

May 21, 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, Mienk, Winarski

Absent: Novak

Staff Present: Bob McConkie, Shannon Greaves, Charlie Jones and Doug Jacobson

Also Present: Mayor Schuster, Nick Doty, John Allen, Jerry Allen, John Chambers, Anne Wolfe, Keith Edick and Pastor Don Roberts

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

Motion by Council Member Winarski, supported by Council Member Caffrey to approve Warrant 01-32 in the amount of \$23,874.27.

Hearing of Delegations

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Crawford to establish the agenda with the following additions: New Business – (b) Peerless Midwest discussion item, (c) Safety Committee recommendation for skateboarding and Old Business – (a) Update on State Street Sewer at Al's Wood Shop.

Motion by Council Member Crawford, supported by Council Member Hindman to approve the consent agenda which includes the following: Communications – (i) DEQ File No. 01-26-0006V Letter, (ii) Letters from Tara Partake and Rochelle Hawbitzel and Meetings – County Commissioners 4/10/01, County Commissioners 4/24/01, Business and Professional Association 5/2/01, County Commissioners Special Meeting 5/3/01, Safety Committee 5/8/01, Law Enforcement 5/17/01. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Administrator McConkie reported that he has not received a status report from the work that was done last week on the State Street sewer problem by Al's Wood Shop. The sewer was reconnected and re-routed through a vacated alley to Silverleaf Street. Council Member Matteson noted that we should not let this go and wanted to know where the on-site engineer was on this project. He noted that the City has eaten a lot of expense on sewers, every effort should be made to get the money back and we should pursue every avenue possible to get resolution to this problem. Administrator McConkie will begin checking into this matter.

County Commissioner Edick was present and had nothing to report.

New Business

Administrator McConkie requested that the City donate a car and truck for airport use. He reported that the airport was ready to dispose of the car that the City had donated and that the airport cannot let people use the vehicle. The donated cars would be the white 93 Chevy Caprice from the police department and the S-10 that was taken from the DPW. The Chevy truck would be for maintenance on runways. Motion by Caffrey, supported by Jungman. All ayes.

Administrator McConkie reported that Peerless Midwest had sent a letter reporting on the water well systems and recommendations for the City. Administrator McConkie noted that he has done business in the past with Peerless. He noted that he has not talked to Chuck about the water system and about this recommendation. This item will be talked about at future Council meetings and he is not asking for approval at this time.

Council Member Jungman reported that the Safety Committee had their regular meeting on May 9, 2001. She reported that there had been a complaint about skateboarding on the commercial streets in town and the Safety Committee had made a recommendation. The committee recommends that it be added to the Ordinance. Any person on a skateboard will have to yield to pedestrians. Administrator McConkie noted that this would be referred to administration. This recommendation will be presented later for adoption. Chief Jones asked that we give the kids a place to go and that North Park (the old hockey arena) would be a good option.

**RESOLUTION 01-42
TO ESTABLISH A RENAISSANCE ZONE SUBZONE
WITHIN THE CITY OF GLADWIN
SUBSEQUENT TO APPROVAL BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Gladwin has an abiding interest in quality economic development within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has established the Michigan Renaissance Zone program that allows communities and counties to apply for various state and local tax exemptions for specific parcels of property within the rules of the program; and

WHEREAS, the City presently owns the property proposed for inclusion in the subzones; and

WHEREAS, a joint application will be submitted to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the administrators of the program, from the County of Gladwin in partnership with other counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the lands bounded by the legal descriptions in Exhibit 1 shall be included in the joint Renaissance Zone application, with the designation, if approved, becoming effective on January 1, 2002 and property tax exemptions beginning December 31, 2001 through December 31, 2011 for eligible owners and occupants of the designated property within the limitations specified by state law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the tax benefits pertaining to this resolution shall not take effect if the State of Michigan has not approved the joint Renaissance Zone application before December 31, 2001; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the City of Gladwin does request the County of Gladwin to submit a Renaissance Zone application including the specific parcels proposed for designation in the City of Gladwin.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Council Member Winarski and supported by Council Member Caffrey.

Ayes: Caffrey, Crawford, Hindman, Jungman, Matteson, Winarski
Nays:
Absent: Novak

Resolution declared adopted this 21st day of May, 2001.

Administrator McConkie reported that the Renaissance Zone application has been withdrawn. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation has taken all four of the applications and chosen the most promising sites. They have recommended that we join together all four applicants in a new application. Resolution 01-42 indicates that we are applying for a renaissance zone with another group. The length of the zone has been shortened to 10 years. Administrator McConkie noted that the application is being submitted with slight modification of boundaries and resolution to enticement for the Industrial Park. He reported that the City will forward both the City and the County applications to MEDC, which is going to assemble all of the combined applications.

Comments

Council Member Winarski stated that when the road crews have additional time, a lot of areas need gravel next to pavement and that it should be on the DPW priority list. Administrator McConkie reported that it will be worked on after Memorial Day.

Council Member Hindman requested the status to water repair on 210 Townsend Street.

Council Member Crawford reported that there will be a Finance Committee meeting Wednesday, May 23rd at 4 p.m.

Council Member Jungman reported that there were 22 trees planted in the new cemetery. She also reported that there is a Law Enforcement Meeting on June 14th at 3:30 p.m.

Chief Jones reported that a trip to look at the Midland Law Enforcement Center has been arranged and that everyone on the Council is invited. The Council has been requested to let Chief Jones know how many people will be going.

Administrator McConkie reported that the post office is now allowing people to move mailboxes in front of their homes. The question is if we want to allow a mailbox in front of every house in town. It was noted that the Zoning Administrator would have to give approval to move a mailbox. This will take it out of the hands of the post office. Administrator McConkie inquired if this could be part of the street opening permit process. Council Member Winarski asked if this would require revisions to the zoning ordinance. Administrator McConkie reported that a street opening permit is required if putting anything in the street right-of-way. Council Member Winarski stated that it would be a simple matter of telling the postmaster that the placement of the mailboxes does rest with the City.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Mienk to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Earl Schuster, Mayor

Shannon Greaves, City Clerk