



GLADSTONE CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City Hall Chambers – 1100 Delta Avenue

April 14, 2025

6:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor Thompson called the meeting to order; Commissioner O'Driscoll 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 Steve O'Driscoll

Mayor Thompson read the following statement into the record:

At the commission meeting on March 24th there were statements made that were factually inaccurate that need to be clarified.

During public comment a statement was made that 80 percent of the property taxes collected go directly to the Gladstone School District. This is not the case. The amount is 13.5% or 5.75 mills for homestead property. The total tax rate is 42.475 mills.

Also, during public comment, a statement was made that a new gym was going to cost \$55 Million. The proposal is for a multipurpose room at a cost of \$4.8 Million. This is proposal 2 on the ballot.

It was also stated that the school district collects \$500,000 dollars in interest revenue on their investments. This is not accurate; in 2024 they had an interest revenue of \$125,869. This was their largest return in recent history.

It's important to not perpetuate bad information so these clarifications need to be made. People need accurate information to base their decisions on.

No further public comment presented

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Thompson added to the agenda under New Business # 14 Authorize the City Clerk to appoint election inspectors for the May 6, 2025 Special Election.

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve the request for disbursement of Funds Draw #33 totaling \$61,643.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner O'Driscoll to approve the City of Gladstone 2025 4th of July Fireworks Display and operator from Speilbauer Fireworks.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner Akkala, Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela to approve the 9th Annual KRICK Log Rolling Event Agreement for the 2025 City of Gladstone 4th of July Celebration.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to approve the 2025 Annual Special Event Applications as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Mayor Thompson to reappoint Mr. Gary Maynard to the Gladstone EDC with a term expiration of April 1, 2031.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Mayor Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to reappoint Mr. Jason Lippens, Mr. Jerry Hebert and Ms. Renee Barron to the Gladstone Construction Board of Appeals with term expirations of April 1, 2027.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Commissioner O'Driscoll, Seconded by Commissioner Akkala to approve the letter of support as follows for the Gladstone Housing Commission and authorize Mayor Thompson to sign:



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Gladstone Housing Commission
217 Dakota Avenue
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Subject: Formal Support for Section 18 Demolition/Disposition Application – Fairview Manor

Dear Gladstone Housing Commission and Executive Director Lindahl,

The Gladstone City Commission has thoroughly reviewed the request submitted by the Gladstone Housing Commission concerning the Section 18 Demolition/Disposition application for Fairview Manor, a 50-unit facility located at 415 South 4th Street, Gladstone, MI 49837.

In support of this application, the Housing Commission has provided a comprehensive Physical Needs Assessment prepared by Architects Group Limited, a structural report from U.P. Engineers & Architects, and additional relevant documentation. Following a detailed evaluation of these materials and a formal meeting with the Housing Commission Board, the City Commission hereby expresses its support for the application.

The City Commission expects that all actions taken will prioritize the well-being of current and future tenants, as well as serve the broader interests of the Gladstone community.

Sincerely,


Joe Thompson
Gladstone Mayor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Mayor Pro-Tem Mantela, Seconded by Commissioner Pontius to authorize City Clerk Kim Berry to appoint the necessary election inspectors as needed for the May 6, 2025 Special Election for Precincts 1, 2, Absent Voter Counting Board for Precincts 1 & 2, Receiving Board and Public Accuracy Testing.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Manager Buckman reported on the following:

- Received the annual check from the Community Foundation Dr. Mary Cretens' Endowment \$153,000
- Delta County EDA met at the ISD new welding lab
- Met with the Steam Engine Group and discussed transferring the remaining money to the Community Foundation account and they are looking for a new site to then propose to the City to move the train from the railyard
- Attended the monthly DATA meeting, discussed the renewal of 0.6 mils
- DDA Ambassador, Patricia West, Public Safety Director Ron Robinson and I met regarding the Social District Committee findings and recommendations to come to the next Commission meeting (04-28-2025)
- Mayor Thompson and I conducted a tour of City Hall to home schooled students, good group with great questions.

There being no further business before the Commission, Mayor Thompson adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Mayor Joe Thompson

Clerk Kimberly Berry