

April 21, 2003
Gladwin, Michigan

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

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

Absent: None

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

Also Present: Mayor Winarski, Doug Mowry, Reverend Charles Marble, Doug Scott, John Matonich, Bob Weaver, Elaine Gagnon, Nadine Beresford, Commissioner Earl Schuster, Libby Reeves

Mayor Winarski led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation by Reverend Charles Marble.

Minutes stand approved as presented.

Motion by Council Member Mienk, supported by Council Member Alward to approve Warrant #03-31 in the amount of \$41,235.57. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations

Dave Mowry was present from Dura Automotive to give an update on the status of the vibration problems at the Weaver House.

Doug Scott was present from Rowe Incorporated to give a progress report on the Industrial Park expansion. John Matonich, CEO of Rowe Incorporated was present.

Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Matteson to approve \$1,500 to the Gladwin Master Gardeners for the garden area to be constructed at the vacant lot (old Cone Shoe Store building) on Cedar Avenue

Commissioner Schuster was present from the County to give an update on County issues.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Hindman to appoint Rowe Incorporated as the City's engineer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Nadine Beresford was present to ask permission from the City Council to offer a tennis teaching program at the City Park. This was referred to the Parks Commission.

Consensus of Council was favorable pending Parks Commission and Administration working out details of operation.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Novak to establish the agenda with the following additions: Old Business – (e) Charter Communications – Varnum, Riddering Update; New Business – (i) Resolution – Dog Licenses, (j) GBPA Proposal for Banners. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Alward, supported by Council Member Hindman to approve the consent agenda which includes the following: Communications – (i) Capitol News – Senator Tony Stamas, (ii) Investment Report – Quarter Ending March 31, 2003, (iii) DNR – Quarter Street Pedestrian Bridge; Meetings – County Commissioners 3/11/03, Housing Commission 3/11/03, Airport Board 3/13/03, Arts Council 3/13/03, Planning Commission 3/24/03, County Commissioners 3/25/03, Solid Waste 4/1/03, 911 APB Board 4/9/03, Arena Board 4/9/03, Safety Committee 4/15/03, Solid Waste 4/15/03, Business and Professional Association 4/2/03; Miscellaneous – (i) Zoning Administrator – Junk Car Letters and Junk/Blight Letters. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Administrator McConkie stated that Jeff Otto has brought in a parking lot plan for the Lee Otto dealership.

Administrator McConkie updated the Council on progress toward completing the exchange of property with Charlotte Sutherland.

Administrator McConkie stated that the hangars at the airport are an ongoing issue and that the building trades class at the high school was interested in constructing the hangars, provided the City and County can agree of funding such construction.

Administrator McConkie stated that we had the training on the new radio read water meters and he thought that Peggy would have her training on the software for the water meters this next week.

Administrator McConkie stated that he does have a report from Chuck reporting on the sewers that have been cleaned.

Administrator McConkie updated the Council on discussion with Attorney John Pestle of Varnum, Ridddering regarding Charter Communication's petition to FCC for relief from regulation. Motion by Council Member Mienk, supported by Council Member Hindman to not pursue challenging Charter's Petition concerning rate regulation.

**RESOLUTION
DESIGNATING CERTIFYING OFFICER
CITY OF GLADWIN – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

WHEREAS, the City of Gladwin has proposed to make improvements, at an estimated cost of \$1,523,086 in order to provide infrastructure of community wide benefit in the City to be known as: Riverwalk Place Project; and

WHEREAS, the City has been authorized by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to file application for \$750,350 from the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the requirements of the Community Development Block Grant Program is that the Community designate a Certifying Officer to sign the necessary documents of the grant on behalf of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Robert McConkie be appointed Certifying Officer, to sign all documents on behalf of the City of Gladwin in connection with the Community Development Block Grant.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Council Member Novak, supported by Council Member Jungman.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution declared adopted this 21st day of April, 2003.

**City of Gladwin
Community Development Block Grant
Authorizing Resolution**

WHEREAS, the City of Gladwin has proposed to make streetscape improvements to State Highway M-18/M-61 to include decorative street lighting, decorative accented sidewalk, park benches, and waste receptacles, as well as make improvements to the City wastewater system including improvements to the treatment plant and appurtenances thereto, collection system including combined sewer separation, construct a pedestrian bridge over the Cedar River including riverwalk landscaping and lighting and construct a parking lot, at an estimated cost of \$1,523,086 to provide area wide benefit to residents and business in Gladwin, and

WHEREAS, the City has been authorized by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to submit a grant application for \$750,000 from to the Community Development Block Grant Building Downtowns 2003 Program, and

WHEREAS, the City of Gladwin has determined that the proposed application is consistent with the City's local community development plan, and

WHEREAS, Riverwalk Place, a commercial development will be constructed in the development area with private investment of over \$3,000,000 and it is estimated that as many as

80 new jobs will be created many of which will be targeted to low and moderate income families, and

WHEREAS, local funds and any other funds to be invested in the project have not yet been expended and will not be expended prior to a formal grant award, completion of environmental review procedures and a formal, written authorization to incur costs from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Gladwin does hereby authorize the submission of an application to the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Building Downtowns 2003 Program and authorizes Robert McConkie, City Administrator to sign the application and execute any other documents necessary on behalf of the City, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the City commits to providing the Local Unit matching funds in the amount of \$574,686 to complete the project in conjunction with grants from the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$132,800 and Department of Natural Resources in the amount of 65,600.

The foregoing resolution was offered my Council Member Novak and supported by Council Member Alward.

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

Resolution declared adopted this 21st day of April, 2003.

Motion by Council Member Crawford, supported by Council Member Alward to set a Public Hearing on the Community Development Block Grant for May 5, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR
DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Gladwin has attempted without success to collect certain delinquent utility accounts receivable, and

WHEREAS, a Special Assessment to the tax roll is necessary to place these delinquent utility accounts on the City tax roll;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Assessor is hereby authorized and instructed to spread upon the July 2003 tax roll, Special Assessments in the amounts as indicated herein:

170-170-005-004-00	230 E Beech	305.23
170-155-000-016-00	1118 E Cedar	149.48
170-506-200-004-00	816 E First & 890 Industrial Dr	1484.74
170-170-012-005-00	210 E Maple	375.97
170-602-401-001-10	220 S M-18	134.12
170-080-028-008-01	130 W Deer	168.21
170-040-009-006-00	511 S Silverleaf	271.69

The foregoing resolution was offered by Council Member Matteson, supported by Council Member Alward.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution declared adopted this 21st day of April, 2003.

Request by Clerk Greaves to notify her if any Council Members would like to attend the Region IV training in Durand on April 30, 2003.

City Council advised City Administrator McConkie to notify the Gladwin County Road Commission and Buckeye Township officials of Council's position not to share cost in reconstruction/paving of River Road. Council did not feel it could spend City tax payer funds outside the City and wondered if Buckeye Township officials have requested property owners to share cost of other road reconstruction projects in the township.

Recommendation from the City Council for Administration to bill each mobile home as separate customers for water and sewer at Greenbriar Mobile Home Park, but for the City to not assume any of the water and/or sewer lines.

Motion by Council Member Novak, supported by Council Member Caffrey to approve the trash collection bidding specifications as presented and authorize bidding the service. All ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
DECLINING TO ISSUE DOG LICENSES**

WHEREAS, the Gladwin County has elected to purchase and utilize Equalizer Dog License System for the issuance of dog licenses in the county.

WHEREAS, if the City of Gladwin elects to continue to issue dog licenses to its citizens, the cost of this program for the city would be \$500 for the software and the first year's telephone support. After the first year, new features and unlimited telephone support for the Equalizer Dog License System will be available at a cost of \$100, such fee guaranteed for three years.

WHEREAS, the City keeps 50 cents of each license sold and in the past this revenue has averaged \$65.00 each year.

WHEREAS, dog licenses are available at the County Treasurer's office, which is located within the City limits, as well as at the Animal Shelter on River Road, approximately 2 miles from the City Hall.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Gladwin is declining to issue dog licenses at the current rate of 50 cents per license.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Council Member Crawford and supported by Council Member Hindman.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution declared adopted this 21st day of April, 2003.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Caffrey to approve a joint project with Gladwin Business & Professional Association for Spring and Fall banners from AC Graphics with the City's cost to be \$2,652.38. All ayes. Motion carried.

Comments

Council Member Novak stated that the DPW was doing a great job at cleaning up the cemetery.

Assessor Weaver stated that the tax tribunal upheld the City's assessment of Foster Apartments.

Clerk Greaves reminded the City Council that council meeting would now begin at 8:00 p.m. for the summer.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Alward to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting ended at 8:56 p.m.

Thomas L. Winarski, Mayor

Shannon Greaves, City Clerk