

City of Gladstone
City Council Meeting Minutes
Date: January 5, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Gladstone City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Darrell Sadowsky called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Darrell Sadowsky, Council Members Bill O'Connor, Niki Larson, Dannielle Parkin, and Mitchell Kovash, City Attorney Christina Wenko and City Auditor Maria Kolling. City Engineer James Keiderowsky was not in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SECOND READINGS

- **Public Hearing for Proposed Floodplain Ordinance**

A draft of the ordinance was reviewed by the council—Christina stated it is the same as the example provided by the State for cities to use, but without a floodplain manager listed. She recommended assigning the Floodplain Manager role to a position rather than a person and suggested designating the City Building Inspector.

Motion to designate the City's active Building Inspector as the Floodplain Manager was made by Dannielle. Second by Niki. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes dated December 8, 2025, was made by Bill. Second by Mitchell. Motion carried.

BILL APPROVAL

Motion to approve the December bills was made by Bill. Second by Niki. With confirmation that MDU's charges would be approved if they match expectations, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL

- **Restricted Event Permit Application for the KC Club**

Motion to approve the Restricted Event Permit was made by Bill. Second by Dannielle. After confirmation that Christina reviewed it and found no concerns, the motion carried.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

Deputy Kaylor reported that a citizen had alleged their neighbor was shooting stray cats with a BB gun and suspected one of their own cats had been injured. He also noted that the Sheriff's Department received a complaint regarding the No Air Brake sign on 100M Ave and advised the council that the caller may attend a future council meeting to discuss the matter.

CITY ATTORNEY

- **Parker Property**

Maria has not received confirmation from the State on the Abandoned Auto Grant funds request but will follow up with them again.

- **Trailer at 560 Frank Street**

Christina attempted to call Mrs. Sorenson but was unable to reach her, though she had in contact with her via email. Maria noted that Mrs. Sorenson's mother contacted her a couple of weeks prior requesting the special assessments balance on the property; Maria advised her to reach out to Stark County, as the City does not have access to that information. Christina will look into contacting Mrs. Sorenson's mother.

CITY ENGINEER

- **Waterworks Project**

James was not in attendance but provided a written memorandum to the council. He reported that Gladstone's project ranked 10th out of 343 applications submitted to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund; however, this ranking was not high enough to qualify for funding this year. He noted that the 2027 construction date may have contributed to the lower score. James also outlined several alternative funding opportunities the City could pursue and requested the council's feedback on whether to proceed with those applications.

Motion to approve KJ to pursue additional funding options was made by Bill. Seconded by Mitchell. Motion carried.

CITY MAINTENANCE / PUBLIC WORKS

- **Security Cameras**

Mitchell reported no quote had been provided. The council agreed there is no need for security cameras at this time and directed that the item be removed from the agenda.

- **Tree in the alley of Block 14**

Maria reported driving through the alley and confirmed that the tree trunk, rather than the branches, is causing the access issue. She suggested cutting the curb on Main Street to create an alternate access to the yellow shop. Mitchell did not believe there was sufficient space for a curb cut. Bill advised that he inspected the tree and found it to be two trees, recommending removal of the one located in the alley. Niki also viewed the tree and stated it is dead and should be removed. The council agreed to take no action during the winter and will measure the area near the yellow shop before determining next steps.

- **Well Pump MDU Meter Compliance**

Bill spoke with the electrician who advised they would put together a quote next time they are in Gladstone. The council agreed to take the item off the agenda until the quote is received.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- **Utility Billing Position**

Maria received a few applications which the council reviewed. Maria and Dannielle will set up an interview with Debbie Righter-Rallens.

- **Depository Account Motion**

Motion to designate Dakota Community Bank as the City of Gladstone's Depositor was made by Dannielle. Second by Bill. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

• **Selling City Property Resolution; Items/Prices**

Mitchell researched what the box plow is worth and was advised we should sell it for \$3,000-\$5,000. The council agreed on a minimum of \$3,500. The item will have to be put out for a public bid—the Council can reject or accept any and all bids. Maria will post a bid notice.

Motion to approve a minimum price of \$3,500 for the box plow was made by Niki. Second by Mitchell. Motion carried.

The council agreed on an asking price of \$500 for the snowblower; because it’s under the threshold requiring it to be put out for bid, it can be directly advertised for sale.

• **Council Meeting Day**

After discussion, the council agreed to leave the meeting date as-is.

• **Donation to Firefighters Chili Cookoff**

Maria was asked if the City would donate to the Firefighters Chili Cookoff. The council confirmed that the City is not able to make donations.

• **Gladstone App Renewal**

Maria asked the council to confirm their previous decision to discontinue the Gladstone app. She noted that the push notification feature has been the most beneficial to the City and that several citizens have expressed appreciation for receiving timely alerts. The council reconfirmed its decision to discontinue the app due to the high renewal cost and suggested exploring lower-cost alternatives for push notifications. Maria will research alternative options.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill at 7:01pm. Second by Niki. Motion carried.

END OF DECEMBER ACCOUNT BALANCES

General Acct:	\$253,401.53
Park Acct:	\$50,678.58
CD 0832:	\$53,345.30
CD 9423	\$109,842.21

DECEMBER PAYROLL

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Wages</u>
Brawner, Tabitha:	\$203.50
Kolling, Maria:	\$4,885.50
Leintz, James:	\$698.50
Markwardt, Don:	\$901.00
TOTAL:	\$6,688.50

DECEMBER BILLS

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CHS	\$207.01
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	\$171.00
KLJ ENGINEERING, LLC	\$886.50
MACKOFF KELLOGG LAW FIRM	\$700.80
MGM SANITATION	\$4,241.74
MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS	\$169.99
MONTANA DAKOTA UTILITIES	\$1,246.28
ND CHEMISTRY LAB	\$585.34
PARK ACCOUNT	\$106.22
STARK COUNTY AUDITOR	\$3,000.00
SW WATER AUTHORITY	\$5,111.60
VISA	\$1,427.44

TOTAL: \$16,732.64

--- Minutes Approval ---


Auditor

1-19-26
Date

Mayor

Date