



# GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue  
February 12, 2024  
6:00 PM

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## MINUTES

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order, gave the Invocation followed by roll call.

Roll Call

City Clerk Kim Berry called the roll:

PRESENT

Mayor Joe Thompson  
Commissioner Judy Akkala  
Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela  
Commissioner Robert Pontius

ABSENT

Commissioner Greg Styczynski - Excused

The following individual(s) spoke under Public Comment:

Steven Viau, Delta County Commissioner

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Mayor Thompson to table Jones Property Update to Monday, April 8, 2024 Regular City Commission Meeting at 6:00 PM.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to approve Change Order No 8 as recommended by C2AE Engineering for a net increase to the contract price of \$26,198.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Wastewater Upgrades Request for Disbursement of Funds Draw #19.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius approve request for disbursement of funds draw #19 totaling \$483,012.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela accept Introduction of Proposed Ordinance No. 629 to Rezone Property at 6141 County Road 420 and set a public hearing for Monday, March 11, 2024 6:00 PM Gladstone City Hall.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to appoint Mr. Jason Lippens, Mr. Jerry Hebert Contractor/Code Enforcement Official and Mrs. Renee Barron Community Development Director to the Construction Board of Appeals with term expirations of April 1, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to set Budget Work Sessions for Thursday, February 29, 2024 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Review FY 2023-2024 Year End and Presentation of Proposed FY 2024-2025 General Fund and Street Funds Budgets, Monday, March 4, 2024 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Presentation of FY 2024-2025 Utility Funds Budgets and Tuesday, March 5, 2024 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM if needed.

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Eric Buckman commented on the following:

- Great vacation skiing in Utah
- Treasurer and I had individual budget meetings with each Department Head, now working on putting it all together
- Met with Coleman, UP Concrete, Rich Beauvais regarding Pickleball plans and specs. DPW will bring to gravel grade, also discussed boardwalk and harbor grant.
- Community Development Director Renee Barron and I met with Coleman Engineering regarding sourcing out the GIS
- Working on budget for FY 2024-2025
- Sault Tribe land trust request is being appealed
- Currently five tax tribunals appeals of the City of Gladstone from Jeff Diebolt
- Working on the Teamsters Arbitration with attorneys

Clerk Kim Berry commented on the following:

- Public Accuracy Testing for election equipment was today and everything checked out perfectly - ready for election on 02-27-2024.
- Absent Voter ballots are available for me to mail to voters until 02/23/2024 at 5:00 PM and in person absent voter until February 26, 2024 4:00 PM.
- Early voting is available beginning Saturday February 17th - Sunday, February 24, 2024 from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Voter registration beginning February 13th through election day must be completed at the Clerk's office to be eligible to vote 02/27/2024.
- I will be working Saturday, February 24th from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM for voter registration, questions, absentee ballots.
- All information is on the city website at [www.gladstonemi.org/cityclerk](http://www.gladstonemi.org/cityclerk)

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:53 PM.

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Mayor Joe Thompson

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City Clerk Kimberly Berry