

Gladwin, Michigan
August 16, 2004

The regular meeting of the Gladwin City Council was called to order by Mayor Winarski at 8:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Novak, Smith

Staff Present: Jack Abernathy, Betty Barnebee, Bernadette Weaver, Doug Jacobson

Also Present: Mayor Winarski, Nancy Bodnar, Linda Winarski, Tim Cortis, Dave Schwan, Judy Durbin, Jill Witkowski, Richard Schwager, Cyril Schwager, Clare Breault, Sandra LaFevre, Joe Nicklyn, Yvette Tuch, Alan Hover, Mr. Huckins, Doug Scott

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Winarski and the invocation was given by Councilmember Jungman.

Minutes of the regular meeting on August 2, 2004, the special meeting on August 11, 2004 and the special meeting on August 12, 2004 were approved as presented.

Motion by Council Member Mienk, supported by Council Member Alward to approve Warrant #05-04 in the amount of \$111,303.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations

Timothy Cortis was present regarding his outdoor wood burning furnace and modifications that would have to be made. Administrator Abernathy presented a resolution to modify provisions of the Fire Code as provided in Section 92.04 of the Code of Ordinances. Mr. Cortis explained the measures he has already taken toward resolution of this issue.

The attached resolution was offered by Council Member Mienk, supported by Council Member Crawford.

OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE (SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION)

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution was denied.

Jill Witkowski was present to request the closing of North Bowery between Deer Street and Martin Street for three hours on Saturday, September 18, 2004 for a block party. Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Caffrey, to approve the concept and to let Chief Jones decide which side street to close. All ayes. Motion carried.

Judy Durbin asked a question about the maple trees. Information from various sources indicates that this blight does not harm the trees. It does cause black spots on the leaves, which then curl up and fall off the tree. This blight only affects certain maple trees, mostly sugar maples. The trees should come back okay next spring.

Nancy Bodnar asked a question about the City's noise ordinance. In particular, she is concerned about loud car radios that are left playing for long periods of time while parked in drives, etc. She was informed that she should call the police department when this occurs and let the police follow up on the complaint.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Hindman to establish the agenda with the following changes: New Business – e. Charter Communications Lease Renewal; f. Policy for taking spouses to conferences; g. Special Council meeting for evaluation of candidates. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Crawford to establish the consent agenda as follows: Communications – (i) Investment Report – DDA, (ii) Investment Report – Airport, (iii) Investment Report – EDC, (iv) Investment Report – City of Gladwin; Meetings – Airport Board 7/8/04 and 8/12/04, Commissioner's Minutes 7/27/04, Housing Commission 7/13/04, Personnel Committee 8/4/04, Arena Board 8/11/04; Miscellaneous – Gladwin County Sheriff's Department Activity Report and Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Administrator Abernathy stated that the Ann and Timothy Street Drainage problem had been tabled at the last meeting. He feels, after visiting the site, that the situation requires further review. Doug Scott, Rowe Engineering, agreed that the grades need to be checked to see if it is feasible to divert the water to some ponds in the area. The Mayor instructed Mr. Scott to proceed with checking the grades and to get back to the Council by the next meeting for a fee not to exceed \$500.00.

Joe Nicklyn was present to request the use of the unimproved portion of Bruce Street for access to a proposed parking lot for his employees. Improvements would be made at his expense. Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Hindman to approve the use agreement as presented. All ayes. Motion Carried.

New Business

Administrator Abernathy presented a Purchase Order for Eaglebrook for Ferric Chloride used in the processes at the lagoons. He stated that he approved the purchase order even though it is over his limit because it was needed right away. Motion by Council Member Mienk, supported by Council Member Caffrey, to approve the Purchase Order in the amount of \$3,293.00. Mayor Winarski suggested that the treatment plant operator might want to look at purchasing more at a time for a possible quantity discount.

Doug Scott presented the results of the bid opening for the force main project. We received a letter stating that there had been an error in the base bid; however, the alternate bid of \$1,020,424.07 is accurate. If the Council is comfortable with the alternate bid, which is still the lowest bid, the engineer will get back with the contractor to see if there are some areas that can be changed to bring the final amount down closer to the amount budgeted for the project without compromising the project. The engineer should have the revised plans and amounts by the end of this week.

Mr. Scott gave his progress report on all current projects: paving projects should be done by the end of next week; lagoon contractor should be starting in the next couple of weeks, as soon as he gets DEQ approval.

We received a letter from some homeowners in the City requesting more frequent lawn and leaf pickup. The Mayor suggested that we do a second pickup in September and maybe three in October and another in November if the weather permits.

The Mayor stated that this is the first time that spouses are attending the MML Convention and asked the Council to establish a policy regarding the costs of the spouse. Council Member Crawford stated that in the past when he took his spouse, he paid for her meals and other activities, but the room rate was the same for one or two people so no additional money was reimbursed for the room. Council agreed this was a logical policy.

Mayor Winarski reminded council members that there is a meeting on Thursday, August 19, 2004 at 5:00 PM. Would like to schedule a meeting for the selection process on Wednesday, August 25, 2004 at 7:00 PM.

Charter Communications has sent an agreement for a three year extension on their current lease agreement (original agreement with Avalon). Motion by Council Member Hindman, supported by Council Member Crawford to renew the lease as presented (\$200.00 per month). All ayes. Motion carried.

Comments

Mayor Winarski stated that the interviews have gone well so far. There is one left on Thursday at 5:00 PM.

Council Member Alward asked to be excused for the meeting on September 7, 2004.

Council Member Caffrey asked about the Fifth Street property. Attorney Jacobson stated that he had asked the police to go by there to check on the situation.

Council Member Hindman commented on the State Street DEQ clean up site. He stated that a carbon activated filter system was installed and activated. Property is to be fenced. He is trying to get more information.

Council Member Crawford stated there will be a Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday, August 26, 2004 at 5:00 PM.

Council Member Jungman stated there will be a Safety Committee Meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 2004 at 9:00 AM.

Administrator Abernathy reviewed his progress report.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Thomas L. Winarski, Mayor

Elizabeth A. Barnebee, Deputy City Clerk