

August 3, 2015
Gladwin, Michigan

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

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

Absent: None

Staff Present: Moffit, Klein

Also Present: Doug Jacobson, Lauren Essenmacher, Terry Walters

Mayor Winarski led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation.

Minutes approved as corrected with the addition of Council Member Mienk to the absent list.

Motion by Council Member Mienk supported by Council Member Crawford to approve warrant #16-003 in the amount of \$ 243,991.59, warrant #16-004 in the amount of \$ 39,620.43 and payroll in the amount of \$ 57,037.01. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearings of Delegations:

Terry Walters – Thanked the DDA for the carving of Marvel Secord. He is glad that the County and City agreement on the Airport is complete. The County is now in the midst of union negotiations. The County is financially struggling. Dee Jungman commented on what a good job as chairman Terry is doing.

Lauren Essenmacher – The 2013 -2014 Annual report was provided to the Council. The roof on the Antler Arms building is hoping to be done yet this summer due to the crack from cold of the last few winters. The engineers had said this roof wouldn't though the engineers said the roof would not need to ever be replaced.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Mienk to establish the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Mienk, supported by Council Member Crawford to approve the Consent Agenda: Communications: i.) Charter – Telecommunications Relay Service ii.) County Commissioners – Thank you. iii.) MML Annual Meeting Notice iv.) County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes Meetings: i.) Fair Board – June 16, 2015 ii.) Board of Review – July 21, 2015 iii.) Arena Board – July 21, 2015. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Stout to approve the repairs to the Waste Water Treatment Plant Vactor Truck for the amount of \$85,968.85 to be paid from the sewer fund. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

BALLOT PROPOSALS TO AMEND ARTICLE 5 OF THE CITY CHARTER

Resolution offered by Council Member Smith and seconded by Council Member Caffrey.

BE IT RESOLVED that:

A. The electors of the City of Gladwin be asked whether the Amendments to Article 5 of the City Charter be adopted for the following Sections:

Section 5.4

5.4.1

5.4.2

Section 5.5

5.5.1

5.5.2

Section 5.6

Section 5.7

Section 5.8 which provides the Section be repealed

The text for the Amendments is set forth in Exhibit A attached.

B. The Amendments are proposed for the following purposes:

i. To eliminate primary elections for City elections;

ii. To cause City Council members to be wholly elected at large commencing at the 2019 general election with elections held prior to 2019 to reflect a combination of at large and Ward candidates, all for the purpose of a more economical election process.

C. That adoption of the Amendments will be conditioned such

that both proposals submitted to the electors need be passed, whereby all amendments will be adopted.

D. That the proposed Amendments be submitted to the City's electors at the November 2015 general election if such be compatible with statute, otherwise at the next permissible election date, pursuant to the following ballot language:

PROPOSAL 1

An Amendment to the Gladwin City Charter such that Council Members shall be Elected at Large rather than by separate Wards as Terms Expire.

Note: Adoption of this Proposal is conditioned upon adoption at this election of Proposal 1 and Proposal 2.

Shall City Charter Sections 5.4, 5.5, and 5.6 be amended to reduce the City's current four voting districts (Wards) to one (1) voting district (Ward) such that four (4) Council members shall be elected at large, rather than by separate districts in 2017 and each four (4) years thereafter, and that the other four (4) Council members shall be elected at large, rather than by separate districts, in 2019 and each four (4) years thereafter?

Yes _____

No _____

~~ A "Yes" vote will be a vote in favor of the proposed amendment.

~~ A "No" Vote will be a vote against the proposed amendment.

PROPOSAL 2

An Amendment to the Gladwin City Charter such that Primary Elections will no longer occur for Mayor and Council Members.

Note: Adoption of this Proposal is conditioned upon adoption at this election of Proposal 1 and Proposal 2.

Shall City Charter Section 5.7 be amended and Section 5.8 deleted to eliminate the provision for Primary Elections for the nomination of candidates seeking election to the offices of Mayor and Council member and instead provide for nomination of candidates for election to those offices by the filing of petitions with the City Clerk?

Yes _____

No _____

~~ A "Yes" vote will be a vote in favor of the proposed Amendment.

~~ A "No" vote will be a vote against the proposed Amendment.

E. That the proposed Charter Amendments and ballot language shall be submitted to the Office of the Michigan Governor and the Office of the Michigan Attorney General for approval as required by law, including the Michigan Home Rule City Act (MCL 117.1, *et seq*).

F. The proposed Charter Amendments shall be published in full, along with existing Charter provisions which would be altered or abrogated by the proposed Charter Amendments and that such publication be made in the *Gladwin County Record* as required by law.

I, Bonnie Klein, Clerk of the City of Gladwin, Michigan certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Gladwin City Council at a meeting held on the 3rd day of August, 2015, by the following vote:

Ayes: Smith, Gardener, Crawford, Jungman, Mienk, Bodnar, Caffrey, Stout

Nays: None

Absent/Abstain: None

Dated: August 3, 2015

Bonnie Klein
Gladwin City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

SECTION 5.4, ELECTION WARDS AND PRECINCTS, shall be amended to provide as follows:

5.4 ELECTION WARDS AND PRECINCTS

- 5.4.1 The City shall be divided into four (4) Wards until the 2019 November general election, with the boundaries fixed and altered by Ordinance. Commencing with the November 2019 general election, the City shall consist of one (1) Ward.
- 5.4.2 The City's precincts and polling places shall be determined as provided by law.

SECTION 5.5, ELECTIVE OFFICES, shall be amended to provide as follows:

SECTION 5.5 ELECTIVE OFFICES

There shall be a City Council composed of a Mayor and eight (8) City Council members. Officials shall take office at the first council meeting following the date of the regular election at which the candidate was elected.

- 5.5.1 The Mayor shall be elected at large at each November odd year election for a term of two (2) years.
- 5.5.2 Until the November 2019 election, the Council will include members elected for four (4) year terms representing the four (4) Wards. Until the November 2017 election, each Ward will be represented by two (2) Council members. Following the November 2017 election until the November 2019, each Ward will be represented by one (1) Council member. Commencing with the November 2017 election and each odd year November election thereafter, four (4) Council members will be elected at large for four (4) year terms.

SECTION 5.6, QUALIFICATIONS TO HOLD OFFICE, shall be amended to provide as follows:

SECTION 5.6 QUALIFICATION TO HOLD OFFICE

Only City residents who are registered electors shall be eligible to hold elective office. Candidates for Mayor and Council shall be residents of the City and their election district (Ward) for at least thirty (30) days prior to the filing of a petition to run for office and, until the November 2019 election, any Council member elected to represent a specific City election district (Ward) shall maintain residence in that Ward.

SECTION 5.7, NOMINATING PETITIONS, shall be amended to provide as follows:

SECTION 5.7

All Candidates for elective office shall file nominating petition in the form established by law which the Clerk shall prepare and have available for the use of City electors and residents. Petitions submitted by Mayoral and Council candidates shall be signed by at least six (6) City electors, and for elections prior to the November 2019 general election, the nominating petition for Council members representing a specific voting district (Ward) shall be signed by electors residing within such Ward.

The nominating petitions shall be filed with the City Clerk no later than the time established by statute for the City. The Clerk shall publish a notice of the date by which the filing is required at least thirty (30) days before the filing deadline.

SECTION 5.8, PRIMARY ELECTIONS, shall be repealed.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Caffrey to approve the purchase and installation of carpet for City Hall in the amount of \$3,816.87. All ayes. Motion carried.

Comments:

Thomas Winarski – Reminders: Hazardous Waste Collection Day is August 29th from 9-2. The Carriage Festival is this weekend.

John Caffrey – Crew from B17 was in Pipers Pub and spent about \$25 a piece, which shows the airport activities does bring fund into town not just to the airport. He reported a good turn out to the fly-in. There were several runs with passengers in the B-17 and many visitors to tour the planes. Overall it was a very good event.

Dee Jungman – Reminder that there is a pancake breakfast 8a.m.-11a.m. at the Airport on Saturday, August 8th the cost is \$7. It is a really good breakfast.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:35p.m.

Thomas Winarski, Mayor

Bonnie S. Klein, City Clerk