

Council of the Whole

October 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Gladwin City Hall

Present: Bodnar, Caffrey, Crawford, Darlington, Gardner, Kile, Smith, Winarski, Also Present: Mayor Darlene Jungman, Christopher Shannon and Angela Bigham.

City Administrator Christopher Shannon announced Emma Schwan work begin interning at City Hall on Oct 26th and continue thru Dec 11th, 2020. Emma is participating in a Young Professionals program with Michigan Works. Job duties are being compiled. This is a paid program, insurance and wages are covered by Michigan Works. Emma interviewed well and has a 4.0 GPA. Carol commented that she thought this was a great program. Linda has known Emma for years.

APM Mosquito Report: Season has come to an end. Received a letter from Ben Seago of activities, will be attending the Nov 2nd meeting to provide overview to Council. Council members mentioned that they have not noticed mosquitos this summer. The contract with APM is for 2 yrs. Sarah inquired on the residential calls reported by APM. Unable to determine the nature of these calls.

Vector Tech Web Security Proposal- Chris mentioned that other communities have been cyber attacked. Vector Tech has put together a proposal for a security service program that will look for potential threats. Sarah raised the question as to whether our current insurance policy includes a Ransom clause. Chris will inquire with MML and follow up with Council.

Outstanding Service Award- Chris would like to recognize Don Kehoe for his 35 yrs of service on the Parks Commission as well as various other committees thru the years. Alan Donaldson would like to purchase a park bench in Don's honor for the park. Looking to fund this purchase thru Community Promotion. Discussion followed as establishing this award as a legacy to Don which would be awarded to others in the community in the future.

Community Center Location- A sub-committee, appointed by the Mayor, was formed for alternate locations for a future Community Center. Marietta and Chris are currently working with FEMA and need to submit a safe location for consideration. 7 locations have been identified. Discussion followed with questions raised as to the need of a Community Center. Current building was underutilized, most townships and churches have a hall available if needed. Other issues raised with the park location were that the building was not always available with GAFT occupying/activities and limited parking. Current consideration is being given to 900 N State St as the City currently owns 2 of the 3 lots. Carol noted that the Farmer's Market location would make a nice tie in to the Market and Historical village for 1 central location. This could allow for multiple activities at the same time increasing foot traffic and attractability to patrons. Dave would like to make sure that the City is not jeopardizing commercial property. Sarah inquired as to the profitability of the Farmer's Market and what the long term plan/goal was. Will the City continue to subsidize the Farmer's Market or should it be self-sufficient.

Financials-

State Revenue Sharing- Initially decreased current fiscal year budget by 25%. All numbers and correspondence indicate that Act 51 and Constitutional Sales are going to come in more than originally indicated.

Park- Opening was delayed until June 21st. Community Center was no longer available for rental resulting in a decrease in some revenue. Large functions/festivities were cancelled- higher amount of refunds than in previous years as a result.

Legislative- Cost down, no conferences this year, less meetings.

General Office- Several repairs needed to be made to City Hall this year. Cracked window, broken furnace and crack sealing.

City Treasurer- Julie left the end of September, originally budgeted thru the end of 2020.

Board of Appeals & Planning Commission- Reduction in expenses while not meeting during COVID.

Personnel- Cost of Living was not implemented in June due to the uncertainty of revenue in the upcoming fiscal year. Chris was to come back to Council in the 1st quarter with an update. Currently

proposing a 2% increase across the board which would amount to \$16,883.00. Discussion followed as to a percentage, bonus vs increase, eligibility requirements and employee Steps. Will be brought before Council on October 19th 2020.

Comments:

Linda- Mentioned that Council had previously partnered with the schools and offered an Associate Member of the Council which consisted of a High School Student. Purpose of this position was to help inform and promote awareness of the workings of government in the youth.

Dave- Notated that Julie's name should now officially be removed from Council documents.

Sarah- Reminded Council about the Census and the importance of completing. Inquired as to whether there has been any talk about public art needing to go thru the Planning Commission.

Carol- Discussed that Food trucks are allowed on private property. Discussion has taken place with Planning on public murals. It is being suggested that murals be on wood vs the side of building allowing for possible removal at a later date. GHS is looking at designing something for the American Legion that showcases the history of the organization. Asked for follow up on water bills that have not been paid.

Chris- MMCAA is sending \$8,217 to the City for individuals who qualified to help with relief on their water bills. Research show that it appears to be the same individuals appearing as delinquent as that in years' past.

Adjournment: 6:28

Mayor Darlene Jungman

Angela Bigham, Treasurer
Recording Secretary