

GLADSTONE



GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue
January 22, 2024
6:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela called the meeting to order, gave the Invocation and Clerk Kim Berry called the roll:

PRESENT

Commissioner Judy Akkala
Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela
Commissioner Robert Pontius
Commissioner Greg Styczynski

ABSENT

Mayor Joe Thompson - Excused

Public Comment – None - no public present

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner Styczynski to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion made by Commissioner Styczynski, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve request for disbursement of funds draw #18 totaling \$476,514.00 for the Wastewater Upgrades Project.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Pontius, Seconded by Commissioner Styczynski to approve the Poverty Exemption Guidelines as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner Styczynski to approve:

City of Gladstone

Resolution #2024-01

Set an Alternate Date for the March Board of Review

First Taxpayer Appeal Meeting

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Act, MCL 211.30, requires the Board of Review to meet on the second Monday in March to hold its first meeting for taxpayer appeals; and

WHEREAS, MCL 211.30(2) allows the City Commission to authorize, by adoption of an ordinance or resolution, an alternative starting date in March when the Board of Review shall initially meet, which alternative starting dates shall be Tuesday or Wednesday following the second Monday of March; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wednesday following the second Monday in March, has been selected as the first meeting date of the March Board of Review by the Gladstone City Commission on January 22nd, 2024.

The foregoing Resolution offered by Commission Judy Akkala; Second offered by Commission Greg Styczynski:

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

Commissioner Akkala	Yes
Commissioner Pontius	Yes
Commissioner Styczynski	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela	Yes
Mayor Thompson	Absent – Excused

Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela declared the Resolution Adopted.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to appoint Mr. Howard Haulotte, Mr. Jason Lippens, Mr. John Noreus and Ms. Jody Pontious to the Board of Review with a term expiration of January 2026.

Commissioner Pontius disclosed his wife is Jody Pontious and the Commission agreed he can still vote.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to authorize City Clerk Kim Berry to appoint the necessary election inspectors as needed for February 27, 2024 Presidential Primary Election for Precincts 1, 2, Absent Voter Counting Boards, Receiving Board, Public Accuracy Testing and Early Voting Precinct.

MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Eric Buckman reported on the following:

- Met with C2AE and contractor to discuss delays in shipping, VFDs, bypassing and spring runoff
- Attended monthly EDC meeting and Bosk purchased property
- Attended monthly DATA meeting schoolcraft and Delta County contract with Authority Director
- Met with attorney and Assessor regarding four properties that have petitioned to the Tax Tribunal all owned by Jeff Diebolt
- Met with Barry Lund, DPW; Coleman Engineering & Rich Beavaus regarding pickleball plans, winter and location
- Barry Lund, DPW and I met with Craig Westlund regarding the Delfab property for possible sale to City for DPW facility
- Congratulations to Lions fans on win and I will be leaving on Friday for ski vacation returning to the office 02-05-2024

City Clerk Berry commented on the following:

Absent voter ballots are available, please remember this is a Presidential Primary Election so voters are required to make a selection for Republican or Democratic ballot on their application to vote. The option for a Local Proposal Only is not available this election. Any questions please contact me at 906-428-2311 x7 or email: kberry@gladstonemi.gov

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Styczynski to enter closed session at 6:50 PM for strategy and negotiation session with Teamsters Local Union 406 Grievance Settlement Negotiation as allowable under the Open Meetings Act 267 of 1976 (15.268) Section 8 item (c).

Commissioner Akkala	Yes
Commissioner Pontius	Yes
Commissioner Styczynski	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela	Yes
Mayor Thompson	Absent - Excused

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela called the meeting back into open session at 7:05 PM where no action was taken in closed session.

Motion by Commission Pontius (microphone not on); seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to reject the proposed Settlement & Letter of Agreement between the City of Gladstone and

General Teamsters Local Union No. 406 Bargaining Group Grievance #E1009 and direct Manager Eric Buckman to proceed to arbitration.

Commissioner Pontius	Yes
Commissioner Styczynski	Yes
Commissioner Akkala	Yes
Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela	Yes
Mayor Thompson	Absent - Excused

MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business before the Commission Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela adjourned the meeting at 7:06 PM.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela

City Clerk Kimberly Berry