



GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue
September 08, 2025
6:00 PM

MINUTES

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

Clerk Berry called the roll:

PRESENT

Mayor Joe Thompson
Commissioner Judy Akkala
Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela
Commissioner Robert Pontius
Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll

No public comment offered

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANOMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to appoint Jennifer Harding to the Gladstone Planning Commission with a term expiration of October 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to grant a waiver of the requirement for the property owners of 209 27th Street to utilize city water and sanitary sewer services with the waiver set to expire within two years if construction of the home is not completed in that time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Mayor Thompson to approve request for disbursement of funds draw #38 totaling \$12,455.00 for the Wastewater Upgrades Project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CITY OF GLADSTONE PROCLAMATION
National See Tracks? Think Train® Week**

WHEREAS See Tracks? Think Train® Week is to be held across the U.S. from September 15 to 21, 2025;

WHEREAS, 2,252 rail grade crossing collisions resulted in 749 personal injuries and were responsible for 268 fatalities in the United States during 2024; and

WHEREAS, 1,465 pedestrian trespassing casualties have occurred in the United States resulting in 821 pedestrians being killed and another 644 injured while trespassing on railroad property rights of way during 2024; 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, I, Joe Thompson, City of Gladstone Mayor, do hereby attest my full support proclaiming September, 15 to 21, 2025, National See Tracks? Think Train® Week and I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of rail safety education.



Joe Thompson

Mayor

City of Gladstone

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to approve Coleman Engineering Company - Gladstone Marina Renovation - Phase II Amendment 1 in the amount not to exceed \$4,200.00 for sub-consultant work by Flotation Docking Systems.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to authorize a City Manager Personnel Committee of Mayor Thompson and Commissioner Judy Akkala to review and present to the full Commission a job description, salary range and proposed timeline to post within the City of Gladstone Department Heads for any interested candidates for promotion to City Manager as current City Manager Eric Buckman would like to retire this year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Manager Eric Buckman reported on the following:

- Attended the Planning Commission, Gladstone Library Board meeting
- Attended the Historic Homes Committee Meeting where 54 signs in process need to slow down and make a map and 11 more are ready for installation.
- Work on the Pram Shack is progressing, roofing and paneling done this weekend all by volunteers
- Met with Mark Radford last week and they are revising their deed and starting on a lease
- Working on the sale of gravel pit and Transitions Property

Clerk Berry reported that absent ballot ballots for the November 4, 2025 General Election will be mailed and available at City Hall beginning on Thursday, September 25, 2025 if the ballots are received on time.

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:31 PM.

Mayor Joe Thompson

Clerk Kimberly Berry