



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

**GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, JULY 22, 2013**

PRESENT: Mayor Jean Moore
Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill
Councilmember Carol Suter
Councilman Barry McCullough
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 Jean Moore opened the Regular July 22, 2013, City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in the Gladstone City Council Chambers, and noted that all City Council members were present.

Mayor Jean Moore welcomed everyone who attended the meeting in person and also those watching the meeting on-line. Mayor Moore said she and the City Council thanks everyone for their interest in government.

Item 3. on the Agenda. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Moore said it was a very great honor this evening, to have the the Missouri State VFW Honor Guard, Gladstone Post 10906, at this meeting to Present the Colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the Presenting of the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Moore asked the Honor Guard to introduce themselves as follows:

Bill Driscoll, who stated he is the Senior Commander of Gladstone Post 10906, said the Post meets in the IOF building near City Hall. The Post has been there for quite a few years, and it has been their honor to be a member of the Gladstone community. Members

of the Post provide military honors at funerals, which is their main function, and is how they keep their Post surviving. They do not have a club room or anything of that nature. This is another way that they honor their veterans. This Post does a lot of things to honor veterans, and this Post is very active, even though it is a small Post. Mr. Driscoll said it was their honor to be present at this meeting tonight, and they really appreciated the invitation.

Thomas Garrett introduced himself as: United States Army, Airborne, First Airborne/Air Assault - Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and the Liberation of Kuwait.

Larry Lewis stated he was in the Fifth Special Forces Group, which many knew as the Green Beret, and he served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968, and he is now the Guard Commander at the Post. Mr. Lewis said the Honor Team provides the honors at funerals. They do the firing, play taps, and in some cases, they fold the flag. They are so good at this they have now been elected as the State VFW Color Guard. They also have a mounted Color Guard, of which there are only two in the United States. They have been in several parades, and they led the Gladfest Parade last year. Mr. Lewis said they were proud to be at this meeting.

Stanley Stoner, Warrant Officer, Retired Army, said he served his first two years in Vietnam, and the next 20 years in a variety of stateside and foreign assignments. Mr. Stoner said his entire career was active duty - Army Criminal Investigations Command, CID Special Agent. Mr. Stoner said with the VFW Post, he is the Service Officer, and assists the veterans with obtaining their benefits. Mr. Stoner asked if anyone knows of any veterans who need assistance to please contact him, as working with the VA can be difficult, and it is better to work through the VFW or another organization as a bridge. Mr. Stoner said he would be happy to assist any veteran with getting their benefits, even World War II veterans, who he has assisted in the past.

Mayor Moore stated it was such an honor to have the Honor Guard present this evening, and said she wished to thank them so much. Mayor Moore asked the audience to help her thank the Honor Guard, which was followed by applause.

Item 4. on the Agenda. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 8, 2013, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.

Councilman Barry McCullough moved to approve the July 8, 2013, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, as presented. Councilmember Carol Suter seconded. The vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Barry McCullough, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0)

Item 5. on the Agenda. **CONSENT AGENDA.**

Following the Clerk's reading, Councilmember Carol Suter moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill seconded. The vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Barry McCullough, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0)

Councilmember Carol Suter moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-13-35**, authorizing the City Manager to purchase one 2013 (or newer) Ford F450 XL ambulance chassis from U.S. Coach Works and to remount an ambulance body/module onto the chassis, with specified equipment for the total amount of \$89,870.00. Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill seconded. The vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Barry McCullough, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0)

Councilmember Carol Suter moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-13-36**, authorizing execution of a transfer agreement between the City of Gladstone and Mid-America Regional Council for the Smart Lights for the Smart Cities Program. Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill seconded. The vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Barry McCullough, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0)

Councilmember Carol Suter moved to approve a **BUILDING PERMIT** for installation of Solar Panels on the Snowden Building, located at 6505 North Prospect Avenue. Applicant: Kevin Snyder. Owner: Phil Snowden. Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill seconded. The vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Barry McCullough, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0)

Councilmember Carol Suter moved to approve the **JUNE 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT**. Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill seconded. The vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Barry McCullough, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0)

REGULAR AGENDA

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 stated regarding the end of the year Financial Report, which was just approved, he feels one of the most important things the City Council and staff do is to make sure the City continues to live within its means, and the report pleased him a great

deal. The General Fund had revenues of approximately \$17.5 million and expenditures of about \$16.7 million; the Water Fund had revenues of approximately \$8.3 million, and expenditures of about \$7.3 million; and the Community Center and Parks Tax Fund had revenues of approximately \$3.2 million, and expenditures of about \$3.1 million. Councilman Garnos said he believed one of the most important things we do in this City is to live within our means, and as much as he would like to take credit for that, the real credit goes to City staff, the budget team, the department heads, and our City Manager. Councilman Garnos said he wished to acknowledge that we did have a good year end financial report.

Councilman Garnos said purchase of a chassis for the ambulance was one of those examples of innovative “outside of the box” thinking that keeps us in budget. We have an ambulance that apparently has a lot of miles on it, but instead of going out and buying an all new ambulance, we realized that it was a combination of a chassis and a box, and while the vehicle needed upgrading, the box on the back of the ambulance did not. Instead of spending a huge amount of money for a new ambulance, we are taking the box off the old one and putting it on a new chassis, and we will get a good “bang for our buck”, while taking care of a need in a fiscally conservative manner. Councilman Garnos said he was very pleased to see the City take that route. Councilman Garnos said he knew that Councilman McCullough was involved with that.

Councilman Barry McCullough stated he wished to piggy back on the remarks by Councilman Garnos, and said it was great that we were able to work with a local company, U.S. Coach Works, who does that work here in the Northland. That is really a perk to be able to work with them.

Councilman McCullough offered his thanks to everyone in Gladstone, and his thanks to the City staff. Councilman McCullough said it had been an honor to work with all of the City Council, and it was bitter sweet to leave the Council, but it has been a lot of fun, and he looks forward to finding new ways to work with everyone.

Councilmember Carol Suter jokingly commented that the “roasting” of Councilman McCullough would be saved for a few minutes.

Councilmember Suter said she wished to echo what most said at the Open Study Session, in that it was an absolute delight to turn ground for the Heights at Linden Square. It was one of the most exciting things to happen in Gladstone in a long time. It was not without its ups and downs, but she is looking forward to something going up there very soon.

Councilmember Suter said she wished to remind people the Clay County EDC would be hosting their Strategic Initiatives, July meeting, here in Gladstone on July 30, in the Gladstone Community Center. The topic will be Lifestyle, and they specifically wanted to do this meeting in Gladstone, because of things like the Heights and the whole downtown

center. Councilmember Suter said she felt that was appropriate, and encouraged those who were available that day to attend the meeting, which will be held 3:00 to 5:00 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill said he had no comments at this time, and would save his remarks until the “roasting”.

Mayor Jean Moore said she would save her comments for later, as well.

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

City Manager Kirk Davis stated, on behalf of City staff, he would like to thank Councilman Barry McCullough for his service on the City Council, and as Mayor. City Manager Davis congratulated Councilman McCullough on receiving the Council’s award, the Missouri Municipal League Civic Leadership Award, which was well deserved.

City Manager Davis offered congratulations to Gary Markenson, who the Council has selected to take Councilman McCullough’s place on the City Council. He is looking forward to working with Gary, and believes he will do a great job.

City Manager Davis encouraged everyone to go out to Linden Square. Theatre in the Park is coming up on August 2 – 4, in Oak Grove Park, with the production of “The Music Man”. City Manager Davis said he hoped everyone had the opportunity to support these activities.

Item 9. on the Agenda. PUBLIC HEARING: for consideration of a Special Use Permit subject to certain conditions to the Kansas City Landsmen, LLC dba Budget Car and Rental for operation of car and truck rental services on property at 7412 North Oak Trafficway.

Applicant: Budget Car and Truck Rental. Owner: Tom and Maryann Simms.

Mayor Moore opened and immediately closed the Public Hearing until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting at the request of the applicant.

Item 10. on the Agenda. FIRST READING BILL NO. 13-23, granting a Special Use Permit subject to certain conditions to the Kansas City Landsmen, LLC dba Budget Car and Rental for operation of car and truck rental services on property at 7412 North Oak Trafficway.

Mayor Moore stated that as the Public Hearing for this application was continued, Council’s consideration of Item No. 10 is also continued until the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting on August 12, 2013.

Item 11. on the Agenda. **FIRST READING BILL NO. 13-24**, authorizing the City Manager to execute a multi-agency cooperative agreement for creation of a Northland Traffic Safety Task Force.

Mayor Moore stated this item was being withdrawn at this time from the agenda at the request of staff.

Item 12. on the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-13-37**, authorizing the City Manager to purchase fifty Electronic Control/Immobilization Devices with specified equipment, including training police officers as instructors, from Karbon Arms, for the total amount of \$41,023.92.

Councilman Bill Garnos moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-13-37**, authorizing the City Manager to purchase fifty Electronic Control/Immobilization Devices with specified equipment, including training police officers as instructors, from Karbon Arms, for the total amount of \$41,023.92. Councilman Barry McCullough seconded.

Councilmember Suter said, for the sake of the audience, Councilman Garnos has had a particular interest in this, and for those who do not know, this means Tasers.

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

Item 13. on the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-13-38**, ratifying and approving Change Order No. 14 in the amount of \$329,210.00 to the contract with Fleshman Construction, Incorporated, for construction of additional tenant improvements at 7001 North Cherry as part of the Linden Square – Village Center Project.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-13-38**, ratifying and approving Change Order No. 14 in the amount of \$329,210.00 to the contract with Fleshman Construction, Incorporated, for construction of additional tenant improvements at 7001 North Cherry as part of the Linden Square – Village Center Project. Councilmember Carol Suter seconded.

Mayor Moore said, for the benefit of the audience, that this Resolution was for improvements to the second floor of the Dentistry for Children building for the City’s sublease of that space by Oakhill Day School. This will prepare the space for Oakhill before school starts.

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

Item 14. on the Agenda. SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO FORMER MAYOR BARRY McCULLOUGH.

Mayor Moore invited Councilman McCullough to join her and the rest of the City Council in front of the Council dais. Mayor Moore said on behalf of the entire City Council and the residents of the City of Gladstone, it was her honor to present him with the Key to the City and a flag that was flown over the City during his term as Mayor and Councilman.

Councilman McCullough offered his thanks, which was followed by applause from the audience.

Mayor Moore offered the following comments to Councilman and former Mayor Barry McCullough:

This is an evening of conflicting emotions. First of all, it is a joy to salute you for the many talents and contributions you have made to the City and to this Council. You studied the issues, asked tough questions, held Council's feet to the fire, and helped the Council do a better job, and they are grateful for that. You have been an incredible role model and advocate for the City, both on the Council and in your work with the Rotary, Missouri Municipal League, and with all the positions you have had, with Hillcrest Transitional Housing, and the Chamber; you have done amazing things.

It is with enormous sadness that we bid you farewell. We will miss your leadership and your voice on the challenges that this Council faces. We are also sad that you cannot be with us to share in some of the joys and successes that you have worked so hard to achieve. We will miss your smile and we will miss having you as our colleague. As you leave your seat on the Council, you leave behind huge footsteps to fill – and that has nothing to do with your shoe size!

We extend our sincere thanks and deep appreciation for all that you have done for this City and all the residents.

Mayor Moore asked everyone to join in saluting Councilman McCullough for his service on the Gladstone City Council, which was followed with a standing applause from the audience.

Councilman McCullough offered his thanks to Mayor Moore, the City Council, and to everyone, and said it had been a real honor to get to serve the residents of Gladstone, and work with such a professional staff and incredible City Council, current and past. Councilman McCullough said he had been very lucky to be a part the City Council, and he has benefitted from the knowledge he has gained from this experience, which was followed by applause from the audience.

Mayor Moore said it was her understanding that there were some comments that needed to be made by members of the Council, so invited comments at this time.

Councilman Bill Garnos jokingly said he did not realize that this was going to be a roast; he was told to keep it short, because it is an important night on “The Bachelorette”, and for that, Barry needs to get home to see how Desiree is going to make out!

Councilman Garnos said Barry was Mayor when he had the privilege of joining the City Council. Barry has been very important in his mentoring to him on the City Council from the very beginning, and he has appreciated that. Councilman Garnos said he had appreciated Barry’s wise counsel through two campaigns, and he has always admired his dedication, his time he put in so unselfishly, and he believes everyone in the City has benefitted from it. Councilman Garnos said he wished Councilman McCullough the best of luck, but he knows we will see him often.

Councilman McCullough thanked Councilman Garnos.

Councilmember Carol Suter stated she and Councilman McCullough served together longer than anyone else on this Council, but considering all the turn over, that isn’t saying a whole lot! Councilmember Suter said she first got to know Barry as an opponent in a political campaign, because he was crazy enough to take on an incumbent, and got Council’s attention. Councilmember Suter said it was that campaign that really did get Council’s attention, and helped the City Council to see him as an up and coming leader in the community. Barry conducted himself with integrity, dignity, and honesty, and he was motivated by what was best for the City. That really impressed the City Council; so much so, that those who were on the opposite side became supporters on his side to make sure that he was elected to this Council.

Councilmember Suter said it had been a pleasure to serve with Barry, and stated they did not always see “eye to eye”, and sometimes “got into each other’s hair”, and that was a challenge. At the end of the day, they always did what was in the best interest of the City. Councilmember Suter said she always appreciated that Councilman McCullough came from a slightly different philosophical perspective than she, and sometimes other members of the Council, and it was a perspective that was important and needed to be represented. Mayor Suter said she had always respected Councilman McCullough for expressing his opinions with dignity and respect for those on the City Council who did not always agree, and that really helped them to make better decisions, and she will miss that perspective, and she will miss his smile and twinkling eyes along the way.

Councilmember Suter said she looked forward to Councilman McCullough finding ways to serve the area, even though he will be only across the street from Gladstone. There will be others ways to serve this region and she looks forward to seeing him in leadership again.

Councilman McCullough thanked Councilmember Suter.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill said he had to follow with Councilmember Suter's comments in that his first knowledge of Barry was on the other side of a political campaign. The next thing that he knew after Barry lost was that the Council "stuck" Barry with him on the Planning Commission! Mayor Pro Tem Hill said he got to know Barry better, and he served for a short term on the Planning Commission before he came back to run for the City Council again. Mayor Pro Tem Hill said once Barry was on the City Council, Barry wanted to get to know him better and jokingly said he did not know why, and so Barry helped him serve on the Gladfest Committee in distributing Pepsi products and ice. That was pretty interesting and he got to know Barry pretty well. Mayor Pro Tem Hill jokingly said he believed it was eye opening for Barry as well, because when they went down to the old maintenance shed, opened the garage door, and he backed up the Gator and started to load Pepsi products, Barry picked up one bottle of Pepsi, as if to ask why the Gator was needed. Mayor Pro Tem Hill said he believed it brought him around to the logistics of Gladfest.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill said he would miss Councilman McCullough's guidance and his input on the City Council, and he would have to find someone else to pick on, so he suggested City Manager Davis get ready! Mayor Pro Tem Hill jokingly said there should not be as much difficulty in the lighting in photos with the shine from over there, but maybe those pictures may be taken from up here in the future. Mayor Pro Tem Hill thanked Councilman McCullough for his many years of service to the City, and said he will be missed, but he looks forward to his continued involvement.

Councilman McCullough thanked Mayor Pro Tem Hill.

Councilman McCullough introduced his mother and father, Dale and Linda McCullough; his lovely wife, Anita, who made all this possible, her folks, Doreen and Dave Metter; his oldest daughter, Megan, his son-in-law Jason, and his granddaughter, Scarlet. Councilman McCullough said he appreciated having his family present this evening.

Mayor Moore invited anyone in the audience who would like to make comments about Councilman McCullough to please approach the microphone.

Former Mayor and Councilman Les Smith, 13110 West 74th Street; Shawnee, Kansas, began by jokingly saying he did not much like it on the audience side of the podium! Mr. Smith said to Councilman McCullough that he debated long and hard whether or not to stand up and visit, but he and Barry had some special circumstances. Barry and he first were acquainted in 2007, maybe technically 2006, but he had a feeling they would get to know each other better as they worked through a campaign in the spring of 2007. Barry's timing was not very good. Barry took on an incumbent when we had a lot of feel good things going on in Gladstone. We had built a community center, we had a lot of master planning and visioning, building 70th Street, and doing other things, and it was a tough time to take on an incumbent. Barry lost, but it was a good time in Gladstone's history,

and the reason why is because sometimes when a candidate loses he may get resentful and may become a negative influence in the community. Not Barry, Barry dug in and said maybe I should learn a little bit more about our community, the governance of our community, because this is something I really want to do. On the flip side, years ago, in the 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s, if you ran against an incumbent and they beat you, those people buried that candidate, and they were never to be heard or seen again. Councilmember Suter was correct. We learned very early that Barry was a good guy. Mr. Smith said his own litmus test is that you have to be willing to do the right things for the right reasons, and it was evident that Barry wanted to do the right things for the right reasons. He had some concerns about our community, and we now know that he usually jumps in with both feet, and he wanted to become a part of it. There are two things you do not want to happen during a campaign. You don't want to learn that your opponent is a really good guy, because it takes some of the edge off, and you lose some aggressiveness, but worse than that is you do not want your campaign volunteers to realize that your opponent is a good guy. Mr. Smith said he knew Barry was a good guy, but he couldn't tell anyone!

Mr. Smith said their time on the Council was great. Barry was there the evening that Mr. Smith left, and that meant a lot to him, because Barry really is a good guy. Barry worked hard when he succeeded him as Mayor in 2011, when there was, again, a lot on the plate. There was the ridiculous settlement discussion with the County on the Road District. There were a million other things going. There was the Village Center that had been talked about for 40 years, but finally, we were gaining some traction. Barry and the rest of the Council did not skip a beat. The Council picked it right up and gave it everything that it needed and this community is better for it.

Mr. Smith said to Barry "serving with you – it was an honor – from Gladstone, my home town, thank you. Job well done. You left it better than you found it".

Mayor Moore thanked Councilman McCullough and said she and the Council so appreciate him.

Item 15. on the Agenda. OTHER BUSINESS.

There was no other business to come before the City Council.

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

There were no questions from the News Media.

Item 17. on the Agenda. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the July 22, 2013, Gladstone Regular City Council Meeting, Mayor Jean Moore adjourned the meeting.

Mayor Moore invited everyone to the North and South Conference Rooms for a reception honoring Councilman McCullough.

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy Swenson, City Clerk

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

Mayor Jean B. Moore