



GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue
September 25, 2023
6:00 PM

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order, 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
Commissioner Greg Styczynski

K9 BICO Introduction & Demonstration by Handler PSO Nadeau-Enright.

No public present for comment.

Motion made by Commissioner Styczynski, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to approve the consent agenda

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Styczynski to appoint Ms. Melissa Silta to the DDA Board with a term expiration of May 1, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made by Commissioner Styczynski, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to write-off Water Department bad debt in the amount of \$11,990.84 and the Wastewater Department bad debt in the amount of \$19,071.67 and amend the bad debt expense in each respectively.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Styczynski to approve the request for disbursement of funds Draw #14 totaling \$994,627.00 for the Wastewater Upgrades.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion made by Commissioner Pontius, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve the purchase of Waterworth Software in the amount of \$17,500.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Eric Buckman reported on the following:

- Attended DATA Meeting
- Attended newly formed Gladstone Old House Committee meeting, ordered the sign material and getting information on home. Seed money for project from Dr. Mary Creten Fund.
- Held a utility meeting to discuss the no use problems
- Clerk Berry and I conducted our first Parks & Recreation Meeting; a long meeting but very informative. We are looking to post internally within the IBEW Local 906 Union and go outside if no candidate is present from the Union.
- Attended the DDA meeting
- Met with attorneys regarding the Irish Oaks Golf Course
- Attended a Supervisor Safety Meeting to get refocused and back on track at this level
- We received a \$10,000 Fire Department Grant; the announcement was two months late and invoices for reimbursement are due by Friday. Contact is being made to discuss adjustment to deadline for reimbursement as we held off purchases until we knew we were receiving grant.

YTD Financial Reports presented by Manager Buckman

Community Development Director, Renee Barron presented the City of Gladstone 2023 Building Permits and New Demolition Requirements.

Commissioner Pontius requested more information or presentation by Amy Berglund or Marty Fittante of Invest UP regarding the HUB Zone for small businesses.

Commissioner Styczynski stated that five years ago he presented to purchase the Johnson Brothers building for Rock Electric. Happy to report the building has been improved as presented five years ago and them some and really happy to report that employment and business has exceeding his projections five years ago.

Mayor Joe Thompson reminded voters that there is a General Election November 7, 2023 in City of Gladstone for two City Commission seats and Gladstone Schools Bond Proposal.

Clerk Berry reported that Absent Voter Ballots are available for the November 7, 2023 General Election. If you submitted an application for absentee ballot please watch your mail as ballots will be sent out this week.

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela; Seconded by Commissioner Styczynski to enter closed session at 7:15 PM to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute as allowable under the Open Meetings Act 267 of 1976 (15.268) Section 8 Item h.

Voting Yea: Mayor Thompson, Commissioner Akkala, Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Commissioner Pontius, Commissioner Styczynski

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Thompson called the meeting back into open session at 8:02 PM with no action taken in closed session.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela; Seconded by Commissioner Styczynski to approve the Termination and Release Agreement between the City of Gladstone and Gladstone Oaks, LLC; also, to authorize Mayor Joe Thompson to sign the agreement.

Voting Yea: Mayor Thompson, Commissioner Akkala, Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Commissioner Pontius, Commissioner Styczynski

MOTION CARRIED

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Joe Thompson, Mayor

Kimberly Berry, City Clerk