



**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

Mayor Jean Moore opened the City Council Meeting to adjourn to a Closed Executive Session on February 10, 2014, at 6:30 PM. Councilmember Carol Suter made a motion to adjourn to Closed Executive Session pursuant to Missouri Open Meeting Act Exemptions 610.021(1) for Litigation and Confidential or Privileged Communications with Legal Counsel, 610.021(2) for Real Estate Acquisition Discussion, and 610.021(3) for Personnel Discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill seconded. Roll Call Vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (4-0).

Councilman Gary Markenson was absent.

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

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

**ABSENT:** Councilman Gary Markenson

**Item 2. on the Agenda.      ROLL CALL.**

Mayor Jean Moore opened the Regular February 10, 2014, City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in the Gladstone City Council Chambers, and noted that all City Council members were present, except for Councilman Gary Markenson who was out of town for a funeral.

Mayor Jean Moore said she and the City Council wished to welcome everyone who attended the meeting in person, and to say hello to those who were listening on-line. Mayor Moore said she and the City Council appreciated everyone's involvement in City government.

**Item 3. on the Agenda. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

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

**Item 4. on the Agenda. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 27, 2014, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.**

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill moved to approve the January 27, 2014, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, as presented. Councilman Bill Garnos seconded.

Councilmember Carol Suter stated she would abstain from the vote on the meeting minutes as she was absent from the January 27, 2014, City Council meeting.

The vote: "Aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. "Abstain" – Councilmember Carol Suter. (3-0-1).

**Item 5. on the Agenda. PRESENTATION OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPRECIATION PLAQUES.**

Mayor Moore stated it was a great honor this evening to be able to present plaques to five Gladstone citizens in honor of their service on Boards and Commissions in our City. The City of Gladstone places a high degree of value and importance on its Boards and Commissions. The Boards and Commissions work tirelessly to come up with ideas, do heavy lifting before issues come before the City Council, or before new ideas are considered by the City Council for the City. Our City has an extraordinarily talented pool of people who work really hard for the City, and the individuals being honored this evening were no exception. Many of them have spent years in service to the City.

Mayor Moore and the City Council members moved to the front of the Council dais to present the plaques of appreciation and congratulations as follows:

Mayor Moore recognized Lee Laramore, who served on the Capital Improvements Program Committee from January 1996 to December 2013, and was Chairman from April 2011 to December 2013. Mayor Moore stated "Unbelievable!" Mayor Moore thanked Mr. Laramore for his extraordinary service to our City.

City Manager Kirk Davis said he believed Mr. Laramore has been involved with an advisory board or a Council task force since 1962.

Mayor Moore said as long as she has been involved with the City, Mr. Laramore has been right there involved with everything, so we are grateful.

Mr. Laramore thanked the Mayor and City Council.

Mayor Moore next recognized Eugene Suter, who served on the Environmental Management Advisory Committee from August 2001 to December 2013, and was Chairman from January 2009 to December 2012. Mayor Moore thanked Mr. Suter.

Mr. Suter thanked the Mayor and City Council.

Mayor Moore recognized Michelle Coon, who served on the Theatre in the Park Board from December 2004 to December 2013. Mayor Moore thanked Ms. Coon.

Ms. Coon thanked the Mayor and City Council.

Mayor Moore recognized Dianne Smith, who served on the Planning Commission from June 2008 to December 2013. Mayor Moore thanked Ms. Smith.

Ms. Smith thanked the Mayor and City Council.

Mayor Moore recognized Jinny Kye, who served on the Environmental Management Advisory Committee from January 2011 to December 2013. Mayor Moore thanked Ms. Kyle.

Ms. Kyle thanked the Mayor and City Council.

Mayor Moore said she and the City Council know these honorees are not retiring completely from City service; it is expected to see their faces around and serving on other Boards and activities in the City in which they are involved. They are just retiring from this particular aspect of the City. Mayor Moore offered her and the City Council's thanks to each and every honoree.

Each presentation was recognized with applause from the audience.

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

John Garner, 111 Heatherton Court, said he had noticed that some of the bus stops were not being shoveled to remove the snow. He noticed the main one near City Hall and one on Antioch Road was shoveled, but others were not. Mr. Garner said an example is the one in front of 64<sup>th</sup> and North Oak Trafficway. People are standing in snow that has been piled up and on the sidewalks. Mr. Garner asked if the City pays KCATA (Kansas City Area Transit Authority) a good sum of money to subsidize this and shouldn't they be cleaning off the snow where people stand.

Assistant City Manager Scott Wingerson stated the City does pay KCATA for bus service; however our maintenance agreement for shelters are only for the two shelters on North Oak Trafficway and the two shelters on Antioch Road.

Mr. Wingerson said he believed Mr. Garner was referring to a pole stop, (which Mr. Garner confirmed was correct), for example at 64<sup>th</sup> and North Oak Trafficway, where there is no maintenance agreement with KCATA to provide that service or at any pole stops in the City.

Mr. Garner asked if there was anything the City could do to help out the people; perhaps, to blade the area and scoop it on down a little bit further, where they would have a place to stand. It would be a courtesy for the City to do that.

Mayor Moore replied that would be looked into by staff.

Mr. Garner said he knew we have had a huge amount of snow, but some of the businesses' parking lots on Antioch Road and North Oak Trafficway have visibility concerns when people are leaving or going into the parking lots. The snow is piled so high, one cannot see out into the traffic to get back onto the street. Mr. Garner asked if a bulletin or email could be sent out requesting the businesses not to pile snow beyond the line of sight before someone has a wreck pulling out onto a street. Mr. Garner suggested if it takes an Ordinance to address this, he asked the Council to look into doing that.

Mayor Moore thanked Mr. Garner for his good comments, and said his concerns would be looked into by staff.

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

**Councilman Bill Garnos** expressed appreciation to City staff for their work last week. First to Public Works with the incredible amount of snow and their excellent snow removal that everyone has come to expect. It was made complex this year with the depth of the snow and the cold combined. Councilman Garnos said he admired the work they did, and he understood that it was such a big snow event that Parks and Recreation helped with the removal, and he wished to also extend thanks to them.

Councilman Garnos thanked Public Safety Director Michael Hasty for their handling and safe resolution of the incident near the elementary school last week. Councilman Garnos also thanked the other law enforcement agencies who helped resolve that situation without any injuries.

Councilman Garnos thanked Economic Development Administrator Melinda Mehaffy and Public Information Officer Richard King for some of the nice articles last week on Gladstone 18. They were well done and timely.

**Councilmember Carol Suter** stated "Hear, hear" for both Public Works and Public Safety. Gladstone has always looked good in the midst of lots of havoc. The Mayor of Kansas City even referred in kind of an off-handed way about how not to compare their services to ours.

The next time we will make sure he knows the name of our City, and not just “those eight square miles north of the river”, but at least people are paying attention.

Councilmember Suter said she was not sure if anything had been done publicly to recognize that our City has won two awards for Linden Square, which is really exciting. The Farm has been recognized repeatedly in the last year or two, and now that Linden Square has been finished, we were subject to some local and regional awards for community improvement and for an economic development driver, which was very exciting.

**Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill** offered “ditto” to the remarks about Public Works and Public Safety, and he thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for their work. Mayor Pro Tem Hill said he wished to clarify what is often forgotten is that Parks provides snow removal for the public buildings and parking lots; that is never Public Works, and a lot of the time recognition is neglected for the Parks’ crews. When there is a snow event, they are always involved in clearing access to buildings and parking lots. Mayor Pro Tem Hill said he wished to be sure they were recognized as well.

**Mayor Jean Moore** said, “Hear, hear, hear,” to Public Works, Public Safety, and Parks and Recreation. It emphasizes again what an amazing staff we have in this City, and how dedicated they all are. It is something for which we are all proud. Mayor Moore offered her thanks.

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

City Manager Kirk Davis reported the City received awards for Linden Square from the Urban Land Institute and from the “Kansas City Business Journal” for Linden Square and its impact on the business community, as well as the community overall, here, in the Northland. It was nice to be recognized for those improvements. Staff, who worked hard on that project, deserve to be recognized. City Manager Davis offered Kudos to those folks.

City Manager Davis thanked the City Council for mentioning Parks. In the snow event, Parks and Public Works did a yeoman’s job; in fact, he believed the snow removal crews worked 60 hours straight in their operation. People may not recognize the pre-treatment through the clean-up work after a snow event. City Manager Davis said he thought they did a really good job in a particularly tough storm. Parks is part of that team, particularly around City Hall, and they clean the parking lots at all the public facilities. Around City Hall, they help with the streets, as well. Parks is a big part of the strategy with a snow event, so all their work is appreciated.

City Manager Davis said last Friday there was an event that received notice, and he told the Public Safety Department today that they were at their finest during that event. It was a difficult event that involved a school. The School District’s plan was perfect. They really knew what they were doing once the go ahead was given to remove the students from the school. Public Safety Officer Leann Smith, who works with a lot of our schools, called the school and was there almost immediately. The children were never in harm’s way. There

were officers in the school very quickly. Between the School District and our Police Department they did a great job of protecting the children and making sure the school was safe, until we had a good analysis of what the situation really was. City Manager Davis offered Kudos to Public Safety Director Mike Hasty and the entire Public Safety staff for the work they did. There were a lot of agencies who responded to help; in particular, the Platte County Sheriff; the Clay County Sheriff; Kansas City, Missouri; the Highway Patrol; and certainly, our own officers. There were a lot of people who helped, and Director Hasty is going to recognize those folks for their assistance, as has been done in other cases when something has happened in other cities. We appreciate their assistance.

City Manager Davis reported that City Hall would be closed for Presidents' Day on Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Moore said on the occasions she had been invited to some of the schools in our City, Linden West for one, and Meadowbrook Elementary, they have all made a point to say how deeply grateful they are for Public Safety. They say the officers come by, and they are there at a moment's notice if they need them, but often they just drop by. They have lunch with the kids. They drop by and are a presence. Mayor Moore said that seems to be totally meaningful to the schools, and she knows it makes a huge difference. Mayor Moore offered her thanks for the Public Safety Department's good work.

City Manager Davis replied the employees of the Public Safety Department are very professional, and they care about our community.

**Item 9. on the Agenda.**      **RESOLUTION R-14-07**, amending or adopting the 2014 General Fund, Community Center and Park Tax Fund, Capital Improvement Tax Fund, Transportation Tax Fund, and Capital Equipment Replacement Fund, for the City of Gladstone, Missouri, and authorizing expenditures of funds.

Councilmember Carol Suter moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-14-07**, amending or adopting the 2014 General Fund, Community Center and Park Tax Fund, Capital Improvement Tax Fund, Transportation Tax Fund, and Capital Equipment Replacement Fund, for the City of Gladstone, Missouri, and authorizing expenditures of funds. Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill seconded. The vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (4-0).

**Item 10. on the Agenda.**      **RESOLUTION R-14-08**, authorizing the City Manager to execute a first amendment to the Replacement Water Tower Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless, LLC for the Antioch Water Tower site.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-14-08**, authorizing the City Manager to execute a first amendment to the Replacement Water Tower Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless, LLC for the Antioch Water Tower site. Councilman Bill Garnos seconded. The vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (4-0).

**Item 11. on the Agenda.**      **RESOLUTION R-14-09**, authorizing the City Manager to execute the fourth amendment to the Water Tower Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless, LLC for the Linden Water Tower site.

Councilman Bill Garnos moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-14-09**, authorizing the City Manager to execute the fourth amendment to the Water Tower Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless, LLC for the Linden Water Tower site. Councilmember Carol Suter seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (4-0).

**Item 12. on the Agenda.**      **APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Councilmember Carol Suter moved to approve the **DECEMBER 2013 FINANCIAL REPORT**. Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (4-0).

**Item 13. on the Agenda.**      **PUBLIC HEARING:** for consideration of a Site Plan and Rezoning of property commonly known as 2801 and 2901 Northeast 72<sup>nd</sup> Street. Applicant: Scenic Development, LLC. Owner: John Youngwirth. File #1387.

Mayor Moore opened and immediately closed the Public Hearing, as the Public Hearing was being continued at the request of the applicant.

**Item 14. on the Agenda.**      **OTHER BUSINESS.**

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

**Item 15. on the Agenda.**      **QUESTIONS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA.**

There were no questions from the News Media.

**Item 16. on the Agenda.**      **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business to come before the February 10, 2014, Gladstone Regular City Council Meeting, Mayor Jean Moore adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

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Cathy Swenson, City Clerk

Approved as submitted: \_\_\_\_  
Approved as corrected/amended: \_\_\_\_

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Mayor Jean B. Moore