



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2011**

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
7:30 PM**

PRESENT: Mayor Barry McCullough
Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter
Councilmember Jean Moore
Councilman Brian Hill
Councilman Bill Garnos

City Manager Kirk Davis
Assistant City Manager Scott Wingerson
City Counselor Randall Thompson
City Clerk Cathy Swenson

Item 2. on the Agenda. ROLL CALL.

Mayor Barry McCullough opened the Regular October 10, 2011, City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in the Gladstone City Council Chambers, and noted that all Council members were present.

Item 3. on the Agenda. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Barry McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance, in which all joined.

**Item 4. on the Agenda. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR SEPTEMBER 26, 2011,
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.**

Councilmember Jean Moore moved to approve the **REGULAR SEPTEMBER 26, 2011, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** as presented. Councilman Brian Hill seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Suter stated she would be abstaining from the vote, as she was not present at the September 26, 2011, City Council meeting.

The vote: “Aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Brian Hill, Councilmember Jean Moore, and Mayor Barry McCullough. “Abstain” – Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter. (4-0-1).

Item 5. on the Agenda. **PROCLAMATION:** recognizing October as National Codes Enforcement Month and the important role Code Compliance Officers play in our Community.

Mayor McCullough read and presented the Proclamation to Neighborhood Services Coordinator Darren Rodman, who, on behalf of the Community Development Department, thanked the Mayor and City Council.

Item 6. on the Agenda. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.**

There were no communications from the audience.

Item 7. on the Agenda. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.**

Councilman Bill Garnos thanked the City staff for all their efforts during Gladfest. There may have been a few hiccups behind the scenes getting things organized, but he walked through in the morning and he was amazed at the activity and the number of City staff working very hard. By the time the people showed up, he did not believe that anyone noticed anything awry, and he thought the weekend went beautifully. Councilman Garnos said he was at Gladfest for two and one half days of the three days, and enjoyed himself very much, and he won third place in the cupcake contest.

Councilman Brian Hill said he wished to ditto the comments made by Councilman Garnos. Councilman Hill said he especially wished to thank Public Information Officer Richard King for all of his efforts. He was pretty much at Gladfest 24/7, and was very instrumental in the success of the event. Councilman Hill thanked Public Safety. Things were kept under control, and it was a safe event for all. Councilman Hill thanked City Manager Kirk Davis for his efforts in judging the parade.

Councilmember Jean Moore thanked the City staff for Gladfest, and said it was an amazing operation to see how much time and energy it takes. We are so fortunate to have everyone so dedicated and involved in this event. Councilmember Moore said that last Saturday she had the opportunity to volunteer with the Brush With Kindness event. It was truly inspiring to see approximately 150 volunteers from Farmer’s Insurance and Zurich (Financial) work with our neighborhoods and people in need who cannot do the kind of repairs that were needed. Councilmember Moore said that Mayor McCullough, and his wife, Anita were there with her, along with everyone else. It was really fun and inspiring to see that. A lot of the City parks received attention from the volunteers, as well. It is a great program. Building Official Alan Napoli and Richard King did a lot to get that going in our community, and we are very fortunate. Councilmember Moore said she wished to say publicly that if anyone needs someone who is a pro with the chainsaw, it is the Mayor.

Mayor McCullough jokingly said his limbs were all in tact!

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter said the Gladfest parade was really an enjoyable event. When she first came on the City Council she thought it might be a “hokey” thing, but it is really enjoyable; particularly, this year, because it was a delight to have the streets lined with happy, cheering people, who were not shouting and mad and threatening.

Mayor Pro Tem Suter said she did have a question about the disease connected with pine trees. We have so many trees in the community that are dying, and she was wondering what we were doing with the trees on City property. There is a whole line of such trees south of Hy-Vee. Mayor Pro Tem Suter asked if those trees are on City property or private property, and asked if we, as a city, are doing anything about this issue, and are we offering assistance to citizens, because there are so many people who have dead trees.

Assistant City Manager Scott Wingerson replied that Mr. Napoli and his staff just completed a dead tree survey. There has not yet been an opportunity to share the report with the City Manager, but that will be done this week, and brought back to the City Council in terms of what the survey says. There is a disease; it is a bug affecting primarily pine trees, and the affected trees are not able to be saved. There are some of these trees in the parks, and many are scattered over all of Gladstone. As the policy options are considered, ways to assist the residents will be considered, which may include perhaps moving forward to the Neighborhood Commission with some sort of partnership or something of this sort, because it is an expensive proposition to remove the trees. The trees need to be removed in the spring, so that it doesn't jump to the next set of trees and so forth. It is an important issue. Mr. Wingerson said he was glad that Mayor Pro Tem Suter noticed this, and staff will share information with the City Manager and report to the City Council in their informational newsletter. The strip where trees are located just south of Hy-Vee on M-1 Highway is owned by the developer of Northaven Gardens, Susan Rose. Mrs. Rose has offered to give that property to the homes association, and the homes association has declined to accept it. Staff will continue to work with Mrs. Rose, and part of the solution throughout the community will apply to that batch of trees on M-1.

Mayor Pro Tem Suter said it is difficult for older citizens on fixed incomes, and taking down a tree is a lot, and a number of people have more than one tree.

Mayor Barry McCullough said it has already been said, but he could not say thank you enough to the City staff, and all of the volunteer effort that goes into pulling off Gladfest. It was a phenomenal year this year, and everyone raved about the successes. There were a few hiccups and headaches, but any time that many people are put together and try to move in the same direction, it takes a little work to make that happen. Mayor McCullough said he wished to thank Everett Jones for volunteering with GEMA (Gladstone Emergency Management Agency). He put in countless hours in making that happen. Mayor McCullough thanked John Garner, who worked with Art Hammen to make the car show the biggest and the best that it has ever been, and really making a huge difference for the Chamber. Mayor McCullough said they are all very much appreciated, and they do not get told that often enough. Parks and Recreation Director Sheila Lillis and her crew put together quite a run, and he believes this was the biggest and best Scarecrow Run ever. The weather cooperated, so that helped out quite a bit.

Mayor McCullough said the Brush With Kindness was a fantastic event in which to participate. It was a trial and a new experience for everyone involved, and it came together very nicely. Alan and Richard did work extremely hard to get this put together. Mayor McCullough said he and Alan were hauling off brush until late in the afternoon. It was great to go out and meet the residents and see the appreciation that they had for everyone working so hard to improve their homes and the community as a whole.

Mayor McCullough said there is an opening on the Arts Commission, and former Mayor and Councilman Carol Rudi submitted an application to fill Linda Smith's vacated position. As that position is a dedicated position as a member of the Atkins Johnson membership, Carol uniquely fits that position. There is also a dire need for someone who can step in and possibly chair that commission. Rather than wait and conduct additional interviews, Carol is quite the person to fill that void.

Councilmember Jean Moore moved to appoint Carol Rudi to the vacancy on the Arts Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter seconded. The vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Brian Hill, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Barry McCullough. (5-0).

Item 8. on the Agenda. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER.**

City Manager Kirk Davis stated he wished to recognize our City as the recipient of the Cornerstone Award that was awarded by the North Kansas City School District Education Foundation. City Manager Davis stated one of the Gladstone On The Move initiatives was to direct the City to become more involved with the School District and help make our schools more successful – we have success as our schools have success. Our City has done that in a number of ways, and one of the ways is that we do support the Education Foundation, which assists with teachers' scholarships, classroom improvements, innovation, and so forth. For those efforts last week, our City received the Cornerstone Award, which is their award to a business that most supports and helps the District. It was a nice recognition, and it was unexpected. City Manager Davis said, on behalf of staff, the award was very much appreciated. It is the biggest award that the School District gives out every year.

City Manager Davis reported that the Coming Home To Gladstone magazine is out, and it is another good issue. City Manager Davis offered kudos to Economic Development Administrator Melinda Mehaffy and Public Information Officer Richard King. They do a nice job with the magazine, and he would like to continue to recognize the time and effort put into this by these individuals.

Item 9. on the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-11-82**, authorizing the City Manager to purchase an Automated License Plate Reader from ELSAG North America for a total purchase amount of \$25,145.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-11-82**, authorizing the City Manager to purchase an Automated License Plate Reader from ELSAG North America for a total purchase amount of \$25,145.00. Councilman Brian Hill seconded. The vote: All "aye" –

Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Brian Hill, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Barry McCullough. (5-0).

Item 10. on the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-11-83**, authorizing execution of a contract with David E. Ross Construction Company, Incorporated in the total amount not to exceed \$578,800.00 for the Filter and Clarifier Improvements Project.

Councilman Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-11-83**, authorizing execution of a contract with David E. Ross Construction Company, Incorporated in the total amount not to exceed \$578,800.00 for the Filter and Clarifier Improvements Project. Councilmember Jean Moore seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Brian Hill, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Barry McCullough. (5-0).

Item 11. on the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-11-84**, authorizing acceptance of a proposal from Victor L. Phillips for the purchase of an Articulated Loader for the net purchase amount of \$108,075.00.

Councilmember Jean Moore moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-11-84**, authorizing acceptance of a proposal from Victor L. Phillips for the purchase of an Articulated Loader for the net purchase amount of \$108,075.00. Councilman Brian Hill seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Brian Hill, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Barry McCullough. (5-0).

Item 12. on the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-11-85**, authorizing acceptance of a proposal from Shawnee Mission Ford for the purchase of a Transit Connect Van for Animal Control in the net purchase amount of \$20,687.00.

Councilman Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-11-85**, authorizing acceptance of a proposal from Shawnee Mission Ford for the purchase of a Transit Connect Van for Animal Control in the net purchase amount of \$20,687.00. Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Brian Hill, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Barry McCullough. (5-0).

Item 13. on the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-11-86**, authorizing execution of a professional architectural service agreement with Confluence, in an amount not to exceed \$18,365.00 for the Village Center Amenities – Phase 1 Consulting Services Project.

Councilmember Jean Moore moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-11-86**, authorizing execution of a professional architectural service agreement with Confluence, in an amount not to exceed \$18,365.00 for the Village Center Amenities – Phase 1 Consulting Services Project. Councilman Brian Hill seconded.

Councilman Bill Garnos stated he would be abstaining from this vote, as he had a prior business dealing with one of the firms involved in the Confluence team.

The vote: “Aye” – Councilman Brian Hill, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Barry McCullough. “Abstain” – Councilman Bill Garnos. (4-0-1).

Item 14. on the Agenda. **BUILDING PERMIT:** for the construction of a new sales building on property located at 100 NW Vivion Road, commonly known as Van Subaru. Owner: Van Chevrolet Cadillac, Inc. Applicant: JRMA Architects, Inc.

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter moved to approve the **BUILDING PERMIT:** for the construction of a new sales building on property located at 100 NW Vivion Road, commonly known as Van Subaru. Owner: Van Chevrolet Cadillac, Inc. Applicant: JRMA Architects, Inc. Councilman Brian Hill seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Brian Hill, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Barry McCullough. (5-0).

Item 15. on the Agenda. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

There was no other business.

Item 16. on the Agenda. **QUESTIONS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA.**

Kathy Crawford, of the Gladstone Dispatch Newspaper, asked, for clarification, the name of the Brush With Kindness event, and the name of a staff person and the spelling of a name.

Item 17. on the Agenda. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business to come before the October 10, 2011, Gladstone Regular City Council Meeting, Mayor Barry McCullough adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy Swenson, City Clerk

Approved as submitted: ____
Approved as corrected/amended: ____

Mayor Barry McCullough