



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012**

**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 January 23, 2012, 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 JANUARY 9, 2012, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.

Councilman Brian Hill moved to approve the **REGULAR JANUARY 9, 2012, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** as presented. 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 5. on the Agenda. PRESENTATION OF MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING FUND CHECKS TO:

Mayor McCullough invited Ikey Harris, Chairman of the Northland Christmas Store, to join him at the Council dais, where he presented to Ms. Harris a check in the amount of \$9,443.00, and thanked her for all the good work she does with the Northland Christmas Store.

Ms. Harris thanked the Mayor and the City Council, and said she had very much appreciated the support of the City over the years. This year, the Northland Christmas Store served 780 families.

Mayor McCullough invited Art Hammen, Executive Director of Gladstone Neighbors Helping Neighbors to join him at the Council dais, where he presented to Mr. Hammen a check in the amount of \$2,441.00, and thanked him for all the good work he does for the community.

Mr. Hammen said on behalf of all the Gladstone residents who will benefit from this donation, he wished to offer special thanks to the Mayor and members of the City Council.

Mayor McCullough invited Parks and Recreation Director Sheila Lillis to join him at the Council dais, where he presented to Director Lillis a check in the amount of \$2,666.00 for the Gladstone Parks and Recreation Get Kids Connected Scholarship Fund, and thanked her and her department for their good work with this program.

Director Lillis remarked that this program helps children who apply for scholarships for the youth sports programs, and swim programs, such as swim lessons, and family swimming at the outdoor pool. This year, there were 25 to 30 requests, and staff tries very hard to not turn anyone away, who is eligible, and they try to find some kind of funding. This contribution will help with this challenge. Director Lillis thanked the Mayor and City Council.

Mayor McCullough invited Katie Cramer-Eck to join him at the Council dais, where he presented to Ms. Cramer-Eck a check in the amount of \$350.00 for Hillcrest Transitional Housing, and thanked her for all she does for our community.

Ms. Cramer-Eck thanked the Mayor and City Council, and said that Hillcrest helps homeless families, and families at high risk in Clay County area. Ms. Cramer-Eck said she works with the North Kansas City School District in identifying families in need in the district. Mayor McCullough and his wife, Anita, are budget counselors for the program, and give their time and their hearts to the families that are served.

Mayor McCullough thanked all the recipients, and said it was an honor to see all the participation and engagement that the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund generates, and all the involvement in giving to such worthy causes.

Item 6. on the Agenda. CITIZEN COMMENDATION PRESENTATIONS BY PUBLIC SAFETY TO LUKE R. WHITLEY AND JARED RAVENSCROFT.

Mayor McCullough invited Public Safety Director Mike Hasty to step forward to present the Citizen Commendations to Luke R. Whitley and Jared Ravenscroft.

Public Safety Director Hasty invited Mr. Whitley, Mr. Ravenscroft and his family, and Police Officer Austin Reiter to join him in front of the Council Chambers. Director Hasty introduced those who joined him as follows: Jared Ravenscroft, Luke Whitley, Sherry Ravenscroft, Josh Ravenscroft, Robert Ravenscroft and Officer Reiter.

Director Hasty reported that the Public Safety Department provides citizen instruction in CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) through the Fire/EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Division. This instruction is provided twice per month - once at Fire Station Number 2 and once at the Community Center. Director Hasty said this is such a vital part of the City's EMS delivery that staff is looking at ways to expand the program. This is a perfect example where this came into play, because the knowledge of CPR by the citizens of our community is so important, and Mr. Whitley demonstrated that on the night of October 31, 2011.

Mr. Whitley was summoned to the Ravenscroft home, his neighbors, by Mrs. Sherry Ravenscroft, who had found her husband had experienced cardiac arrest. Mrs. Ravenscroft asked her son, Jared, to go next door to get help, and she engaged the 911 system to summon Emergency Medical Services. While that was going on, Mr. Whitley, who knew how to perform CPR, found Mr. Ravenscroft and put him in the proper position to start to perform CPR.

Director Hasty stated that part of the City's EMS delivery, includes the officers in the field responding to these types of EMS calls, and Officer Reiter was close by and was able to respond and pick up the CPR from that point. When paramedics and firefighters arrived at the scene, they began engaging advance life support procedures. Before they left the scene, Mr. Ravenscroft had a measurable pulse and started spontaneous respiration. He was admitted to the hospital and is present at this meeting. Director Hasty read and presented Citizen Commendations to Luke R. Whitley and Jared Ravenscroft. Director Hasty stated that Officer Reiter had also been recognized internally with a Certificate of Commendation, and said he was very proud of Officer Reiter's efforts. Director Hasty offered congratulations and good job to Mr. Whitley and Mr. Ravenscroft.

Mayor McCullough presented Missouri House of Representatives Resolutions to Mr. Whitley and Mr. Ravenscroft on behalf of Missouri State Representative Jerry Nolte. These Resolutions recognized their actions on the evening of October 31, 2011. Mayor McCullough thanked Mr. Whitley and Mr. Ravenscroft, and said their actions make us all proud.

Mr. Whitley commented that Bob (Ravenscroft) is a miracle, and he is so glad to have him as a neighbor. The Adams, the Bonavillias, the Ravenscrofts and he are a close family of friends. Mr. Whitley said he is so glad that Bob is okay and still with our community.

Sherry Ravenscroft said she could not express what the crew did in not giving up on Bob. He had an equivalent of 7,000 compressions, between Luke starting and the crew who finished.

They did not give up. They worked on him between 30 and 45 minutes. Ms. Ravenscroft said she could not thank them enough for that.

Mayor McCullough offered thanks to the group and said he and the Council are very proud of them, and were glad they were present this evening.

Note: As there were many guests in the audience for this presentation, Mayor McCullough allowed a break in the meeting for anyone who wished to leave before continuing with the meeting Agenda items.

Item 7. on the Agenda. CONSENT AGENDA

Following the Clerk's reading, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. 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)

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-11**, authorizing acceptance of work under contract with Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, LLC, for the 2011 Mill and Overlay Project; and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$500.00 for Project TP1106. 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)

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-12**, authorizing acceptance of work under contract with Linaweaver Construction, Incorporated, for the Shady Lane at Wayne Storm Drainage; and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$7,850.17. 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)

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-13**, accepting Temporary and Permanent Construction Easements in conjunction with the Old Pike Road Stormwater 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)

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter moved to approve a **BUILDING PERMIT** for the installation of an antenna for T-Mobile on an existing monopole at the Gladstone Water Treatment Plant, 913 NW 44th Terrace. 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 8. on the Agenda. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

Anne Alexander, 3121 NE 59 Terrace, stated it was nice to come in and see a crowd like there was present this evening, and they are not mad about something. Ms. Alexander said she was present this evening to support Mr. Whitley, who is in her business luncheon group. Ms. Alexander thanked the Mayor and Council for a pleasant meeting.

Don Mason, 3700 NE 76th Terrace, began by saying he had a nice little thing to discuss, which is our sewer rates, and he knows from experience that every time Gladstone does any business with Kansas City, we cannot get away without their high prices. Mr. Mason said when he first moved here, the water rates and the sewer rates were exactly the same. Now, they are \$8.00 for every thousand gallons used. To him that is ridiculous because he knows it does not cost that much to produce or to clean up the waste. Mr. Mason said he would like to know what the other cities are paying that go through Kansas City, because we do have to send our waste to Kansas City. What can we do to see what their rates are, and if they are the same as ours, and why should we pay for their infrastructure, because their sewer lines are deteriorating and they have been ordered to spend over one billion dollars to fix it. Why should we fix theirs, when they don't help us fix ours. Mr. Mason asked the Council if they had any questions they wished to ask him.

Mayor McCullough replied that the City has been asking those same questions, and we are in a collaborative effort working with the City of Liberty, who also shares the same situation, looking at facts and assessing the rates, and trying to validate what the rates are that we should be paying.

Mr. Mason inquired into the rates that the Kansas City citizens pay.

Mayor McCullough said he did not have an answer to that this evening.

Mr. Mason said that we need to find out, and why we are getting charged more than what they are. Mr. Mason said at one time, the City Council wanted to build a sewer plant, but Gladstone did not do it. It would have been built by the water treatment plant, and if we had done that, we would not be in this situation. Mr. Mason said he has received calls, because people know he used to work for the City for 30 years, and they want to know why their sewer rate has doubled. Mr. Mason said that was all he had to say.

Mayor McCullough thanked Mr. Mason for his comments.

Item 9. on the Agenda. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman Bill Garnos had no comments at this time.

Councilman Brian Hill had no comments at this time.

Councilmember Jean Moore stated she has had the opportunity on two occasions to take the CPR class offered by Public Safety, and every time she goes there, she thinks everyone should do it. It is such a worthwhile opportunity, and the fact that our City offers it free to our residents, it is truly something that all of us should do every year. Councilmember Moore encouraged anyone thinking about this to go forth and do it. It is one evening of one's time, and we

witnessed this evening that it could make a difference in someone's life for always. It is a great program.

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter said she had a conversation the other day with someone who asked what makes Gladstone different from other neighborhoods in the metro area. Tonight is a perfect example of when so many people in America do not want to be involved in anybody else's anything, to find citizens who are willing to take the risk and put themselves in the position to help someone else is really gratifying.

Mayor Pro Tem Suter said she wished to pass on kudos to the Public Works Department. She had a nice encounter with a citizen today, who said her grandfather, a long time plumber from Kansas City, whose granddaughter bought a house here and was having a problem with the sewer line, said his immediate assumption was that he needed to call the "powers that be" before he tried to contact City staff. That was his experience with where he is from of what it takes to get any response from Public Works. Mayor Pro Tem Suter gave him the number to call, and told him, to calm his anxiety, to call her back if he was not satisfied, and then she would see if there was anything he needed from her, but she surely knew he did not need anything from her. Sure enough, he called, and someone came out immediately and assessed the situation and explained it all to him, and mapped it out. The gentleman called Mayor Pro Tem Suter back later, and said that part was all resolved, and he received the answers he needed. They needed to work with a neighbor to solve the problem. It was nice to hear from someone whose whole life's experience was that "you never get any help from public services", and who came to Gladstone and received immediate service that satisfied him completely. Mayor Pro Tem Suter offered kudos to staff.

Mayor Barry McCullough read a letter he received this week concerning CPR for Gladstone residents as follows:

Dear Mayor McCullough & City Council members:

Last week we had an incident at our home with our six-week old great grandson. His mother was bathing him when she came rushing in to say he wasn't breathing. No one in our home knew CPR. We managed to get him breathing again and had Great Grandpa call 911 while we were working with him. The Gladstone Fire Department was there in record time (I was told three minutes from dispatch to our home). Thanks to Captain Brent Friday and his crew (a Kansas City crew from North Oak Trafficway also responded as back up and ambulance transportation, but, unfortunately, I don't know names).

While they were in my home, I expressed a desire to get educated in CPR. I was told that Captain Friday was having a class the next night. My granddaughter, my husband, the babysitter, and I all went for the class. I understand this is a City Council project. Thank you for offering this to our community. I am recommending this to others.

Although I hope to never face a situation like this again, I do feel prepared to do all I can do.

Very truly yours,

Kathy Scott

Mayor McCullough said this drives it home. We hope we never have that opportunity. Mayor McCullough said he has had the CPR training repeatedly, and may be past due to take it again. Mayor McCullough said we never know when that opportunity could be there, and it is a split second, and we need to be able to perform like these young men here with us this evening did.

Item 10. on the Agenda. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER.

City Manager Kirk Davis expressed congratulations and kudos to former Councilman and Mayor Les Smith who received the Joe Wally Award the other night from the Gladstone Area Chamber of Commerce. This award recognized all of his efforts throughout the community over a long period of time. City Manager Davis offered again his congratulations to former Councilman and Mayor Les Smith.

Item 11. on the Agenda. RESOLUTION R-12-14, authorizing execution of a contract with Larrison Construction, Incorporated, in the total amount not to exceed \$182,984.00 for the Public Works Storage Facility Project.

Councilmember Jean Moore moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-14**, authorizing execution of a contract with Larrison Construction, Incorporated, in the total amount not to exceed \$182,984.00 for the Public Works Storage Facility Project. 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-12-15, authorizing execution of a contract with Linaweaver Construction, Incorporated in the total amount not to exceed \$788,560.75 for the 24-Inch Transmission Main Upgrades Project.

Councilman Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-15**, authorizing execution of a contract with Linaweaver Construction, Incorporated in the total amount not to exceed \$788,560.75 for the 24-Inch Transmission Main Upgrades Project. 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-12-16, authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Gladstone and the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Solid Waste Management District for the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program.

Councilmember Jean Moore moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-16**, authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Gladstone and the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Solid Waste Management District for the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. 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 14. on the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-12-17**, authorizing execution of a contract with Playworld Systems, Incorporated, in the total amount not to exceed \$133,820.00 for the Central Park Playground and Shelter; Project CP1253.

Councilmember Jean Moore moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-17**, authorizing execution of a contract with Playworld Systems, Incorporated, in the total amount not to exceed \$133,820.00 for the Central Park Playground and Shelter; Project CP1253. Councilman Bill Garnos seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Suter stated her appreciation for the neighbors in this area who have put up with a lot as we were all excited about the building of the Community Center. It has been a great addition to the community, but it really was an inconvenience, and robbed some of the local amenities that used to exist in that park area for the local neighborhood. Mayor Pro Tem Suter said she was sure they are quite excited to see this project going, and she is delighted to see that we are going back to replacing amenities for them.

Mayor McCullough said it will certainly round out the area.

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. **FIRST READING BILL NO. 12-1**, revising Water and Sewer Utility Regulations for the City of Gladstone, Missouri, and amending all prior Ordinances inconsistent therewith particularly Ordinance Numbers 1.693 and, 2.615, 2.858, 3.082, 3.555, 3.755, 3. 948, and 4.116

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter moved to place **Bill 12-1** on its First Reading. 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). The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter moved to accept the First Reading of **Bill 12-1**, Waive the Rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. 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). The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **Bill 12-1**, and to enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.204**. Councilmember Jean Moore seconded.

Roll call vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Brian Hill, Councilmember Jean Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter, and Mayor Barry McCullough. (5-0).

Item 16. on the Agenda. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

There was no other business.

Item 17. on the Agenda. QUESTIONS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA.

There were no questions from the news media.

Item 18. on the Agenda. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the January 23, 2012, 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