

March 20, 2023

Gladwin, Michigan

The Regular Meeting of the Gladwin City Council was held in person at Gladwin City Hall located at 1000 W. Cedar Ave. in Gladwin Michigan. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sarah Kile at 5:00 p.m.

Present: Bodnar, Caffrey, Crawford, Darlington, Gutierrez, Smith, Winarski

Absent: Esiline

Staff Present: Marietta Andrist, Eric Killian, Karen SeKrenes, Christopher Shannon

Others Present: Mayor Sarah Kile, Chamber Director Carrie Will, County Commissioner Ron Taylor

Mayor Kile led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Phil Hortop gave the invocation.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Council Member Gutierrez, supported by Council Member Bodnar to approve the regular council meeting minutes held on March 6, 2023, as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Warrants: Motion by Council Member Crawford, supported by Council Member Caffrey to approve warrant #23-024 in the amount of sixty-eight thousand nine hundred fifty-two dollars and thirty cents (\$68,952.30), payroll ending 03/05/2023 in the amount of thirty-three thousand three hundred forty-four dollars and four cents. (\$33,344.04). All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: County Commissioner Ron Taylor gave an update on the broadband Robin Grant worth two hundred and forty million dollars (\$240,000,000.00) through the State of Michigan. Point Broadband has filed the application/ paperwork for Clare and Gladwin counties. Each county would receive approximately eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000.00). Should hear by mid-May. Also stated, County Commissioner Rick Grove and I will alternate attending between council meetings.

Chamber Director Carrie Will updated everyone on T.V. 9 & 10 doing a story on Pale Blue Restaurant. The story is scheduled to air this coming Thursday. Informed the council on who would be speaking at the Legislative Breakfasts for April and May.

Establish Agenda: Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Gutierrez to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Council Member Darlington, supported by Council Member Bodnar to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Communications: Pamphlet from Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency

Meetings: Board of Review Meeting Minutes-March 7, 2023
Gladwin County Recreational Trail Authority Meeting Minutes-March 9,2023

All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Old Business: Personnel Committee Appointments: City Administrator Christopher Shannon spoke on the need to reconvene the Personnel Committee. The DPW staff does not want to go with the Teamsters, this would be an opportunity to work with the DPW and their contract. The budget is coming up and you also heard from the Chief of Police. Looking for someone with

experience. Mayor Kile stated she did some recruiting; I am impressed with all of them. Would like to recommend, Council Members Gutierrez, Caffrey and Smith to the Personnel Committee. Council Member Darlington asked if the Personnel Committee was an Ad Hoc committee. City Administrator Christopher Shannon stated, yes it will be temporary, mainly for the DPW, budget, police and all personnel. Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Smith to reconvene the Personnel Committee on a temporary basis. Six (6) ayes, one (1) nay. Motion carried.

New Business:

- a. 2024 Salt Purchase. City Administrator Christopher Shannon described the process for purchasing road salt. The program is through MiDeal. In previous years the city has requested two hundred and fifty (250) ton to be reserved. Currently the salt house is full. Gave information on what the cost for salt was for this fiscal year. Currently salt prices are down. Motion by Council Member Crawford, supported by Council Member Caffrey to approve the salt purchase for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. All ayes. Motion carried.
- b. Cannons-Veterans Memorial. City Administrator Christopher Shannon stated, I realize many of you have been doing research on the cannons. I am hearing the council would like to retain ownership and lease them to the veterans for the memorial. Discussion took place and the consensus was to table the decision until more information could be obtained and move this agenda item to the next council meeting under old business.
- c. Campground Expansion-MDNR Grant. City Administrator Christopher Shannon reviewed the cost of the project for the expansion of the campground. There is three hundred thousand (\$300,000.00) dollars, which was awarded through the DNR Trust Fund, in the form of a grant. This grant asked for local match. Originally wanted the matching dollars to come out of flood dollars. Those dollars are tied up with the MEDC. Had to find other means to move this grant forward to meet deadlines associated with the grant. Looking at using FEMA settlement, along with APRA funding, which originally was going to be used for the lift station. Asking for approval to use as our match for the DNR grant. Motion by Council Member Darlington, supported by Council Member Caffrey to approve the use of FEMA and APRA funds to move the project forward. All ayes. Motion carried.
- d. Ranger Station-Flood Relief Allocation. City Administrator Christopher Shannon stated another project is to move the ranger station up the hill. Currently there is one hundred and forty thousand (\$140,000.00) in funds from the disaster relief funds. Asking you to allow me to get proposals. A picture was provided in the council packet as the concept for our project. Discussion on location, building materials, and the need for a restroom in the ranger station took place. Council Member Bodnar asked why the project was not presented at the Parks Commission meeting. City Administrator Christopher Shannon responded, the meeting was canceled due to not having a quorum. The consensus was to move forward with seeking proposals.
- e. John Deere Mower Quote. City Administrator Christopher Shannon stated the quote is for two (2) new mowers and is presented by the DPW. Budgetarily the money is available. The match for the mini excavator and the DPW truck through the USDA probably will not happen this fiscal year. There is enough money to purchase the mowers. These are commercial grade and rear discharge. Council Member Gutierrez asked what would happen to the old mowers. City Administrator Christopher Shannon stated one will go to the campground. Motion by Council Member Bodnar, supported by Council Member Winarski to approve the purchase of two (2) John Deere mowers. All ayes. Motion carried.

- f. Budget Workshop-April 20, 2023. City Administrator Christopher Shannon announced a meeting for a budget workshop on April 20, 2023. The Council agreed to the April 20, 2023 date.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Sarah Kile stated there were two (2) upcoming veterans events. The Gladwin Assembly of God this coming Sunday at 2:00pm and the Blue and Gold Memorial Dedication at Billings Township Community Park on June 17th at 2:00pm. Gave a big thank you to everyone here and the Chief of Police, who gave a phenomenal report on the work the police do. Also spoke on the prevailing wage heating up, suggested contacting your legislatures. Informed the Council she was invited to a rural DTE meeting, to report to their directors. I have asked Matt Lang to give me information on high level economic stuff we are doing. Wednesday I have breakfast with the new president of My Mid-Michigan Health. March for Meals was a great event today. I got to serve. Council Member Gutierrez was also present. Gave a thank you to City Administrator Christopher Shannon for some tough things he is handling and he is also doing some great things at Rotary. Lastly, spoke on the certificate of achievement Clerk Andrist received for completing the Clerks Institute.

Council Member Comments: Council Member Caffrey stated at the next meeting he will be passing out the evaluation form for City Administrator Christopher Shannon. Same format as last year. Chris will also receive an evaluation to evaluate himself. Will have time to complete the form over the next few meetings, it will then be turned in to compile the information. Council Member Smith asked if the mayor's information would be tallied or not. This was brought up during the last evaluation process. Mayor Kile stated she was comfortable on not rating and just entering comments.

Council Member Darlington stated she drove around town and looked at where snow had been pushed back. Went pasted the house in question, there was significant amount of snow melted. There was no sod or grass ruined or damaged. Seen several places where the DPW had pushed snow back.

Council Member Gutierrez congratulated Clerk Andrist. Gave her thoughts on what Laurie Howey had brought here. I used to be her neighbor. There were complaints about people parking on the lawn, the area between the sidewalk on the road. At my current house, there is a curb. The DPW wouldn't plow up into my yard due to the curb. Also, I was at the March for Meals event. I learned quite a bit about the shortfalls of funding, lack of volunteers and how much help they need. Was surprised by the issues, such as plumbing, and the lack of funding for repairs. Encouraged everyone to volunteer.

Council Member Smith commented on the cannons. He had done some research, the cannons came from the Grand Army of the Republic. They were donated in the late 40's or early 50's and came from a veteran's group.

Council Member Winarski informed the council the Housing Commission asks for volunteers all the time. They can't get anybody. They constantly are trying to get help. It is not from the lack of trying.

Administration Reports/ Comments: Utility Billing and Cemetery Clerk Karen SeKrenes wished everyone a Happy Spring.

Clerk Andrist spoke on topics that were discussed at the Clerk's Institute. Stated most townships, villages and cities are having are hard time finding people to serve on boards & commissions, the fund raising for the Humane Society and changes to the election process due to Proposal 2.

Chief Eric Killian thanked the council for hearing the presentation.

City Administrator Christopher Shannon updated the Council on the accident on M18, where a vehicle hit a fire hydrant and another vehicle. Told Carrie Will he was sorry to hear about her mother's fall. Also, stated the city was still seeking a park manager.

County Commissioner Ron Taylor spoke on the baseball game being played at Dow Diamond on April 11, 2023. It will be a double header, Gladwin vs. Beaverton. Council Member Darlington also gave congratulations to the hockey team for their state championship.

Motion by Council Member Darlington, supported by Council Member Bodnar to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 6:08p.m.

Mayor Sarah Kile

Marietta Andrist, Clerk

