

June 2, 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: Caffrey, Crawford, Hawblitzel, Jungman, Mienk, Smith, Stout

Absent: Rowley

Staff Present: Bob Moffit, Shannon Smith, LaVel Smith, Bernie Weaver, Dave Haag

Also Present: Mayor Thomas L. Winarski, Commissioner Terry Walters, Nancy Bodnar, Attorney Doug Jacobson

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

Minutes of the May 19, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Crawford to approve Warrant #14-33 in the amount of \$22,171.34, Warrant #14-34 in the amount of \$17,417.51 and payroll for pay period ending May 25, 2014 in the amount of \$54,391.31. All ayes.

Hearing of Delegations

Commissioner Terry Walters gave an update on Gladwin County issues.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Caffrey to establish the agenda with the following addition: New Business – (d) Bader and Sons – Lawn Mower Trade. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Crawford, supported by Council Member Jungman to approve the consent agenda as follows: Communications – (i) Letter of Retirement from Treasurer Betty Barnebee, (ii) Reappointments Made, (iii) Dave Sleeper – Resignation from Housing Commission; Meetings – (i) Planning Commission – May 20, 2014, (ii) Parks Commission – May 27, 2014. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

ORDINANCE #326 **SIGNS – ARTICLE 6**

WHEREAS, on April 22, 2014 the Gladwin City Planning Commission made a favorable recommendation to the Gladwin City Council that the following changes be made to the Gladwin City Zoning Ordinance:

Section 602, 2. Definitions of Signs

- h. Add: "Marquee or canopy signs are interchangeable."
- l. Sign: "A sign shall mean any object, device, logo, display, or structure, or part thereof, which is intended to advertise, identify, display, direct, or attract attention to an object, person, institution, organization, **message**, business, product,...whether bearing lettering or not."

Section 602, 6. Permitted Signs in the Nonresidential Districts

a. (1) Add: “Storefronts or walls with structural components that may prohibit the installation of one contiguous sign for one or more businesses, the Planning Commission may allow a sign to be erected in a segmented fashion.”

a. (2) ii. “The maximum allowable sign area for buildings facing, **but** set back less than seven hundred fifty (750) feet from any street or interior property line may be increased in accordance to the following:”

b. (7) “Where a building has a **marquee** constructed as an integral part of such building, one (1) additional sign may be permitted per customer access under the canopy/**marquee** and perpendicular to the building provided it is not more than two (2) square feet in area and further provided that a minimum clearance of eight (8) feet shall be maintained above the sidewalk.”

c. (a) Add: (iv) “With approval of the Planning Commission, an additional wall sign may be allowed if the applicant waives the right to erect an on-premises freestanding sign, subject to size restrictions applicable to wall signs.”

(5) Sign Height. The allowable height for on-premise freestanding signs shall not be over twenty (20) feet.

(7) Off-premise directional signs. Add: “Any pre-existing directional signs in existence prior to the adoption of this ordinance may only be altered and/or replaced upon review and with approval of the Planning Commission.”

d. Window signs. “Window signs shall not exceed twenty (20) percent of the total window area in square feet. In addition to this window area, one-half of any wall sign area may be used for window signs not to exceed 50% coverage.”

e. L.E.D. Signs. In the C-2 district, the following provisions will apply:

b) “There will be a minimum of **three (3)seconds** between changes in messages, texts, graphics, etc.”

9. Other Permitted Signs

c. “Directional signs in conjunction with drives or off-street parking areas, provided any such sign does not exceed (4) square feet in area, is limited to traffic control functions, and does not obstruct traffic vision with a maximum height of **five (5)** feet. Advertising copy or logos may be permitted, provided they are subordinate to the directional characteristics of the sign.”

10. Temporary Signs

c. “Temporary Signs for up to **(4)** special events per year such as grand openings, fairs and festivals, and announcements of new products, service, or management subject to the following:”

c. (1) (vi) “No portable sign shall be displayed for a period exceeding **twenty (20)** days and shall be authorized by the Zoning Administrator upon the issuance of a temporary zoning permit.

e. “Portable signs of an a- or t- frame or a menu or sandwich board variety may be placed upon the public right of way in the C-1 District, under conditions as follows: (Deleted “by special permit”)

e. (iii) “The sign shall not **be** any product which is usually offered for sale.”

e. (iv) “No more than one sign may be located upon any **single business establishment.**”

e. (vi) “No person shall have any vested right to maintain a sign on a public right of way **and all such signs shall be removed from the public right of way between the hours of midnight to 6 a.m.**”

11. Prohibited Signs

b. (Delete “Permanent”) “Exterior banners, pennants, spinners, streamers **or similar device which shall be in place for more than twenty (20) days in any eighty (80) day period shall be considered permanent and shall not be allowed.**”

12. Nonconforming signs. (Last paragraph). If a non-conforming sign advertises a business, service, ...shall be removed within thirty (30) days after such abandonment...Add: “The Planning Commission may consider reasonable requests that extraordinary circumstances exist such that application of this provision would be inequitable.”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that at the June 2, 2014 meeting of the Gladwin City Council the aforementioned change was adopted.

First Reading

Dated: May 19, 2014

Second Reading

Dated: June 2, 2014

The foregoing Ordinance was offered by Council Member Caffrey and supported by Council Member Mienk.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Caffrey, Crawford, Hawblitzel, Jungman, Mienk, Smith, Stout

Nays: None

Absent: Rowley

Abstain: None

Ordinance declared adopted this 2nd day of June, 2014.

New Business

Motion by Council Member Crawford, supported by Council Member Jungman to authorize the addition to the sidewalk bid list of 307 West Cedar Avenue. All ayes. Motion carried.

The City of Gladwin 2014 Master Plan was distributed. This will be brought back to the next City Council meeting.

Motion by Council Member Jungman, supported by Council Member Smith to authorize quote #9787758 from Bader and Sons for mower exchange in the amount of \$7,500.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Smith, supported by Council Member Hawblitzel to authorize the City Administrator to work with the insurance company and DeShano Restoration to repair and restore the City Park from the recent flood damage. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding a retaining wall to prevent flooding of the buildings in the future.

Comments

Assessor Weaver stated that she attended the honors assembly at the High School and presented two scholarships.

The WWTP lagoon project will commence in early June.

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

Meeting ended at 5:32 p.m.

Thomas L. Winarski, Mayor

Shannon Smith, City Clerk