

February 6, 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, Smith, Gardner, Crawford, Persky, Caffrey, Mienk

Absent: Bodnar

Staff Present: Robert Moffit, Bonnie Klein, Bernadette Weaver

Also Present: Mayor Darlene Jungman, Pastor Joe Dorais, County Commissioner Terry Walters, Carol Darlington Planning Commission Chairperson, Kelly Gower, Donna Dysinger, Doug Jacobson, Dan Svetcos.

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

Minutes of January 6, 2017 were approved with correction of results concerning attorney changes: All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Crawford to approve warrant #17-021 in the amount of \$187,075.99 and warrant #17-022 in the amount of \$48,320.85 and payroll for the period ending January 15, 2017 in the amount of \$51,928.01 and payroll for the period ending January 29, 2017 in the amount of 53,899.09. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations

Terry Walters – Stated that the County budget should be completed by end of month. He stated it is always difficult to make hard decisions when it involves people. The County has changed auditors by recommendation of the state. The state has made the recommendation to change auditors every three years.

Carol Darlington – The Planning Commission Chair reminded the Council of the joint meeting on March 28th at 5:15 p.m. Carol was contacted by Lindsey an Americorp intern with DNR about possible locations for pollinator gardens. Carol suggested to Lindsey to contact the City for possibly planting in Northpark. Carol was asked by a Council Member about what was going at the Soil Conservation District. She stated the district is putting in small presentation area and different demonstration gardens. They are contacting the school and there will be raised beds to give ideas for handicap and elderly persons. Gardens will also be made to demonstrate what plants from the districts sales will look like, how they perform, and proper placement.

Kelly Gower - No comment.

Donna Dysinger – Attending for the purpose of observing for the Gladwin County Leadership program.

Motion by Council Gardner, supported by Council Member Persky to establish the agenda with the change of Vacation of Beech Street west of Spring and additions of f.) Appointments g.) Patrol car matching grant. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Stout, supported by Council Gardner to approve the Consent Agenda with the additions of Communications: iv.) State of Community Event v.) After Hours Invitation. vi.) Administrator Updates. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Persky to appoint
Planning Commission – Steve Czape - term ending 12/5/2019
Planning Commission – Sam Wilson – term ending 12/5/2019
Parks Commission – Mary Sue Czape – term ending 9/7/2020
Downtown Development Authority – Jeff Zettel – term ending 5/6/2020
Downtown Development Authority – Priscella Szerdi – term ending 5/6/2020

All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion: Vacation of Beech Street west of Spring. The Planning Commission recommends the approval of vacation of street subject to the Circuit Court Approval due to the property being along a waterway and also subject to a 20 foot wide easement retained for the 48” storm drain located in the right of way. The properties were purchased by Soil Tech will be combined to make a larger buildable property if approved.

Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Gardner to approve the Vacation of Beech Street West of Spring Street with the contingency of approval from the Circuit Court and with a 20 foot wide easement for the storm drain. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Mienk, supported by Council Member Crawford to approve the invoice from Escon Group for two (2) replacement metal light poles for the amount of \$9,842.46. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Crawford to approve the invoice from Detroit Salt invoice for the salt delivery in the amount of \$2,854.42. All ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION
CITY OF GLADWIN
Iron Filtration Plant EDA Grant & City of Gladwin
Authorized Representative

WHEREAS, the City of Gladwin desires to construct an Iron Filtration Plant adjacent to the water tower at 401 South M-18; and

WHEREAS, the Gladwin City Council desires to apply for a matching grant from EDA in the amount of \$1,099,625 to be partial funding for an Iron Filtration Plant for the City of Gladwin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gladwin has secured local funds through a commitment received of USDA loan funds in the amount of \$1,099,625 and considered as the City's local match commitment; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Gladwin City Council, of Gladwin County, Michigan as follows:

To authorize Robert Moffit, City Administrator to be the authorized Representative to sign and execute any and all EDA documents on behalf of the City of Gladwin.

The foregoing resolution was offered by City Council Member Caffrey and supported by Council Member Smith.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Stout, Smith, Persky, Mienk, Gardner, Crawford, Caffrey

Nays: None

Absent: Bodnar

Abstain: None

Resolution declared adopted this February 6, 2017.

Bonnie S. Klein, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Bonnie S. Klein, City Clerk of the City of Gladwin, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Gladwin City Council at a regular meeting held February 6, 2017.

Bonnie S. Klein, City Clerk

Motion by Council Member Stout, supported by Council Member Persky to approve the change in the employee handbook to change the Employment Category of the City Treasurer position from non-exempt to exempt. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Mienk, supported by Council Member Crawford to approve the invoice from Pro Comm Inc. for equipment for the First Responder Vehicle in the amount of \$7,882.90. All ayes. Motion carried.

Comments

Mayor Darlene Jungman – Stated that on Wednesday, February 8th Coffee with a Cop will take place at 8 am at Burger King. Coffee with the Cop happens monthly. In March it will be at Riverwalk on March 8th and Mack's on Main on April 12th. She encouraged everyone to come and get to know the area police officers. Dee stated that the blight officer Tim Yuergens is doing a good job. He has made several stops and three of the

houses he has stopped at have addressed the issue. Tim has also been telling residents about the May 6th clean up date. Clean up day will give an opportunity for residents to get rid of materials and there will be volunteers to help take items to the dumpster for those who do not have a way to do so.

Mike Smith – Offered tickets for the Souper Challenge for March 4th from 4-8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The tickets are \$10.00. All proceeds from the Souper Challenger go to the Gladwin County Foundation Scholarship fund.

Lori Stout – The Super Fishing Derby gave away \$11,600.00. There were 1350 people registered for the Derby. There were registrants from as far away as Canada, Indiana, and Ohio. Chris Kokotovich had a participant from Midland tell him that he was very impressed with the derby and he would be a sponsor for next year.

Tom Mienk – Requested Information on delinquent utility accounts. Robert Moffit indicated that there were 317 past due accounts and that 270 past due notices went out. Tom Mienk stated concerns with the process of delinquent accounts. He requested a report be brought to City Council every month with the number of delinquent accounts.

Robert Moffit – Stated that the following budget items were brought to the Personnel and Finance Committee: Election equipment - \$4000, Cost for the Blight Officer - \$9500, Trail costs in the amount of \$210,000 to be rolled over to next year, Sidewalks and street replacement and repair in the amount of \$50,000, specifically for Warren and Martin. The Superintendent Rick Seebeck will be contacting Mr. Moffit on what funds are available from the school for road repairs, and a 1% raise for all employees excluding himself. There are sewer items that Tom Molski has brought to Robert Moffit's attention. Robert stated that the Manager's Conference was very good and that he had support of his colleague's that the State should not take away funds from the Downtown Development Authorities.

Bernadette Weaver – Stated the assessment roll being prepared. There will be an organizational meeting one week prior to the Public Board of Review. The Joint meeting is scheduled for March 28 between the Council, Planning Commission and Parks Commission. Bernadette reminded the Council that staggered terms are required for the Boards and Commissions. The Council took action in December to make the Planning Commissions terms staggered. In February the Planning Commission will be reviewing the site plan for the Horizons Assisted Living Site. She requested that the Council to remind businesses to get the personal property information in as the dead line is quickly approaching.

Kelly Gower - Asked who is the blight officer? Dee Jungman stated it is Tim Yuergens.

Dan Svetcos – Asked how many complaints had council members had about water bills? Several answered a few. Council Member Smith stated there is a general dislike to the price of water bills. Mr. Svetcos stated that it is important for the City to make sure the City's costs are covered. He thought utility customers should be able to work out a payment plan. Council Member Mienk stated he thought it would be better to take customers to court, especially tenants, than to have the delinquency put on the taxes.

He also stated that if the tenant is delinquent that the property owner should not have to pay the delinquent bill.

Doug Jacobson – Stated that the Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast will be at 7am at Edenville St. Anne’s Catholic Church on Friday, February 10, 2017. Doug also stated that the State should be paying for or paying part of the voting machines. He said that the Governor put together a broad group of individuals to make up a committee to deal with municipal retiree healthcare and pensions. He made the comment that the water bills are utility bills that include: water, sewer, trash, recycling, leaf and brush pickup. He also stated that there are systems in place to work on these issues. Doug suggested that a workshop be set up to discuss the situation and work on possible solutions and suggested that the Utility Billing Clerk be present. Doug Jacobson state that Harrison has been chosen as a Rising Tide Community. He stated that the Governor had picked the communities given this distinction. Harrison is tapped for such help because their community is in a much lower income bracket in comparison to the City of Gladwin.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Darlene Jungman, Mayor

Bonnie S. Klein, City Clerk