

October 3, 2005
Gladwin, Michigan

The Regular Meeting of the Gladwin City Council was called to order by Mayor Winarski at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Alward, Caffrey, Hindman, Jungman, Mienk, Novak, Smith

Absent: Crawford

Staff Present: Bob Moffit, Shannon Greaves, Charlie Jones, Doug Jacobson

Also Present: Mayor Winarski, Nancy Bodnar, Doug Scott, Don Hamilton, Bill Rhode

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

Minutes from the September 19, 2005 Regular Meeting were approved with the following correction: Old Business – Council Member Novak reviewed the Charter Committee findings report. This language will be forwarded for review to the City Attorney.

Motion by Council Member Alward, supported by Council Member Novak to approve Warrant 06-08 in the amount of \$25,203.93 and Warrant 06-09 in the amount of \$95,404.55. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations

Don Hamilton reviewed the 5-Year Recreation Plan. This will be reviewed by Council and will be brought back to the next City Council meeting.

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

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Hindman to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Novak, supported by Council Member Alward to approve the consent agenda as follows: Communications – (i) Card from Josh and Kierstin Hale, (ii) Charter Communications Price Increase; Meetings – Fire Board 9/7/05, Commissioner's Minutes 9/13/05, Housing Commission 9/13/05, Parks Commission 9/26/05, Planning Commission 9/26/05, Well Head Protection Team 9/29/05, Arts Council 7/6/05. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Motion by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Jungman to approve the City of Gladwin Employee Unpaid Time Off Policy with the stipulation that this is for all non-union employees. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Alward to approve Invoice #6011 from Insight Environmental Services, Inc. in the amount of \$5,492.89 for Service Period – 7/31/05 through 9/3/05 for services related to hydrogeologic and well installation activities at the Buzzell Road well site. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Novak, supported by Council Member Mienk to approve Purchase Order 131 to SLC Meter Service, Inc. in the amount of \$3,027.13 for “The Brook” meters from 591-536-726.000. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Alward, supported by Council Member Caffrey to approve payment to Pete’s Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$27,000.00 for Beech Street Improvements. All ayes. Motion carried.

Recommendation from Administrator Moffit to send the request from the Gladwin Conservation District for funding for the position of forester to the Finance Committee to be brought back to the City Council at a later date.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Alward to approve a request by Tim English and Wayne Dittman, developers of Pheasant Run Estates to revise the Planned Unit Development by allowing reduced lot areas/depths on the east side of the development, particularly Lots 1-13 inclusive with a stipulation included due to raising of fire hydrants. All ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
STREET ADMINISTRATOR
(SEE ATTACHED)**

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Caffrey to approve payment to Huckins Contracting, Inc. for Bowery Street Sewer Repair in the amount of \$4,263.26. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL CONTROL MUNICIPAL BROADBAND
AND CABLE FRANCHISING**

MUNICIPAL BROADBAND:

WHEREAS, cities/villages have an interest in making available telecommunications technology which is beneficial to all businesses, economic development, municipal service provision, and all residents; and

WHEREAS, cities/villages are developing programs and municipal broadband initiatives to offer high-speed and wireless internet to their citizens; and

WHEREAS, our city/village believes that internet services are an essential service that should be provided to all residents irrespective of age, race, education, or income level, and

WHEREAS, the goal of these municipal broadband initiatives is to prepare cities/villages and their workforce for the jobs and technology of tomorrow and enhance the ability to attract and retain high-tech jobs; and

WHEREAS, in many cases, Michigan urban and rural areas are underserved and uncompetitive, and in many cases the service is inadequate and unaffordable, and

WHEREAS, this is a local control issue and our residents should be able to request any essential service from their local government, and

WHEREAS, members of the legislature have made inaccurate claims that these municipal broadband initiatives are anti-competitive and has proposed a moratorium on wireless expansion in the State of Michigan in order to stall or derail municipal broadband projects.

CABLE FRANCHISING:

WHEREAS, cities/villages have a long and very successful history of supporting the introduction of cable services by the cable industry, a successful deployment made possible in large part by the current system of local cable franchising, and

WHEREAS, SBC and Verizon have been actively advocating across the country that local franchise agreements should be eliminated and replaced with a state-wide franchise agreements, and

WHEREAS, local government participation in cable franchising process ensures that all residents irrespective of age, race, education, or income level, receive the same service, and

WHEREAS, cities/villages revenue sharing has been significantly reduced over the last few years, and franchise fee revenue assists cities/villages in providing essential services, and

WHEREAS, franchise agreements assure that the public education channels are provided for the community, and

WHEREAS, a state-wide franchise system would deny consumers local resolution of problems, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the city/village council hereby affirms its support for municipal broadband initiatives creating broadband wireless service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city/village council is opposed to any effort by the State Legislature to place a moratorium, or further limitations, on the expansion of municipal broadband in the State of Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city/village council hereby affirms opposition to a state-wide franchise agreement system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city/village council hereby supports the current local cable franchise agreement system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city/village clerk is to forward a copy of this adopted resolution to the Governor of Michigan, their State Representative Tim Moore, their State Senator Tony Stamas, the House Energy and Technology Committee, the Senate Technology & Energy Committee, and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Resolution adopted this 3rd day of October, 2005.

Comments

Mayor Winarski reviewed his vacation to Ireland and his findings in the different cities.

Charter Committee meeting needs to meet next week.

Chief Jones presented John Simpson's retirement party flyer.

November 9th and December 7th for Economic Development meetings.

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

Meeting ended at 7:49 p.m.

Thomas L. Winarski, Mayor

Shannon Greaves, City Clerk