old Business - c. Blue Cross and Blue Shield proposal: New Business - d. Drug Free Workplace policy, e. MML Conference, f. Tree Planting Grant. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Winarski, supported by Council Member Mienk to establish the Consent Agenda which includes the following: Communications - Census Update, Charter Communications, LEAP; Meetings - Housing Commission 02/13/01, County Commission 02/13/01. Finance Committee 02/21/01, Planning Commission 02/26/01, Parks Commission 02/26/01, Budget Workshop 02/28/01; Miscellaneous - Sheriff's Department Activity Report for January 2001, Chamber of Commerce Citizen and Industry/Business of the Year nomination form, Police Activity Report for February 2001. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Varnum, Riddering sent a request for funds to assist in the appeal of Right of Way concerns with the cable TV industry. Motion by Council Member Winarski, supported by Council Member Crawford to authorize the payment of \$300 to Varnum, Riddering to continue the appeal process. All ayes. Motion carried.

Administrator McConkie presented information from our environmentalist, Dennis Gervin, in reference to the required monitoring of the old landfill site. We are slightly high on ammonia content but no GSI criteria exceedances were documented.

Administrator McConkie presented a proposal from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan to allow members to opt for a newer PPO program that is available instead of the current Master Medical plan. He would like to schedule a meeting between BC/BS and Dirk Presidio to explore the differences between the programs. Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Caffrey to allow employees to choose between the current Master Medical Plan and the new PPO program. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Administrator McConkie presented a request to extend our annual support contract with Fund Balance in the amount of \$4,800. Motion by Council Member Winarski, supported by Council Member Mienk to authorize the contract. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lot split request was received from Calvin and Jeanette Kern to split off a portion of their land near Clendening and Oberlin Road. The Planning Commission reviewed the request and recommends the lot split be approved. The following resolution was offered by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Hindman:

RESOLUTION 01-30 Calvin & Jeanette Kern/Julie Payton Land Split

Whereas, the City of Gladwin has received a request from the owners of a parcel, Calvin and Jeanette Kern, described as follows:

Gladwin City Section 36 19-2W Northwest ¼ of Southwest ¼ except the North 660 feet of the East 325.94 feet and except the West 651.88 feet of the North 330 feet thereof

Whereas, they have consented to sell a portion of the above described parcel to Julie Payton, said parcel described as:

The South 300 feet of the North 660 feet of the West 325.94 feet of the Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 36, T 19 N, R 2 W, City of Gladwin, Michigan EXCEPTING there from an easement for ingress, egress, and public and private utility purposes on, over, and through the South 33 feet and the East 33 feet thereof. Said easement being appurtenant to the Sellers' lands in the said Northwest ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of said Section 36

Whereas, the Planning Commission reviewed the request at their February 26, 2001 meeting and recommends the split as the above described parcels will meet area requirements of the R-1A zoning district in which they are located:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the above description be split off for sale to Julie Payton for the construction of a private residence.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes:	Caffrey, Crawford, Hindman, Jungman, Mienk, Novak, Winarski
Nays:	None
Absent:	Matteson
Abstain:	None

Resolution declared adopted this 5th day of March, 2001.

Administrator McConkie presented a proposal to purchase degreaser for the WWTP in the amount of \$3,519.21. Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Hindman to authorize the purchase. All ayes. Motion carried.

Administrator McConkie presented an addendum to the U. S. DOT Federal Highway Administration Drug-Free Workplace Policy. Motion by Council Member Crawford, supported by Council Member Caffrey to approve the addendum to the Drug-Free Workplace policy. All ayes. Motion carried.

The MML advised there is a limited amount of on-site rooms available for the 2001 Annual Convention to be held in Battle Creek. They will be conducting a lottery to assign available rooms. If we wish to participate in the lottery, it will be necessary to notify MML as soon as possible. Consensus of the Council was to enter the drawing.

Administrator McConkie advised that last fall, we applied for a tree grant through the DNR. We

have been notified that we have been selected to receive the grant. Motion by Council Member Winarski, supported by Council Member Jungman to authorize the City Administrator to execute the Grant Agreement on behalf of the City. All ayes. Motion carried.

Comments

Mayor Schuster advised he had been asked how the Mayor Pro Tem is appointed. He advised that it is based on seniority with the senior Council Member appointed Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Winarski advised the Finance Committee discussed the request from GAFT for funding. It is the recommendation of the Finance Committee that all requests for funding be reviewed by the Arts Council and they present the request to the Council. Any funding would be through the Arts Council and not directly to an outside party. Motion by Council Member Winarski, supported by Council Member Novak that all requests for funding be directed to the Arts Council for review and recommendation before being presented to the City Council. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council Member Novak said she has talked with several people and they all seem to support the proposed Law Enforcement Center.

Administrator McConkie advised EDC Grant information was returned last week. Answers to question from the EDC generated as much paperwork as the original grant application file.

He also advised that he met today with the MiEDC in reference to the \$230,000 grant. Things look favorable. He also advised he has met with several engineering firms interested in bidding for the Industrial Park expansion project. It is recommended the Finance Committee review the engineering firms to assist in the selection of an engineering firm.

The Personnel Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 15th to review City Clerk applications and then will decide on who to interview.

Finance Committee will meet on March 22nd at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Caffrey to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Earl Schuster

John Simpson, Deputy City Clerk