



GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue
September 28, 2026
6:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order, gave the Invocation and led 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

No public comment.

Mayor Thompson added to the agenda under New Business #21 Request for Letter of Support from the Delta County Parks and Recreation for their grant application to the Upper Peninsula Sustainable Forest & Wildlife Fund for the Delta County Parks Purple Martin Conservation & Education Project.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Maloney to table the Environmental Assessment Determinations and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects 24 CFR Part 58 to Monday, October 12, 2026 regular meeting as the attorney review has not been received yet.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to reappoint Mrs. Paula Waeghe to the Gladstone Housing Commission with a term expiration of October 1, 2031.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 the November 3, 2026 State General Election for Early Voting Precinct, Gladstone Precincts 1 & 2, Absent Voter Counting Board for Precincts 1 & 2, Receiving Board and Public Accuracy Testing.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Thompson to approve Change Order No. 2 as recommended by C2AE Engineering for a net increase to the contract price of \$87,739.28 for the Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve the request for disbursement of funds #4 totaling \$330,015.97 corrected amount presented at meeting for the Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve the request for disbursement of funds draw #39 totaling \$46,650.00 for the Wastewater Upgrades Project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Commissioner Maloney to approve the updated Gladstone Downtown Development Authority Facade Grant Program Guidelines as presented with an effective date of October 1, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Thompson to approve Flotation Docking Systems, Inc. bid of \$231,200.00 for the dockage scope of the Gladstone Marina Renovation Phase II Project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve Master Electric Inc. bid of \$97,495.00 for the electrical scope of the Gladstone Marina Renovation Phase II Project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to approve the contract as presented for IBEW 876 and authorize Mayor Joe Thompson and City Manager Robert Spreitzer to sign.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Thompson to approve the MERS Defined Contribution Plan Adoption Agreement for City Manager and authorize City Clerk Kimberly Berry to sign the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Maloney to approve Mr. Eric Buckman, resident to the DATA Board as the City of Gladstone representative.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

City Manager Robert Spreitzer reported on the following:

The past 2 weeks have been busy. Our DPW did the road prep work for paving on 11th street, 5th Avenue North and Cliffs Drive and portions of North 7th and 8th and Minnesota Avenue. Also, several roads throughout the town have been sealed. Thank you to everyone in the community for their patience during all the road work. Barry informs me that all the road construction and sealing are done for this year.

Sewer and paving have been completed by Barley on N.17th Street, and our water department will be replacing a stick of watermain on N. 17th tomorrow morning.

Two breaks occurred during and after paving.

Our Electric Department was able to pick up 6 new customers on 29th Street that were previously UPPCO customers.

I would like to recognize the staff members who were able to make downtown day a success, Patricia West of Community Development, Samantha Goudino, for all her time spent organizing the event and Bubba Finch from Parks and Rec for all his help setting up on Saturday.

The City of Gladstone has been selected as a host site for the inaugural CED Corps program through the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM). The 11-month AmeriCorps service opportunity will place a CED Corps member with the City beginning in October 2026 to work directly with Patricia West to offer capacity building within the Community Development Department. The application deadline has been extended to October 2, 2026. Interested candidates are encouraged to review the City of Gladstone host site information and position description and apply directly through CEDAM, which is linked on the news section of our website.

Also, today is the first day of Brad Nault being the Interim Public Safety Director. Brad will be working directly with Chief Robinson until Ron leaves for vacation at the end of October. When Ron returns from vacation he will work with Brad until he retires at the end of this calendar year.

Clerk Berry reported the Absent Voter Ballots have not arrived for the City of Gladstone yet; they are expected to arrive by UPS Thursday. Staff and I will work to have the ballots mailed out by end of day Friday 10/2. The state deadline that Absent Voter Ballots are to be available to voters was Thursday, September 24th. The delay was beyond our control.

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:38 PM.

Mayor Joe Thompson

City Clerk Kimberly Berry