



GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue
January 12, 2026
6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Clerk Berry called the roll:

PRESENT

Mayor Joe Thompson

Commissioner Judy Akkala

Mayor Pro-Tem Brad Mantela

Commissioner Robert Pontius

Commissioner Steve O'Driscoll

ABSENT- EXCUSED

Commissioner Whitney Maloney

Mayor Thompson added to the agenda Appointment of WPPI Alternate as Item 20.5 under New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was offered.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to approve the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve the Substation Transformer Bid from Virginia Transformers in the amount of \$1,366,900.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to approve disbursement of funds #1 totaling \$442,637.73 for the Collection System Improvements Project.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to approve the Delta County Non-Motorized (DCNT) Proposal as presented by Mr. Rick Elrod and recommended by the Gladstone Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Director Wendy Taavola.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to appoint Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela as the second Gladstone representative to the Delta County Solid Waste Management Authority.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve the DDA Facade Grant for Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association located at 426 N. 9th Street in the amount of \$7,461.42.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to adopt the DDA Downtown Action Plan as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to adopt the Use of DDA-Owned Equipment & Supplies Policy as presented with comments incorporated into an application along with the policy as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela; Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to appoint Interim City Manager Robert Spreitzer to the WPPI Board of Directors as the alternate representative effective January 12, 2026 and authorize Mayor Joe Thompson and City Clerk Kimberly Berry to sign the appointment letter.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Interim City Manager Rob Spreitzer reported on the following:

- I would like to thank the DPW for their work keeping up on snow removal especially between the holidays. It has been a few years since we have seen this much snow in a short period of time.
- Also thank the electric department for taking care of some power outages during the snowstorms.
- Last Tuesday I attended a regular meeting of the Planning Commission and introduced myself to members of the Planning Commission.
- Last Thursday we had our first Staff meeting of 2026. It was a chance for the department heads to get together and discuss what is currently happening in each department. Right now, most departments are focusing on year-end budget predictions and preparing their budgets for fiscal year 2026-27.
- I am still working with staff and manager Buckman in the transition from Water department to City Hall.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS

Community Development Director Patricia West presented the 2025-2026 Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Informational Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Commission Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:01 PM.

Mayor Joe Thompson

City Clerk Kimberly Berry