

November 18, 2002
Gladwin, Michigan

The regular meeting of the Gladwin City Council was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mayor Winarski.

Present: Alward, Caffrey, Crawford, Hindman, Jungman, Matteson, Mienk, Novak

Absent: None

Staff Present: Bob McConkie, Charlie Jones, John Simpson

Also Present: Mayor Winarski, Anne Wolfe, Charles Marble, Doug Scott

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Winarski followed by the invocation offered by Revered Marble.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 4, 2002 were accepted as presented.

Motion by Council Member Novak, supported by Council Member Hindman to approve Warrant 03-16A in the amount of \$816.00 and Warrant 03-16B in the amount of \$23,360.96. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Novak to approve the agenda with the following additions: Old Business - Council Pension Plan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Novak, supported by Council Member Hindman to approve the consent agenda with the exception of Communications item i. Hughes & Hoerauf, P.C. being moved to Old Business for discussion. Consent agenda includes the following: Communications – Pepper Mill Restaurant letter; Meetings – Housing Commission 10/15/02, District Commissioners 10/22/02, Council of the Arts 10/24/02, Fire Department 11/06/02; Miscellaneous – Gladwin County Sheriffs Department Activity October 2002, Gladwin City Police Department Activity Report. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Aetna Insurance remittance report was submitted that reflects retirement withholdings and interest payments for the last quarter. This amount will be deposited in the new retirement fund. Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Alward to accept the report. All ayes. Motion carried.

Council Member Matteson questioned whether their action to include Council Members in the Steelworkers Pension Trust was appropriate or should have gone through the compensation commission for a recommendation and effective date. He wished for a legal opinion from the City Attorney. Matter will be referred to the City Attorney for his opinion.

Hughes and Hoerauf letter was discussed. Council Member Hindman inquired as to the intent of the letter. He was advised that the city has completed its portion of the Clendening Road sidewalk project and the attorney for the other parties has been advised to complete their portion of the sidewalk project as ordered by the Court. As of this date, this has not been completed. Hughes and Hoerauf represent the city in this action.

New Business

Doug Scott, Rowe Incorporated, presented an update on the Gladwin Industrial Park project. Currently, they are about 2-3 weeks ahead of schedule and work for the winter should be completed within the next week. He also presented Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$8,260.00 for the Gladwin Industrial Park. This allows for additional 8" water main. Application for Payment No. 1 to Isabella Corporation was also presented in the amount of \$370,352.63. Motion by Council Member Alward, supported by Council Member Hindman to approve Change Order No. 1 and Payment No. 1 to Isabella Corporation in the amount of \$370,352.63. All ayes. Motion carried.

Letter from Susan and Dennis Vannest was received advising they will no longer do the custodial work at the Community Center after December 31, 2002. Mayor Winarski expressed his wishes that a letter be sent thanking them for their years of service.

Motion by Council Member Hindman, supported by Council Member Crawford for approval of Payment No. 1 to Rieth Riley Construction Co. in the amount of \$131,903.55. All ayes. Motion carried.

Comments

Mayor Winarski advised that the City Council has authorized the City Administrator to spend up to \$2,500 without Council approval. He would like to request an opinion from the City Attorney as to the possibility of the Mayor being given the same authorization.

Personnel Committee will meet on Thursday, November 21, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Council Member Matteson presented a letter from the Community Arena requesting assistance with snow plowing this winter. In the past, Shull Transport had maintained the parking lot, however, they have out-of-town commitments this year and will not be able to provide the service. After discussion, it was decided the city would not plow the Arena parking lot and the Arena Board should solicit bids for snow plowing when there is over 2" of snow accumulation and that would probably be less expensive than if the

city maintained the lot and billed for the service. The Arena Board will be advised of the decision.

Council Member Crawford asked about a Finance Committee meeting. It was decided to hold the meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Jungman advised the Safety Committee would meet tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall. She also inquired why the City Attorney was not in attendance. Mayor Winarski advised her that attendance was not mandatory.

Council Member Caffrey advised the Airport Commission wants the City to take the lead in attempting to obtain financing for the construction of new hangers. City Administrator McConkie advised the city has been asked to borrow an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to construct 5 new hangers. The High School Building Trades class could construct each hanger for the cost of materials estimated to be \$12,500. The hangers then could be rented out to cover the bond payments. This would also allow the Airport Board to generate some income. Council Member Caffrey also advised that one individual is going to donate cost of materials for the construction of a hanger and will then received free use of the hanger for a period of years.

Charlie Jones presented the latest Uniform Crime Report figures showing Police Department activities versus the other law enforcement agencies in the County.

City Administrator McConkie reminded Council Members that our internal control policies do not allow anyone other than staff to handle money. If you need change, please ask the office staff for assistance.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Mienk to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Thomas L. Winarski, Mayor

John G. Simpson, Deputy City Clerk