



# **GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue

December 09, 2024

6:00 PM

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## **MINUTES**

Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela called the meeting to order, provided the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clerk Berry called the roll:

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT - EXCUSED**

Mayor Joe Thompson  
Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll

No public was present to give comments.

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to approve the consent agenda as presented and the Planning Commission August minutes.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to approve the Social Media & Website Policy effective January 1, 2025.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to approve the police cruiser upfitting bid from Mark Wilk in the amount of \$7,783.40.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to approve the Flygt-Xylem in the amount of \$27,562.00 for the Wastewater East End Lift Station Pump Replacement Bid.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to approve the request for disbursement of funds Draw #29 totaling \$135,600.00 for Wastewater Upgrades Project.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve and authorize Manager Eric Buckman to sign the MERS Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreement and Contribution Addendum for the City of Gladstone Supervisors hired before 03/31/2018 (Division # 301648) , Contribution Addendum for City of Gladstone Director of Parks and Recreation (Division # 300797), Participation Agreement for City of Gladstone Treasurer, Director of Parks & Recreation, Director of Community Development, Electrical Superintendent and Contribution Addendum for Treasurer and Electrical Superintendents (Division # 300797) and Contribution Addendum for City of Gladstone Director of Community Development (Division #300797).

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to authorize staff to determine a fair market value and initiate process to list the City owned property in Escanaba Township (parcel # 007-111-019-00, 007-114-002-00 and 007-111-019-00).

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve the 2025 City Commission Regular Meeting Schedule as follows:

**GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION  
2025 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

All meetings begin at 6:00 PM and are held at Gladstone City Hall  
1100 Delta Avenue, Gladstone, MI. 49837

January 13, 2025	
January 27, 2025	
February 10, 2025	
February 24, 2025	
March 10, 2025	
March 24, 2025	
April 14, 2025	
April 28, 2025	
May 12, 2025	
May 26, 2025	Memorial Day
June 9, 2025	
June 23, 2025	
July 14, 2025	
July 28, 2025	
August 11, 2025	
August 25, 2025	
September 8, 2025	
September 22, 2025	
October 13, 2025	
October 27, 2025	
November 10, 2025	
November 24, 2025	
December 8, 2025	
December 29, 2025	

Agenda Packets and Minutes are available on the city's website [www.gladstonemi.gov](http://www.gladstonemi.gov)  
City Commission meetings are live streamed on City Youtube channel

Kim Berry, City Clerk

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to place Parks & Recreation Board Member Jeremy Cook's letter of resignation on record with regret and thank you for your service.

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Eric Buckman commented on the following:

- No meetings in the last two weeks!
- Researched the names and addresses of people on the Jones property deed and the letter will go out this week to all of them.
- Working with Contractor Jerry Hebert and Community Development Director Renee Barron on using the ARPA money for building maintenance at City Hall: Lead paint abatement, garages cleaned and painted, garage door opener, roof repairs, tuck pointing next year, heat in the garages, new shades in the chambers and boiler repairs.
- Started working on next year's budget
- Christmas Light Contest December 15th to get registered, judging December 16-20th  
First place is \$750.00
- Thank you to Richard LaMarch for the beautiful City Christmas tree donation
- Ski Hill has a TENTATIVE opening of December 21st weather dependent

DDA Coordinator Patricia West presented the City of Gladstone Downtown Development Authority Informational Meeting to the Commission and public.

City Clerk Kim Berry attended the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks Master Academy Training in Mount Pleasant and a hand recount requested by Mike O'Connor on the City of Gladstone Commission open seat for partial term is scheduled for 9:00 AM at City Hall tomorrow, December 10th.

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM

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Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela

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City Clerk Kimberly Berry