



GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue
November 24, 2025
6:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order, gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Alliegence.

Clerk Berry called the roll:

PRESENT

Mayor Joe Thompson

Commissioner Judy Akkala

Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela

Commissioner Robert Pontius

ABSENT - EXCUSED

Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll

No public comment.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to table the appointment of the subcommittee for Assessor position to the Monday, December 8, 2025 regular meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to assess past due utility balances on the Winter 2025 property tax bills as follows:

Gladstone, MI. City Commission Regular Minutes
November 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM

UTILITIES
OFF TO TAXES
Winter 2025

Account No	Parcel ID	Acct Name	Service Address	Owner Name (if different)	Electric	Fire Protection	Refuse	Sewer	Water	Compost	Utility Balance	10% Pen	Total	Notes
1033-31	052-006-001-00	Linda Black	206 S 3rd St	Gerald Micheau	\$ 181.65	\$ 8.24	\$ 57.09	\$ 196.98	\$ 92.81	\$ 31.28	\$ 568.05	\$ 56.81	\$ 624.86	passed way; former resident of home
1102-30	052-020-014-00	Ardith Bartelt	410 S 5th St	Ardith Bartelt	\$ 125.52	\$ 8.30	\$ 14.33	\$ 34.13	\$ 15.49	\$ 28.68	\$ 226.45	\$ 22.65	\$ 249.10	passed away; enforced off for non-payment after passing
1352-30	052-621-010-00	Delfab, Inc	101 N 12th St	Delfab, Inc	\$ 3,414.20	\$ 15.14	\$ -	\$ 169.88	\$ 122.22	\$ 19.12	\$ 3,740.56	\$ 374.06	\$ 4,114.62	
1353-30	052-621-010-00	Delfab, Inc	101 N 12th St	Delfab, Inc	\$ 774.10	\$ 6.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18.93	\$ 799.03	\$ 79.90	\$ 878.93	
1454-32	052-621-049-00	Darryl Nicholson	210 N 17th St	Molly Johnson	\$ 488.10	\$ 4.16	\$ 48.54	\$ 265.04	\$ 126.82	\$ 25.73	\$ 958.39	\$ 95.84	\$ 1,054.23	former owner
2220-36	052-027-007-00	Eugene Ryan	613 Delta Ave	Eugene Ryan	\$ 46.78	\$ 4.10	\$ 53.66	\$ 80.91	\$ 37.72	\$ 15.42	\$ 238.59	\$ 23.86	\$ 262.45	abandoned premise
3944-30	052-079-003-00	Sara or Tracy Harris	1305 Superior Ave	Sara or Tracy Harris	\$ 632.91	\$ 2.10	\$ 35.42	\$ 160.07	\$ 76.41	\$ 19.82	\$ 926.73	\$ 92.67	\$ 1,019.40	owner moved
3651-30	052-371-018-00	Brandon Harris	21 Parkway Dr	Brandon Harris	\$ 252.32	\$ 10.40	\$ 70.97	\$ -	\$ 82.69	\$ 32.83	\$ 449.21	\$ 44.92	\$ 494.13	enforced off for non-payment on all utilities
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					\$ 5,915.58	\$ 58.44	\$ 280.01	\$ 907.01	\$ 554.16	\$191.81	\$ 7,907.01	\$ 790.70	\$ 8,697.71	

Business(current or previous owner)	\$ 4,539.59	57.41%
Landlord		0.00%
Back to Bank		0.00%

Enforced shutoff	\$ 675.66	8.55%
Vacant	\$ 1,165.32	14.74%
Prev Owner/Tenant	\$ 1,526.44	19.30%
Subtotal	\$ 7,907.01	
All Others	\$ 0.00	0.00%
Total	\$ 7,907.01	

Total w/o business \$ 3,367.42

Comparisons (totals w/o 10% penalty)	
Summer 2025	\$ 9,028.35
Winter 2024	\$ 1,093.44
Summer 2024	\$ 8,219.47
Winter 2023	\$ 7,119.87
Summer 2023	\$ 7,987.45
Winter 2022	\$ 3,096.47
Summer 2022	\$ 28,340.93
Winter 2021	\$ 4,857.88

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to accept Gary's Collision Center bid for the Electric Department Boss Plow in the amount of \$11,523.28.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve the MERS Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreements for Division 301607 Teamsters, Division 301619 POLC and Division 301028 for IBEW and authorize Manager Eric Buckman to sign the agreements.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to approve the MERS Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreement for Division 301033 and authorize Manager Eric Buckman to sign the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Mayor Thompson to approve the MERS Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreement for Division 301349 and authorize Manager Eric Buckman to sign the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to approve the MERS Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreement for Division 300797 and authorize Manager Eric Buckman to sign the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to authorize the closure of the following Divisions with MERS and authorize Manager Eric Buckman to sign the letter requesting MERS close the following Divisions:

Division 300796 – Electric Department Supervisors

Division 301207 – Wastewater Supervisors (after 09/21/1986)

Division 301574 – Eligible Retirees Option 2 Buyout

Division 301030 – All Full-Time DPW Employees Hired 11/28/2006–08/01/2008

Division 301350 – Public Safety (pre-April 2010 and retired after April 2017)

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to schedule a special meeting on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 6:00 PM and cancel the December 22, 2025 regular meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Year-to-Date Financial Reports presented as information.

Clerk Berry reported that the November 4, 2025 General Election has been certified and the City of Gladstone Organization Meeting to swear in the new Commissioners will be Monday, December 8th at 6:00 PM and the Regular Meeting will immediately follow.

There being no further business before the City Commission Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:18 PM.

Mayor Joe Thompson

City Clerk Kimberly Berry