

January 9, 2023
Gladstone, MI.
6:00 PM

GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Thompson, Commissioners Brad Mantela and Robert Pontius

ABSENT: Commissioners Judy Akkala and Greg Styczynski - Excused

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order, Commissioner Mantela gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Berry called the roll.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Commissioner Mantela; second by Commissioner Pontius to approve the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Mayor Thompson; second by Commissioner Mantela to accept the introduction of Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-625 Reducing DDA Board to nine members as presented below and set a public hearing for Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM City Hall Commission Chambers.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY OF GLADSTONE

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-625

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 ADMINISTRATION; ARTICLE VI BOARDS,
COMMISSIONS AND AUTHORITIES; DIVISION 2 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY;
SECTION 2-276 OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE CODE OF ORDINANCES

The City of Gladstone ordains and is hereby ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

Sec. 2-276. - Governing board.

- (a) The downtown development authority shall be under the supervision and control of a board consisting of the mayor and ~~ten~~ **eight** members selected by the mayor, subject to the approval of the city commission. Not less than a majority of the members shall be persons having an interest in property located in the downtown district. Not less than one of the members shall be a resident of the downtown district. ~~Of the members first appointed, two shall be appointed for one year, two for two years, three for three years and three for four years.~~ A member shall hold office until the member's successor is appointed. Thereafter, each member shall serve a term of four years. An appointment to fill a vacancy on the board shall be made by the mayor for the unexpired term only. Members of the board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual necessary expenses. The chairman of the board shall be elected by the board.

- (b) The members of the board shall meet all qualifications and perform all necessary functions delineated in Public Act No. 197 of 1975 (MCL 125.1651 et seq.). The members of the board are subject to all conditions, sanctions and procedures delineated in such act. The board is empowered with all powers delineated in such act.

SECTION 2. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days after its passage and publication.

Introduced: 01-09-2023

Published: 1/22/2023 & 02/04/2023 UP Action News & www.gladstonemi.org

Public Hearing: 02-13-2023

Adopted:

Published:

Effective:

CITY OF GLADSTONE:

Joe Thompson, Mayor

Kimberly Berry, Clerk

Motion by Commissioner Mantela; second by Commissioner Pontius to approve the transfer of existing funds to the Delta County Community Foundation and to authorize that the City Manager work with the City Attorney on an agreement between the City and Soo Line Train Engine Group regarding future maintenance and improvements to the train engine and train engine site.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Mayor Thompson; supported by Commissioner Mantela to approve the MERS Administrative Services Agreement for Division 01 and authorize City Manager Eric Buckman to sign the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Commissioner Mantela; seconded by Mayor Thompson to approve change order #3 as recommended by C2AE Engineering for a net increase to the contract price of \$120,708.00 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project.

MOTION CARRIED

City Manager Eric Buckman reported the following:

- Vicki Schroeder, Treasurer and I met with the Community Foundation to go over the train engine agreement
- Renee Barron, Community Development Director & Zoning Administrator met with the legal team regarding Gladstone Oaks
- Attended December DDA meeting
- Attended December DATA board meeting
- Enjoyed a nice Christmas vacation
- Met with Mike Kennedy, Electric Superintendent, Brett Niemi, WPPI, EGLE and the Carne's regarding installing an electric charging stations at their gas station.

- Met with Craig Westland of Norfab regarding the EPA cleanup
- Rodney Schwartz, Wastewater Superintendent, Rob Spreitzer, Water Superintendent met with Escanaba and Hannahville regarding the Wells Township property although Wells Township did not attend the meeting
- Union negotiations will be starting soon: Public Safety Officers, Public Safety Command Officers, Teamsters and Electric Department employees
- Mike Kennedy, Electric Superintendent announced his retirement for May 1, 2023
- Paul Marenger, Lead Lineman Electric Department announced his retirement May 31, 2023
- Work has started on the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget
- Planning a ski vacation on February 3-13, 2023
- Our condolences to the Sloan Family as Viola passed away this weekend

There being no further business before the Commission; Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:49 PM.

Mayor Joe Thompson

City Clerk Kimberly Berry