

GLADSTONE



GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue
September 09, 2024
6:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order, Commissioner Mantela gave the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Kimberly Berry called the roll:

PRESENT

Mayor Joe Thompson

Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela

Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll

ABSENT

Commissioner Judy Akkala - Excused

Commissioner Robert Pontius - Excused

No public comment.

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, 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 approve the easement agreements with ATC Identified as ATC File Number OMD-NBL0190 and OMD - NBL0570 and authorize City Manager Eric Buckman to sign the agreements.

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Thompson read the following proclamation:

**Proclamation
National See Tracks? Think Train® Week**

WHEREAS See Tracks? Think Train® Week is to be held across the U.S. from September 23 to 29, 2024;

WHEREAS, 2,192 rail grade crossing collisions resulted in 765 personal injuries and were responsible for 248 fatalities in the United States during 2023; and

WHEREAS, 1,378 pedestrian trespassing casualties have occurred in the United States resulting in 663 pedestrians being killed and another 715 injured while trespassing on railroad property rights of way during 2023; and

WHEREAS, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railroad right of ways are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries caused by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Operation Lifesaver Inc., United States Department of Transportation, and all local, state, county, and railroad law enforcement officers, first responders, and railroad corporations commit to partnering together in an effort to educate at a national level all aspects of railroad safety, to enforce applicable laws in support of National See Tracks? Think Train® Week;

THEREFORE, the Gladstone City Commission do hereby attest our full support proclaiming September 23rd to 29th, 2024, National See Tracks? Think Train® Week and I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of rail safety education.

Mayor Joe Thompson
City of Gladstone

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to approve the additional \$5,700 work by DeGrand Construction for the Delta/Minnesota Watermain and Service Line Project.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to authorize City Clerk, Kimberly Berry to appoint the necessary election inspectors as needed for November 5, 2024 General election for Precinct 1, 2, Absent Voter Counting Board for Precincts 1 & 2, Receiving Board, Public Accuracy Testing and Early Voting Precinct.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to appoint Mr. Roger Aho to the Parks & Recreation Board with a term expiration of January 1, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED.

Manager Buckman deferred his "City of Gladstone Special Assessment & Street Funding Presentation" to Monday, September 23, 2024 regular City Commission meeting as two Commissioners are absent.

Documentation provided regarding the two cases brought against the City of Gladstone by Michael O'Connor & Charles and Deanna Kang in the 94th Judicial District Court were dismissed without prejudice.

Letter from Assistant Attorney General regarding the City of Gladstone Charter Amendment proposed by citizen initiative is consistent with the Home Rule City Act Section 22.

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:27 PM.

Mayor Joe Thompson

City Clerk Kimberly Berry