

December 1, 2014
Gladwin, Michigan

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

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

Absent:

Staff Present: Bob Moffit, Bonnie Klein, Bernadette Weaver

Also Present: Mayor Thomas L. Winarski, Doug Jacobson, Pastor Sprang, Lauren Essenmacher, Dan Svetcos, Chief Duane Bean.

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

Minutes of the November 3, 2014 meeting were approved with correction.

Motion by Council Member Caffrey supported by Council Member Stout to approve Warrant #15-015 in the amount of \$37,495.86, Warrant #15-016 in the amount \$36917.10 and Payroll in the amount of \$50,921.25. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations

Lauren Essenmacher – Linda Rowe office manager retired. Richard McDuke has been hired to replace her. Amy Longstreth our nutritionist resigned to take a new position. The new nutritionist is Heather Ritchie. A part-time receptionist has been hired. A new phone system was installed. Pilot Payment was received from the Housing Commission and given to the City Clerk in the amount of \$18,272.00. The smokers in the building are still disgruntled about not being able to smoke in their apartments, but they are working through those issues.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Caffrey to establish the agenda with addition of Old Business: Application for Payment from Bilacic Trucking Inc. New Business: Request for Playground Equipment and Farmers Market Report. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Crawford, supported by Council Member Mienk to approve the consent agenda. Communications: i.) United Way – LIVE UNITED campaign, ii.) New Dawn Shelter – Thank you, iii.) MiSPOT – Agri-Valley – Termination of Lease iii.) Doug Jacobson – Water Tower Space Lease iii.) Gladwin County Road Commission – Public Hearing – Federal & State Road Aid. Meetings: i.) Fair Board – October 24, 2014 ii.) DDA – November 5, 2014 iii.)

Housing Commission – November 11, 2014 iii.) Parks Commission – November 24, 2014. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Motion made by Council Member Crawford, supported by Council Member Jungman to approve the Application for Payment to Bilacic Trucking Inc for the State Street Drainage Project in the amount of \$42,019.98 to be 2/3 to be paid from Major Street Fund and 1/3 from Sewer Fund. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Motion by Council Member Mienk, supported by Council Member Crawford to appoint Carol Darlington, Joan David and Ed English to a one year term to the Planning Commission with their term ending 12/5/2015. This leaves 2 vacancies on the Planning Commission. All members of the City Council are encouraged to let Bernadette Weaver or Mayor Thomas Winarski know of potential candidates. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Smith, supported by Mienk to approve \$5,000.00 from the General Fund toward the purchase of Playground Equipment for the park. We have received \$14,000.00 in grant money from USDA and the Midland Community Foundation. Playcore (playground equipment company) will match the amount spent if the order is made by December 4, 2014. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Farmers Market has continued to see increases in the number of customers coming to the market, which in turn increases the number of people coming in to town each Saturday. Project Fresh for Seniors has had a great response. The Housing Commission will again support running the transit once a month to get seniors to the market. We are grateful to Becky Gleason for being our Market Manager.

Comments

Mayor Tom Winarski – Reminded everyone about the Tree Lighting on Friday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. and the Christmas Light Parade will be on Saturday, December 6th at 6:00 p.m.

The newsletter reminded citizens to let us know of any streets needing repair.

The Community Garden did well. Grants have funded adding a water line and spigots in the garden and they have been installed and will be turned on in the spring.

We are looking at additional water and sewer lines needed on State Street. These projects will be looked at for next year.

Bob Moffit – Hoped everyone had a great Thanksgiving.
We are working on a \$50,000.00 grant for a trailhead on the new bike path. It will be located along River Rd. where the current hunting area is on Airport property. There will be solar lighting, 8 paved parking spaces and restrooms.

Audit is going well and final report will be ready for the next Council meeting.

There is an open house at Northern Espresso, on Thursday, Dec 4th from 5-7 encouraged all to attend.

Thanked Dee Jungman and all her helpers, including the DPW, for there hard work in decorating City Hall and main street.

Mike Smith – Thanked Nancy Bodnar for the gingerbread cookies. Also had attended the open house for The New Dawn Shelter. It is a 12 bed facility. They have rooms for men or women and a room available for a family. The a few things yet to finish but should be opening soon.

Dee Jungman – Tree Lighting 5PM Friday, hot chocolate, coffee and cookies will be served.

She reported Baby Jesus was stolen Saturday night from the manger scene by the Courthouse. It was found in a trash can in town.
The letters on the Park sign were rearranged in a vulgar saying. Police are working on both cases.

Looking for Bicycle club to support the Bike Path.

John Caffrey – Airport Potluck is December 18th at 5:00 p.m.

Nancy Bodnar – Questioned how the DDA was going to select carvers. It was stated that they would be submitting photos of the their work and they would be asked to suggest 3 types of carving they were willing to do, so the committee could pick appropriate carvings.

Lori Stout – Christmas Light Parade is going well. Wednesday they will be decorating the Santa float. All seems to be in order and ready to go.

Motion made by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Caffrey to adjourn.

Meeting ended at 5:37 p.m.

Thomas L. Winarski, Mayor

Bonnie S. Klein, City Clerk