

February 6, 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, Esiline, Gutierrez, Smith, Winarski

Absent: None

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

Others Present: Mayor Sarah Kile, Pastor Joe Dorias, Carrie Will, Alan Donaldson, Rick Seebeck, Jeff Zettel, Karen Moore, Tom Winarski, Chiara Cameron-Wood

Mayor Kile led the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Joe Dorias gave the invocation.

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

Approval of Warrants: Motion by Council Member Darlington, supported by Council Member Caffrey to approve warrant #23-019 in the amount of three hundred fifteen thousand one hundred sixty-three dollars and fifteen cents (\$315,163.15), payroll ending 01/22/2023 in the amount of twenty-six thousand eight hundred twenty-two dollars and four cents. (\$26,822.04). Warrant #23-020 in the amount of three hundred four thousand two hundred fifty-four dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$304,254.67). All ayes. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: County Commissioner Karen Moore gave an update on the replacement for County Commissioner Mark Shaefer. The replacement is Mike Visnaw. And he will fill the position in District #1. Former Mayor Tom Winarski asked questions in regards to the Brownfield Project. He inquired on what benefit is there to the City. The City would not receive any benefit for at least fifteen (15) years, maybe longer. Reminded the Council, they represent three thousand people, not eight. Look at who is really going to benefit from this project. Also voiced concerns on the housing market for the City of Gladwin.

Establish Agenda: Motion by Council Member Gutierrez, supported by Council Member Esiline to approve the agenda with the addition of adding Dollar General under Old Business. Two (2) ayes, six (6) nays. Motion fails. Motion by Council Member Darlington, supported by Council Member Smith to approve the agenda as presented. One (1) nay, seven (7) ayes. Motion carried.

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

Communications: Consumers Energy Case No. U-21269

Council on Local Government-February 27, 2023

Meetings:

Gladwin Airport Commission Meeting Minutes-January 12, 2023

Downtown Development Authority Meeting Minutes-January 11, 2023

Planning Commission Meeting Minutes-January 25, 2023

Gladwin Rural Urban Fire District Meeting Minutes-February 1, 2023

All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Alan Donaldson from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services gave information to raise the awareness of the need for foster parents in Gladwin County. At Any given time there is forty (40) to fifty (50) children in foster care. Often, we don't have beds for them. It is big to ask people to take children into their home, but there are several other ways to help. We need drivers, mentors, watching parent visitation and a lot of other needs. Gave his email address, [donaldson5@michigan.gov](mailto:donaldson5@michigan.gov) to learn more and find out what areas help is needed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- a. Gladwin Schools Superintendent Rick Seebeck. Superintendent Rick Seebeck passed out literature and spoke on the proposed bond millage to build a new junior high school. The vote would go before the people in the Gladwin School District to replace the current facility. The election is on May 2, 2023. A committee was formed to look into what made sense. Needed repairs to the current facility would be in the area of thirty-eight million dollars. A new facility was forty-five million. Updates would include classrooms improvements, flexible learning spaces, STEAM/CTE, increase is educational offerings and learning opportunities. There will also be improvement on safety and security, at the high school, art, choir and band programs. Information only. No vote required.
- b. Appointments-Planning Commission. Mayor Sarah Kile gave information to the Council on the recommendation from the Planning Commission to appointment of Steve Czape and Robert Corbett for a three-year term ending December 31, 2025. Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Gutierrez to approve the appointments. All ayes. Motion carried.
- c. 211 Proclamation. Mayor Sarah Kile introduced Chiara Cameron-Wood as the new 211Northeast Director and presented her with a 211 Proclamation, making February 11, 2023 , 211 Day. The proclamation recognized the hard work of 211 for the residents who may be in need of vital services.

## CITY OF GLADWIN

# *Proclamation*

- WHEREAS:** 211 Provides free assistance to our City, County and State; providing human service referrals to connect our residents to vital community resources; and,
- WHEREAS:** making social services ecosystems more efficient in our area by ensuring people in need are connected to agencies that can help; and,
- WHEREAS:** the 211 network serves all residents equitably with 24/7, confidential, services in Gladwin since 2009; now,
- THEREFORE:** be it resolved that I, Sarah Kile, Mayor of the Great City of Gladwin, do hereby proclaim.

February 11, 2023

as

# 211 DAY

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Gladwin to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

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*Sarah Kile, Mayor*

- d. Household Hazardous Waste Day Information. City Administrator Christopher Shannon informed the Council, DLD Laboratories, the company used for disposal of hazardous waste would be unavailable to send a team to assist the City on the Household Hazard Waste Day due to staffing issues. Looked into changing to a weekday, that was not an option. We are trying to locate another company but may not find anyone to be on site. Information only.
- e. Approval-Purchase of BS&A Software Fixed Asset Program. Treasurer Angela Bigham requested the purchase of the fixed asset module through BS&A to help the city track asset correctly. A excel spreadsheet will be set up to add and delete items when purchased or disposed of. The cost can be spread over all seven (7) funds. Can also link the purchase orders and accounts payable. This request comes after having the audit. The consensus of the Council was to table the approval until the next meeting to obtain more information that was missing in the packet.
- f. Resolution-Brownfield Plan. Zooming into the meeting was Kurt Brauer and David Stegink. Kurt Brauer went through the steps and requirements for completing the Brownfield Plan. Council Member Winarski asked if there were other projects in the State similar, David Stegink stated this was the first in the State for this plan. Council Member Winarski voiced concern over having nothing to compare to. Council Member Darlington asked how this property falls under blight. David Stegink replied, there was no other category to put in under. Council Member Crawford asked what the target value for the homes was. David Stegink stated the price point was one hundred and fifty thousand (\$150,000.00), about an eighteen thousand dollar (\$18,000.00) discount. Council Member Bodnar asked what the square footage of the homes would be. David Stegink replied, around twelve hundred square feet, with a foundation and a two-car garage. A lengthy discussion on the cost, value, price point, and what the market would support took place. Members voiced concerns, asked questions, requested more information

and felt it would be best to form a committee to look further into the Brownfield Plan. The Brownfield Plan was tabled until more information could be obtained.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Sarah Kile thanked everyone who attended. Gave a thank you to Chiara Cameron-Wood and Alan Donaldson. Spoke on the importance of proclamations and recognizing things happening in the City of Gladwin.

Council Member Comments: Council Member Gutierrez gave information on the Fair Board. There will be snowmobile races, weather permitting, on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>. Let everyone know the fair has been moved up a whole week. Requested Jason Ball look into the Dollar General stores aisles that already built in the city. Asked if the building inspector would visit those stores. Council Member Caffrey stated the State Fire Marshall would be someone to contact.

Council Member Darlington informed the Council, a recent phone call from the State Police showed there was no violation of the Open Meetings Act for meetings held with Planning Commission for the zoning ordinance review. The case is closed.

Administration Reports/ Comments: Chief Eric Killian informed the Council the department finally replaced the police vehicle that was in the crash seven (7) years ago. Treasurer Angela Bigham reminded everyone of the Legislative Breakfast this Friday, February 10, 2023. Clerk Andrist let everyone know she would be gone the remainder of the week.

Administration Reports/ Comments: City Administrator Christopher Shannon congratulated Justin Thorington for completing the Leadership Program. Gave an update on the electronic sign. Thanked the DDA. Spoke with Sergeant Richards from the Michigan State Police on the Open Meetings Act violation. He relayed to me, holding meetings that were not public would be a violation, the meetings were held in public. Relayed nothing was in violation.

Motion by Council Member Caffrey, supported by Council Member Bodnar to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting ended at 7:12p.m.

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Mayor Sarah Kile

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Marietta Andrist, Clerk

