City of Gladstone
City Council Meeting Minutes
Gladstone City Hall
November 2, 2026 – 6:00pm

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Gladstone City Council was called to order by Mayor Gary Richardson at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council Present: Mayor Gary Richardson and Council Members Dannielle Parkin, Bill O'Connor, Mitchell Kovash, and Niki Larson.

Also Present: Debra Righter-Rallens, filling in for City Auditor Maria Kolling, and City Inspector Mel Zent.

Absent: City Auditor Maria Kolling, City Attorney Christina Wenko, and City Engineer James Kiedrowski.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READINGS

The council was reminded that the public hearing regarding the proposed rezoning ordinance is scheduled for December 7, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes dated October 5, 2026, was made by Bill. Second by Niki. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion to approve the October 2026 bills was made by Dannielle. Second by Bill. Motion carried.

AGENDA REQUESTS / NEW BUSINESS – None

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

Beer & Liquor License Application from The Pub

Motion to approve The Pub's beer & liquor license applications, pending review and approval by Christina, was made by Niki. Second by Mitchell. Motion carried.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

The Deputy in attendance reviewed the County and City incident reports for October.

CITY ATTORNEY

Parker Property Updates

- Debbie reported that Maria is currently working with Vicki Parker and B&B Mobile Transport to coordinate scheduling.

Civil vs. Criminal Enforcement Ordinance Review

- Christina was not in attendance. Mitchell stated he has questions he'd like to submit concerning the initial review of the draft list provided by Christina at the October meeting.

CITY ENGINEER

Stark County Grant Projects / Waterworks Project

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DW SRF) Loan, Yearly Affordability Discussion

- Mitchell and Dannielle reported on their research concerning the estimated payment which was discussed to be approximately $1,500 to $2,000.

CITY MAINTENANCE / PUBLIC WORKS

Winter Readiness

- The Council discussed winter readiness and the availability of a backup snowplow operator. The option of contracting with an independent operator who carries their own insurance, as was stated to have previously been suggested by Christina to help limit the City's liability, was also discussed. Dannielle and Mitchell will discuss backup snowplow staffing further with Jim during his annual review later this month.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Yearly Review – Jim Leintz

- Mitchell and Danielle will conduct the annual review. Maria will coordinate scheduling.

OTHER BUSINESS

Zoning Code for Shipping/Storage Containers, Continued Discussion

- The council discussed allowing shipping containers as a conditional use for residential properties and permitting them in commercial areas. Enforcement when a property is not in compliance was also discussed, including guidance for removal and associated costs. A maximum container size of 40 feet was discussed. Mel suggested including it in the updated zoning book.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill at 6:50 PM. Second by Mitchell. Motion carried.

OCTOBER BILLS

Vendor	Amount

END OF MONTH ACCOUNT BALANCES:

General Acct:	$196,819.00
Park Acct:	$44,080.62
CD 0832:	$54,781.68
CD 9423:	$114,126.06

OCTOBER PAYROLL

Employee	Wages
Dean Forster:	$68.00
Maria Kolling:	$4,587.84
James Leintz:	$1,046.00
Don Markwardt:	$1,184.50
Debbie Rallens:	$485.00
Total:	$7,362.34

– Minutes Prepared by the Auditor and
Approved by the Council –

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Auditor Date Mayor Date