



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 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 April 9, 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 MARCH 26, 2012, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.

Councilman Brian Hill moved to approve the **REGULAR MARCH 26, 2012, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter seconded.

The vote: "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. PROCLAMATION: recognizing the many contributions of the ROTARY CLUB OF GLADSTONE and their 35 years of service to our community.

Mayor Barry McCullough invited the Rotary Club of Gladstone President Scott Fricke to join him at the Council dais. Mayor McCullough said that he has known Mr. Fricke for many years, and the Rotary Club does many amazing things, and it is wonderful to have them as a part of our

community, following which, Mayor McCullough read and presented the Proclamation to Mr. Fricke. Mayor McCullough invited all the Rotarians present at this meeting to join him for a group photo.

Item 6. on the Agenda. **MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS.**

Mayor McCullough began by saying that the State of the City Address would not be the same without recognizing all of our past Mayors and Councilmembers who are with us this evening as follows: C. Milton Wallace; Les Smith; Anita Newsom; Mary Cross, representing former Mayor Bill Cross; Carmelina Smith, representing former Mayor Everett Smith; Carol Rudi; Mike Reinsch; Shirley Smith; Dick Davis, and Stuart Revenaugh, representing former Mayor Mark Revenaugh.

Accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation, Mayor McCullough began his State of the City Address by saying we had a fantastic year this year. We graduated our sixth class of Future Leaders. We have over 100 graduates from over those six years, and four of our City Council members are graduates of this program. Gladstone has been recognized by HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) with a best practices award for our Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The NSP (Neighborhood Stabilization Program) ground breaking for a new home in our City was just last month, and it will be Energy Star Certified, and have a geothermal HVAC, and will be a fantastic project that will take us to the next level.

Mayor McCullough reported that Gladstone assisted in hosting the All America City Award Conference in Kansas City. A big event for our City was when former Mayor Les Smith moved from our City, after many years of leadership. We were all sorry to see former Mayor Smith leave, but we are very fortunate to have Councilman Bill Garnos appointed in his place, and we are glad to have him here with us. A big event for us last fall was A Brush With Kindness, which was a really neat event, where approximately 150 volunteers worked on 15 different houses throughout the community doing everything from yard work, painting and staining, and making our neighborhoods a much better place to live, and retaining the home values in our City.

Mayor McCullough said this past year we saw the Big Shoal Heritage area open to the public, and we hosted nice events at this location. It is exciting to see where this will continue to evolve. The Farmers' Market had a tremendous year, and the attendance doubled this year from the prior year, and hopefully, we will continue to see that increase. Many of the City Council goals were met this past year. We fully implemented the Public Safety Sales Tax, which included hiring six new officers, and equipment was purchased for the officers. The Neighborhood Services Program was strengthened. The City purchased, installed, and began operations of a new interoperable radio system.

Mayor McCullough stated that a fair amount of work was accomplished with the Water and Sewer Bond projects. Those are in fact completed. Road Bond projects were completed, such as the North Broadway reconstruction, which is an amazing improvement to what it once was. The design is complete on Northeast 76th Street, and the project is ready to get underway, and a lot of progress will be seen over this upcoming summer season. Roadwork in the amount of \$1.7 million has been completed. The new trails and pedestrian bridges are completed and in place,

and just last week we hosted an opening for the trails. The 64th Street curve was redone; it is a much safer place without the big ditch on the side. The City's Capital Improvement Projects are well underway. The new Fire Truck, Ambulance, and Senior Bus have been purchased and received. Larry Newport has a new Senior Bus to drive, which is a huge improvement.

Mayor McCullough continued by reporting \$2 million in stormwater improvements are in progress, and are an on-going effort. Following three years, we have seen full implementation of our Smoking Ordinance, which began the end of February this year. A lot of folks were anxiously waiting for that date. The Parks Master Plan has been completed, and Phase 1 is implemented and up and running in Central Park, right across the street. Our City has worked diligently with ongoing efforts with Kansas City, Missouri to address our City's sewer rates. We have heard so many stories and scary tales, and we are trying to minimize the impact that this could have on all of our residents. We are also continuing to explore what our City's sewerage treatment options may be.

Mayor McCullough stated that a successful Mayor's Christmas Tree event was held this year, where over \$15,000 was raised for local charities. The Rotary Club is a huge part of that effort. Mayor McCullough said that some of the most exciting things for him has been to see some of the downtown happen. We have the Gladstone 18 coming on line. A new restaurant and coffee shop will be up and running before we know it, and it is hoped the residents will frequent these businesses. This should be happening in late summer or fall. The Linden Square amenities, right behind City Hall will soon be in place. There will be an amphitheatre, which will be a bit smaller and not take anything away from Oak Grove Park. There will also be a synthetic ice skating rink with a snack bar. In this area will also be a new office building. This will kick off activity in the downtown area for which we have been striving for years. There will soon be a lot of activity in this area.

Mayor McCullough reported our City has performed several functions that are really critical to Gladstone being a community member. We provided assistance at the regional level in Riverside, Parkville, and Joplin during unfortunate events. Everyone knows what happened in Joplin with the tornado last May. Gladstone sent several staff members to help with the clean up. Our crews assisted with flood preparation in Parkville; so much so, that our City was recognized by the Mayor and City Council of Parkville at a Missouri Municipal League event, where Parkville presented to the City of Gladstone their annual Outstanding Leadership Award. Unfortunately, Riverside lost one of their officers who was assisting in Joplin. Our City staff helped in covering their City's needs while they were mourning their loss. Our Police officers and Fire Department were happy to step up and take care of Riverside while they were attending to his family.

Mayor McCullough continued by saying that our City has expanded our regional partnerships. We have increased our Fire and Emergency Management services and partnerships with the local Villages. Our Animal Control is done on a wider basis – it is not just Gladstone. We share our Street Sweeper that otherwise would sit inactive most often. We send the Street Sweeper to the City of Liberty for additional usage, and our City receives revenue from that. Mayor McCullough stated that our City staff is amazing, and are looked at as leaders with other communities, and he said he could not say enough good things about our staff. They are looked

to as leaders with neighborhood management and everything we have done to stabilize and improve our neighborhoods, and see them move forward. Their activities in the First Tier Suburbs and everything we are doing with the Arts is just amazing for a City our size. We are really doing quite well in embracing that, and there is a lot more to come. Our communications and marketing strategies are going to be very important as we continue to see the success that will come from our downtown development, and also with the Big Shoal Development. These will be anchors to our City that really will bring that fresh blood and new life to our City.

Mayor McCullough introduced the subject of single source refuse collection by saying that we survived this issue, and he believes we can all look back and appreciate that there were opportunities to talk to people who we may not have otherwise had the opportunity to visit. There are positives to be had, and there are folks with whom we can work, moving forward, who we had not had contact with before. Mayor McCullough said he could not say enough good things about this City Council. Working together and navigating issues is complicated. There was not seemingly always a right answer, but the Council members did manage to get through it, and hold strong.

Mayor McCullough said some unfortunate events that have happened in our City is that we lost some community leaders. A long time leader, former Mayor Paul Degenhardt, passed away this year. One of dear Rotary friends, who was a leader in the community on many levels, John Michael, passed away recently. Even more recently, we lost a very important member of our Planning Commission and very active community leader, Mary Abbott. Mayor McCullough asked for a brief moment of silence to reflect on all they have done for us.

Mayor McCullough announced that we have reason to celebrate; although, he will wait until we have a check in hand, but we received notice today the Clay County Commissioners did sign the agreement for the Road District. A lot of activity will be seen from that, without financially tying our hands. Mayor McCullough said he feels it has been a huge thing to see our Council come together. There have been struggles and differences, but we are building on that and moving forward. We have three new Council members who bring an awfully lot to the table. Mayor McCullough said it has been fantastic working with the Council members, and he looks forward to them continuing to work together and create new successes for the City.

Mayor McCullough joking said that staff has tried to keep him “between the ditches” this year, and their input has been amazing, and he appreciates their leadership, guidance, and professionalism, and how well staff represents the City and beyond its borders. Staff is well respected by their peer groups, which makes the City Council’s job a lot easier.

Mayor McCullough offered a special thank you to his family. It has been a crazy year with a lot of activities that he was not accustomed to having in his life, and his family has been very patient and supportive. Mayor McCullough addressed his wife, Anita, by saying that he could not say enough good things about her – she has been so patient, and she gets him back tomorrow! Mayor McCullough addressed his daughter, Megan, and her husband, Jason, by saying it was great to have them present this evening. Mayor McCullough joking said that Jason has even joined the Rotary! Mayor McCullough said the staff at his office has been amazing. So many people pitched in and put up with him this year, and he really appreciated that. It is not about

him, but it made a big difference in trying to fulfill his role. Mayor McCullough offered his thanks to everyone for listening, and said this brings us up to speed on what has been happening in the City.

Item 7. on the Agenda. **FIRST READING BILL 12-6**, declaring the results of the Tuesday, April 3, 2012, Gladstone General Municipal Election as certified by the Clay County Board of Election Commissioners that City Council Candidates Barry McCullough and Jean Moore have been elected to three year terms on the Gladstone City Council, and Bill Garnos has been elected to a one year term on the Gladstone City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter moved to place **Bill 12-6** on its First Reading. 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). The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter moved to accept the First Reading of **Bill 12-6**, Waive the Rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. 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). The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **Bill 12-6**, and to enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.208**. Councilman Brian Hill 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 8. on the Agenda. **CITY COUNCIL OATH OF OFFICE: BARRY McCULLOUGH, JEAN MOORE, AND BILL GARNOS.**

City Clerk Cathy Swenson administered the oath of office to **Barry McCullough** and **Jean Moore** for three-year terms on the Gladstone City Council, and to **Bill Garnos** for a one-year term on the Gladstone City Council. The audience applauded the newly elected City Council members.

Item 9. on the Agenda. **ELECTION OF MAYOR AND OATH OF OFFICE.**

Mayor Barry McCullough presided and opened nominations for the office of Mayor of the City of Gladstone.

Councilmember Jean Moore moved to place in nomination the name of **Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter** as Mayor of the City of Gladstone, Missouri. Councilman Brian Hill seconded.

As there were no further nominations for the office of Mayor to come before the City Council, Mayor McCullough called for a vote.

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

Following applause from the audience, The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office for the position of Mayor of the City of Gladstone, Missouri to **Mayor Pro Tem Carol Suter**. The audience applauded the newly elected Mayor.

Following applause from the audience, Mayor Carol Suter took her place at the City Council dais, and thanked everyone for their support.

Item 10. on the Agenda. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM.

Mayor Carol Suter presided and opened nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Gladstone.

Councilman Brian Hill moved to nominate Councilmember Jean Moore as Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Gladstone, Missouri. Councilman Barry McCullough seconded.

As there were no further nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem to come before the City Council, Mayor Suter called for a vote.

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

Mayor Suter announced that Jean Moore had been elected as Mayor Pro Tem, which was followed with applause from the audience.

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Item 11. on the Agenda. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

There were no communications from the audience.

Item 12. on the Agenda. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman Bill Garnos stated he wished to thank former Mayor Barry McCullough for his service as Mayor. He has had the privilege of serving on the City Council for eight months, and during that period he saw former Mayor McCullough spend countless time and energy representing this City at Chamber luncheons, Rotary breakfasts, neighborhood meetings, and so many events that those who attend the City Council meetings never see. Councilman Garnos thanked former Mayor McCullough for his time, dedication and his wise counsel to him during this period, and for his leadership of the City Council during his term as Mayor.

Councilman Brian Hill stated he wished to echo the thanks to former Mayor McCullough for the countless hours he has spent as Mayor this past year. Councilman Hill offered

congratulations to Mayor Suter and Mayor Pro Tem Moore on their new positions, and said he looked forward to working with them.

Councilman Hill inquired into the process of removing the trees infected with the Pine Wilt disease, because the trees are still standing around the City, and he continually receives questions about this issue.

Assistant City Manager Scott Wingerson replied that the re-inspection throughout the City is underway. In regards to the specific trees about which the City Council may be most interested, the negotiations with the property owner have gone very well, and it is hoped those will conclude in the next couple of weeks.

Councilman Barry McCullough congratulated Mayor Suter and Mayor Pro Tem Moore on their new positions.

Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore said she would like to echo what has been said about former Mayor McCullough. It has been a great thrill working with former Mayor McCullough this year. His energy, efforts, dedication and love for this City has shown on every occasion, and we have been truly blessed by that. Mayor Pro Tem Moore said she appreciates him being a great friend and a great colleague, and she looks forward to working with him on the City Council. Mayor Pro Tem Moore offered congratulations to Mayor Suter, and said she looks forward to her leadership for the new year.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore said she and Councilman McCullough attended a really fun Arbor Day celebration at Flora Park with Oakwood Manor students. The kids were darling. They sang the cutest tree song, and they all had on tree hats, and it was truly fun and a unique experience. It is really a good thing that we are a Tree City. We planted a small leaf Linden tree in the park. It is a good thing when we do this for the City, and it is a great opportunity when we can partner with someone like a school who is close. As former Mayor McCullough pointed out, we planted the tree for the little ones, because, obviously, we will not see it grow to its full extent as they will. Mayor Pro Tem Moore said it was a great experience and she hoped that the next Arbor Day everyone could attend, because it is a very worthwhile experience.

Mayor Carol Suter said she also wished to echo the sentiments of appreciation to former Mayor McCullough. He follows in a long tradition, as everyone in the room could verify, and those shoes must be filled every year, because many of those present have done a wonderful job in leading this City to be All America in terms of competition, but also Number 1 in our hearts and in our region. Mayor Suter said she accepted this responsibility with great humility to try to do justice to all who came before, as we move forward into this next year. In regard to the Road District settlement, Mayor Suter said she wished to say a special thank you to former Mayor Les Smith, former Mayor Barry McCullough, and City Counselor Randall Thompson for their dogged determination this last year. This has been on the agenda ever since she has been on the City Council, so to see it finally resolved is greatly satisfying. It would not have happened without the extraordinary efforts of those three people, so she wished to express appreciation on behalf of the entire City. Mayor Suter said we already know how we will spend the money, which is improvements to 69th Street.

Mayor Suter reminded everyone that the Home Show is next weekend, April 20 and 21, and Walk “N Wag is the same day. If one is a dog person, we will see you at Happy Rock Park that morning, and hopefully, will see you at the Home Show later.

Item 13. on the Agenda. INTRODUCTION OF THE PAST MAYORS AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Mayor Suter said this item was covered earlier in the agenda, so the City Council moved on to Item 14. on the agenda.

Item 14. on the Agenda. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER.

City Manager Kirk Davis offered congratulations to all of the winners, and on behalf of staff, he looks forward to working with everyone again. It will be a great year. City Manager Davis offered “great job” to former Mayor McCullough during this past year. Former Mayor McCullough stepped into the trash issue right off the bat, and steered us through that, and that was a learning experience for everyone, and he did a great job. City Manager Davis thanked former Mayor McCullough and offered congratulations to Mayor Suter. City Manager Davis said he believes this is a historic time in our City, as he believes this is the first time there have been two females in these two leadership positions, and offered congratulations.

City Manager Davis reported that April 27 through April 29 is the Spring Clean Up at Happy Rock Park.

Item 15. on the Agenda. RESOLUTION R-12-38, authorizing execution of a contract with Electronic Technologies, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$167,014.00 for the Security Camera Project.

Councilman Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-38**, authorizing execution of a contract with Electronic Technologies, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$167,014.00 for the Security Camera Project. Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Brian Hill, Councilman Barry McCullough, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0).

Item 16. on the Agenda. OTHER BUSINESS.

There was no other business.

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

Kathy Edwards, reporter for the Gladstone Dispatch, asked for clarification that the Gladstone City Council is elected and then the Council elects the Mayor?

Mayor Suter confirmed that was correct.

Ms. Edwards asked if this is making history with two females in leadership roles on the City Council.

Mayor Suter said it did take awhile for two women to be on the City Council at the same time. Last year a record was set, when for one meeting, three women were on the City Council at the same time.

Item 18. on the Agenda. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the April 9, 2012, Gladstone Regular City Council Meeting, Mayor Carol Suter adjourned the meeting, and invited everyone to a reception honoring our newly elected officers.

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy Swenson, City Clerk

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

Mayor Carol Suter