



# **GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue  
September 11, 2023  
6:00 PM

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## **MINUTES**

Mayor Thompson called the regular meeting to order; Commissioner Mantela gave the Invocation, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance and 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 spoke under public comment:

Mr. Rich Beauvais - Gladstone Area Pickleball

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to table the Jones Property - Lake Shore Drive to Monday, October 9, 2023 Regular Commission Meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Commissioner Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to reappoint Manager Eric Buckman to the DATA Board as the City of Gladstone representative.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to approve the submission of the Hannahville Indian Community 2% Grant application for the Gladstone Area Pickleball and for the City of Gladstone to serve as the pass-through government entity.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Commissioner Mantela, Seconded by Mayor Thompson to pay invoices to Honeywell in the amount of \$21,778.20 for AMI training and software and amend the Water Meter Maintenance budget in the amount of \$21,778.20.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Motion made by Commissioner Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to appoint Mr. John Noreus to the Gladstone Board of Review with a term expiration of January 2024.

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Buckman reported on the following:

- North Shore Zoom meeting regarding ATC Line and rework design
- Waterworth Rate Study Presentation via Zoom
- Met with Pickleball, Mr. Rich Beauvais regarding site prep work by our DPW and possibly partnering with the Armory for training as well
- Teamsters Mediation regarding transfers to other unions
- Met with C2AE regarding Revolving Loan Fund we were offered loan, but no grant as not considered overburdened; Escanaba and Manistique considered significantly overburdened and awarded grant money
- Met with Marquette EGLE regarding Revolving Loan for collection system - try Rural Development funding options

Clerk Berry reported on the following:

Turning focus to local election on November 7, 2023 and some changes implemented regarding Absentee Voter Applications/Ballots. Voters may now sign one application to be on file requested a ballot be sent to them every election, previously voters had to sign an application for every election prior to a ballot being issued/mailed.

More changes to come in 2024 like early voting for state and federal elections NOT local elections, designated drop boxes etc. More information will be forthcoming as the Bureau of Elections publishes procedure. I encourage residents to spend some time preparing for the new changes in 2024 as they come out, I will update the City website or contact my office for clarification. If watching election information on news channels please make sure they are talking about Michigan elections as each state may have different election laws.

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:49 PM.

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Joe Thompson, Mayor

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Kimberly Berry, City Clerk