

January 16, 2017  
Gladwin, Michigan

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

Present: Stout, Caffrey, Bodnar, Gardner, Smith, Crawford, Persky

Absent: Mienk

Staff Present: Robert Moffit, Bonnie Klein

Also Present: Mayor Darlene Jungman, Pastor Hortop, Dan Svetcos

Mayor Jungman led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Hortop gave the Invocation.

Minutes of January 3, 2017 were approved as presented.

Motion by Council Member Stout, supported by Council Member Gardner to approve warrant #17-020 in the amount of \$43,185.34 and payroll for the period ending January 1, 2017 in the amount of \$54,116.75. Six (6) Ayes. One (1) abstained; new council member no time to review warrant prior to vote. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations

None

Motion by Council Caffrey, supported by Council Member Gardner to establish the agenda with the additions of c.) Blight Officer d.) City Attorney. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Crawford, supported by Council Stout to approve the Consent Agenda Communications: i.) Library Circulation Report Meetings: i.) Fire Board – January 4, 2017.

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion by Council Member Gardner, supported by Council Member Stout to approve the proposal from C & S Contracting in the amount of \$3700.00 to install a 45,000 BTU Comfortmaker furnace, duct work, vent, and thermostat at the Chapel. Approval subject to notification of warranty. All ayes. Motion carried.

Robert Moffit gave an EDA Iron Filtration Plant Grant update. We have received 21 Iron Filtration Plant support letters from businesses within the City of Gladwin. We would like to submit at least 30 strong letters of support to the EDA. Robert Balzer of the Gladwin County EDC and Robert Moffit will be calling on individual business the next two (2)

weeks. Letters of support need to be submitted to EMCOG a week and a half from now.

#### Discussion:

A Blight Officer has been hired, so the City Police Department will not be handling blight for the City. Timothy Yuergens has been hired as the Blight Officer. A former City Police car is available for use of the Blight Officer. The car will have a City Logo. Tim will have a body camera, a badge and business cards. He will start training this week. An Ordinances book will be made available. In the process of the hiring it was brought to the attention of the Mayor and City Administrator that it is necessary to have an option to give residents a way to get rid of the trash. There was discussion of having a City wide cleanup day and about having volunteers to go to residents, especially elderly to pick up items. It was discussed that this may be done twice a year, spring and fall. This needs to be promoted. There could be a large dumpster in the DPW yard. We may collect of tires. The City would have to pay cost to Myers for Tires to dispose of tires. The City would need establish a good structure for this event.

Discussion with Chief Duane Bean, City Administrator Robert Moffit and Mayor Darlene Jungman that the City should have a separate attorney to handle police and blight issues. City Attorney Doug Jacobson would still handle all City legal items. It has been discussed with the County that Aaron Miller and Norm Gage would handle the City Police and Blight issues. The current contract with Doug Jacobson is \$1500 per month. The new contract would have half (\$750) would stay with Doug Jacobson and half (\$750) would be contracted to the County for Aaron Miller and Norm Gage. It was also discussed to publish a clear definition of blight.

Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Stout to contract through Gladwin County for Aaron Miller and Norm Gage to handle the police and blight issues and Doug Jacobson to remain as City Attorney. Each party will be paid \$750.00 per month. This contractual arrangement will start March 1, 2017.

#### Comments

Mayor Darlene Jungman – Stated she spoke at the Legislative Breakfast on January 13, 2017 about hiring a Blight Officer and obtaining a K-9 dog for the City Police Department.

Lori Stout – Stated the Fishing Derby will be held the first Saturday of February at Vasher's Country Garden. There will be at least \$1000 in prize money given away. She said April 15<sup>th</sup> will be the Easter Egg Hunt in the park.

Nancy Bodnar – Stated she had read the article in the MML "the review" magazine and liked what Beaverton had done with the former school. She said would like to see Gladwin do something like this and suggested the old community building. There was discussion of how Gladwin Area Friends of the Theatre were looking at building a larger theatre. It was discussed that the old community building is in much disrepair.

Robert Moffit – Stated is a worthy cause for a new building for the theatre but for local foundations to give to such a project the foundations must see a strong revenue source to be able to give to such a project.

Doug Jacobson - Stated that the new state legislature had been sworn in and new legislation will be coming soon. The legislature will discuss a question on eliminating npserv pension plan. The City employee pension is with MERS. MERS handles the pension in 83 counties. There are only 3 counties that are 100% funded, the City of Gladwin is 93% funded. The State wants to dictate how pension funding will be done. Small communities loose revenue so larger projects can be done in larger communities and our smaller communities do not have representation against taking these revenues. Everyone want ways to have say to stop these drains.

Robert Moffit – The Governor has signed a law allowing Libraries to opt out of taxes levied for library being captured by TIFA entities, which would include money for the DDA. If the Library decides to opt out it could mean a loss of revenue for the DDA. We have 9 years to update plan for DDA. Dan Gilmartin spoke at the MME board meeting and the State has taken their focus off MERS and looking at healthcare provided to retirees. The City does not offer paid healthcare to retirees. The City's retirees can pay for healthcare at the current rate. He said the State has taken over 1million dollars from the City over the last few years without the City having any say. The State has continually made it harder for small communities. There may be additional cost to the City because of double sampling that may be required when Iron Filtration Plant comes on-line. Robert said that there has been a problem with street lights from Rite Aid to Hall-Kokotovich Funeral Home. It was worked on with the help of Craig Taunt. The problem is in the work box that is in the Rite Aid driveway. The lid is pinching wires. The problem has been corrected for now but in the spring it maybe moved or replaced with a cement box. The lights were out Friday night after work was completed. Chris Wentz came in and power had not been turned back on after repairs were made. All is corrected now.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

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Darlene Jungman, Mayor

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Bonnie S. Klein, City Clerk