

January 4, 2016
Gladwin, Michigan

The Regular Meeting of the Gladwin City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas Winarski at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Gardner, Jungman, Bodnar, Caffrey, Crawford, Mienk, Smith, Stout

Absent: None

Staff Present: Moffit, Klein

Also Present: Tom Winarski, Terry Walters, Josh Reid, Nathan Paisley, Jacob Link

Mayor Winarski led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

Minutes of December 21, 2015 were approved as presented.

Motion by Council Member Crawford, supported by Council Member Caffrey to approve warrant #16-018 in the amount of \$ 65,897.16 and warrant #16-019 in the amount of \$ 15,664.01 and payroll for the period ending 12/20/2015 in the amount of \$ 51,792.19. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearings of Delegations:

Terry Walters – He stated that the County budget was complete. The union contracts are all ratified.

Josh Reid – Josh Reid of Gladwin City County Transit stated that the Transit had provided transportation to over 13,000 more passengers during 2015. He said for 2015 the transit system has been able to operate under budget again this year. He stated that the State has funding available but that MDOT will have to apply for the funding and then the Transit Authority will know what amount they can expect to work with. Josh said the transit authority is putting together a 5 year plan, but it is difficult without knowing what funding is going to be. Josh also brought up a concern on the accessibility of sidewalks and trails, especially to handicapped individuals. ADA laws do require that sidewalks and trails must be cleared to allow access to handicapped citizens. He was especially concerned for the sidewalk from downtown to the Shopko and the Library. Another concern is accessibility to restaurants like the Pepper Mill and at the pharmacies around the city. There was much discussion with the Mayor and Council Members about the snow removal problems. It was suggested to put forth ideas for further discussion at another time.

Robert Moffit – He thanked Josh for be fiscally responsible with the funding available to the Transit Authority by being under budget for the year. The current sidewalk clearing

program was developed after about 100 hours working with Gaylord and it was determined that clearing all sidewalks was cost prohibitive.

Doug Jacobson – He stated that another way to look at the snow removal situation is to establish a Special Tax Assessment District and determine what the per unit cost would be and see if the citizens would then approve a special tax levy for snow removal.

Thomas Winarski – The Mayor stated we need to remember that we are in Michigan and we are trying to deal with the snow removal in the best way possible.

Jacob Link – Jacob introduced himself as a candidate for the State House of Representatives seat currently held by Joel Johnson. He is from Arenac County. He has worked with Mike Smith at Department of Human Services. Jacob is currently working in Roscommon and is a volunteer Fire Fighter. He and his wife are foster parents. He thanked the Council for the time to introduce himself.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Crawford to establish the agenda with the changes of: Meeting to be scheduled is for the Personnel/Finance Committee to held February 1 at 4:15 p.m. & the Temporary Liquor License is for Riverwalk's Classic Car Show not the Arena's Frozen Affair. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Crawford, supported by Council Member Gardner to approve the Consent Agenda: Communication: i.) GBPA – Business After Hours ii.) Gladwin County District Board of Commissioners Newsletter iii.) MERS – Retire/Rehire Policy Changes Meetings: i.) Gladwin City Housing Commission – December 15, 2015 ii.) Zoning Board of Appeals – December 28, 2015. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Jungman to schedule the Personnel & Finance meeting for February 1, 2016 at 4:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing wages prior to budgeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Mienk, supported by Council Member Gardner to approve the Temporary Liquor License for Classic Car Show at Riverwalk to be held Friday, July 8, 2016. All ayes. Motion carried.

Comments:

Thomas Winarski – He hoped everyone had seen his article in the Gladwin County Record about the program to provide LED light bulbs and dawn to dusk photo sensors

that are to be given away in partnership with Consumers Energy. The County Emergency Response Team will also be distributing the packets as well. Long term result could be that Consumers Energy may not have the build new plants to cover these capacity now being used by lights left on during daylight hours.

Lori Stout – GPBA is helping Chris Kokotovich to get the word out about the Fishing Derby to be held on February 6, 2016.

John Caffrey – He stated that the Airport did get the hangers plowed out.

Doug Jacobson – He stated that with in State politics there are pieces of legislation on the Governor’s desk that originally started as campaign reform but had many items add to it that affect communities and that if the Governor signs the legislation it will make it illegal for Cities to spend any resources to clarify a proposal less than 60 days before an election. What we (the City of Gladwin) did in November to explain the ballot proposals and what would happen if they passed or failed would be illegal under this new legislation. This will impact many if not all jurisdictions. We can contact the governor and ask that he veto this legislation and send it back to the committee. The County has proposals for 911 and EMS that will be on the 2016 November election that will be hard to communicate to the public if such legislation passes.

Thomas Winarski – He stated that we would have to get information out prior to the 60 days and we could have to have separate groups that are not connected to the local government entity do promotion instead of the local unit of government.

Robert Moffit – He announced the first Legislative Breakfast for 2016 will be at the Community Center on Friday, January 8th and hoped to see many Council members there. He wished everyone a very Happy New Year.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Thomas Winarski, Mayor

Bonnie S. Klein, City Clerk