



GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue
August 10, 2026
6:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order; Commissioner O'Driscoll 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 Steve O'Driscoll
Commissioner Whitney Maloney

The following individuals spoke under public comment:

Mr. Jeff Waeghe
Ms. Ann Jousma-Miller
Mr. Doug Bovin

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Mayor Thompson to approve the MERS Defined Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement and authorize Manager Robert Spreitzer to sign the agreement for Teamsters Union 406.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to approve the MERS Defined Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement and authorize Manager Robert Spreitzer to sign the agreement for POLC - Public Safety & Command Union.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to approve the Statement of Work with CivicPlus for the migration of the City's website and Agenda & Meeting Management platform, including implementation of the DocAccess accessibility solution; approve the necessary budget amendments to increase appropriations in the amount of \$718.94 for the General Fund, Electric, Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste and Recreation funds to cover the additional annual cost; and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to approve a three-year agreement with GovWell for permitting software at an annual cost of \$10,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

City Manager Robert Spreitzer reported the following:

It has been two weeks since the last commission meeting and the first of those two weeks I was on vacation; so, I would like to thank the staff for keeping everything running smooth.

Also thank the commission for approving the contract with Key Realty, they have nice drone pictures of the property up on their website, and Barry is working with a surveyor on the property.

Also, when I returned, I noticed how nice the resurfacing of 10th street and Minneapolis Avenue look. This year the chip seal was fogged with a seal that was previously used on 9th street and Delta Ave. It really seems to hold the chips together better. Also, the DPW is wrapping up their sidewalk project on 11th street near the Jones and Junior High schools.

The sewer project is moving along with sewer being completed on 3rd Av. North from North 16th Street to North 17th Street. Sewer on North 17th Street from M-35 to 2nd Ave. North should be done by the end of this week.

Last week I attended the Parks and Rec. Advisory board meeting, during public comment there was a small group of campers that addressed their concerns with fees and campground policy. Also, Kelly Heidbrier from Coleman Engineering gave a presentation on the status of the Harbor Phase II project. The project is being re-bidden, and bids are due next Tuesday the 18th.

Also, last Wednesday Patricia West and I attended the Michigan Downtown Association -UP Conference. This was a very informative meeting about DDA's roles, responsibilities and best practices, and it was a good networking experience as well.

Today we received the oral argument from Miller Canfield for the 5th lawsuit from Mr. O'Connor that will be delivered to court tomorrow.

And Last, I would like to thank our Clerk Kim Berry and her staff of election workers for the excellent work they did with last week's election.

And a reminder this coming Thursday will be the last of the Summer Concert Series.

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:37 PM.

Mayor Joe Thompson

City Clerk Kimberly Berry