

September 4, 2007
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, Crawford, Hindman, Jungman, Mienk, Novak, Smith

Absent: None

Staff Present: Bob Moffit, Shannon Greaves, Charlie Jones, Bernie Weaver

Also Present: Mayor Winarski, Doug Scott, Linda Winarski, Pastor David Sprang, Commissioner Bill Rhode

Mayor Winarski led the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation was given by Pastor David Sprang.

Minutes of the August 20, 2007 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion by Council Member Alward, supported by Council Member Novak to approve Warrant 08-07 in the amount of \$483,285.72 and Warrant 08-08 in the amount of \$56,597.02. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations

Pastor Sprang stated that there will be a Fire Department open house held at Flynn Lumber, Saturday, September 8th from Noon to 3:00 p.m. There will be fire trucks, demonstrations, kid's activities and an airboat demonstration.

County Commissioner Rhode stated issues regarding Gladwin County.

Doug Scott from Rowe Incorporated presented the City of Gladwin Progress Report on the water tower scoping project, bar screen replacement at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, clarifier refurbishment project, new well at well #4 site, industrial park wetland mitigation and safe routes to school grant application. He also stated that the streetscape grant application has been denied for 2008. Items will be investigated for resubmission.

Council Member Hindman asked about the Safe Routes to School grant application and if snow plowing could be included in this. Mayor Winarski explained that this was to make sure that kids would have a way to get from the schools to the library and would tie in to the park walkway. Doug Scott stated that the snow plowing issue could not be included in this grant.

Council Member Caffrey stated that the hangars are finished and full. The airport purchased a tractor last week that can be used for plowing and general maintenance. Savings would be around \$5,000 annually for the Airport Manager to do the plowing. The tractor was financed for five years with a three year balloon. Payments are \$480 per month and after three years, the tractor is eligible to be traded in. There will be money coming back from the state because the hangar project came in under budget. The Airport would like to keep this money to update the fuel system and do some crack sealing on the taxiway. Mayor Winarski would like to postpone any formal action until we know exactly how much money will be returned to us.

Council Member Mienk was seated at 7:25 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Crawford, supported by Council Member Smith to set a public hearing for the first meeting in October at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as the agenda would permit for the rental rehabilitation program. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Novak 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) Administrator Updates; Meetings – Fair Board 7/17/07, Fire Board 8/1/07, Charter Committee 8/20/07, Park Commission 8/27/07, Planning Commission 8/28/07, Housing Commission 8/21/07. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Administrator Moffit stated that he had received the ordinance surveys from the Council. He recommended that we proceed with a building safety ordinance. Council Member Hindman stated issues with past snow plowing or shoveling. Council Member Smith stated that it is not fair that some people are plowed or shoveled out and others are not. Council Member Hindman stated that the business district needs to be plowed.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Alward to authorize payment to the Gladwin County Road Commission for Buckeye Street in the amount of \$22,587.79. This bill does not include the paving or the gravel. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Alward to designate Katy Becker as the Certifying Officer for the City of Gladwin Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Grant for the environmental review process. All ayes. Motion carried.

Comments

Mayor Winarski stated that he thinks things are going pretty well at the City.

Council Member Hindman stated that before we send letters out to people to make them mow their lawns, the City needs to take care of their own property.

Council Member Caffrey stated that there are a lot of bricks in the center of town that need to be fixed and that we may need to see about no parking along South Silverleaf by Rite Aid.

Assessor Weaver wished to say thank you to the many people that helped with the Carriage Festival.

Chief Jones stated that there were issues regarding parking and no parking at the schools.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Alward to recess the regular session and enter into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m. regarding a pending lawsuit. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Winarski called for a three minute recess.

The Executive Session was called to order at 7:57 p.m.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Caffrey to adjourn the Executive Session and re-enter the Regular Session at 8:16 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried.

Administrator Moffit stated that buffers of pines will be planted on South Silverleaf where we dump the snow during the winter.

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

Meeting ended at 8:19 p.m.

Thomas L. Winarski, Mayor

Shannon Greaves, City Clerk