



GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue
September 22, 2025
6:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor Joe Thompson called the meeting to order, Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela 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

ABSENT - EXCUSED

Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll

No public comment offered.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to reappoint Mr. Gary Maynard to the Gladstone Economic Development Corporation with a term ending of April 2031.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to authorize City Clerk Kimberly Berry to appoint the necessary election inspectors as needed for the November 4, 2025 General Election for Precincts 1,2. Absent Voter Counting Board for Precincts 1 & 2, Receiving Board and Public Accuracy Testing.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to approve cemetery lot transfer seven (7) full size casket burial spaces of Section P-A Lot 4 from Herbert Rau and Glenda (Rau) Mock to Rebecca Herbert.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Thompson to approve the Professional Services Agreement for the Water Intake Project with Coleman Engineering with an amount not to exceed \$770,300.00 and authorize Manager Eric Buckman to sign.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to approve request for disbursement of funds Draw #1 totaling \$439,386.79 for the Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project and authorize Manager Eric Buckman to sign.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to reduce the reimbursement obligation of PSO K9 Handler Dylan Nadeau Enright for K9 BICO to \$2,500.00. After discussions Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela amended his motion to reduce the reimbursement obligation to \$500.00 for K9 BICO to stay with PSO Nadeau-Enright as a personal pet, Commissioner Akkala supported this amended motion.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to approve the Professional Services Engineering contract with Coleman Engineering for the City of Gladstone paving project of South Hill Road in an amount not to exceed \$57,500.00 and authorize Manager Eric Buckman to sign.

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Buckman reported on the following:

- Attended the monthly Gladstone EDC meeting
- The Utility Committee met to go over some challenges with the new meters and to discuss Rock meter reading
- DATA Finance Committee met to go over new Teamster contract and attended the regular monthly meeting
- Working on the purchase contract for Transitions expansion
- Notified the two bidders on the gravel pit property that we are going to rebid, advertise to a larger market and have a formal bid opening
- Tax Tribunal case of Michael O'Connor was dismissed by the Tax Tribunal as he did not file within the thirty-day requirement
- Michael O'Connor's small claims in district court are scheduled for Monday, September 29th regarding his opinion that PA 33 assessment is not valid
- Reminder Fernwood Cemetery Fall Clean up to have all items on gravesites removed by October 1, 2025 for maintenance to be done. Items may be replaced back on the gravesites beginning November 1st
- DDA accepting façade grant applications deadline October 31, 2025

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Mayor Joe Thompson

Clerk Kimberly Berry