



**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI  
TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2012**

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

**PRESENT:** Mayor Carol Suter  
Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore  
Councilman Barry McCullough  
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 Carol Suter opened the Regular May 29, 2012, City Council Meeting at 7:30 PM in the Gladstone City Council Chambers, and noted that all City Council members were present. Mayor Suter welcomed everyone in the audience, and invited a Boy Scout in the audience to introduce himself as follows: Andrew Hedrick of Troop 357, who was working on his Communications merit badge, and was accompanied by his father, Allan Hedrick. Mayor Suter also extended a special welcome to John Garner, and said she and the Council were happy to see his return to attending the City Council meetings with a new lease on life!

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

Mayor Carol Suter invited Mr. John Garner and Boy Scout Andrew Hedrick to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, in which all joined.

**Item 4. on the Agenda.      APPROVAL OF THE MAY 14, 2012, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.**

Councilman Barry McCullough moved to approve the **MAY 14, 2012, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** as presented. 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 5. on the Agenda.      SPECIAL    PRESENTATION    BY    MISSOURI    STATE  
REPRESENTATIVE JERRY NOLTE.**

State Representative Jerry Nolte began by saying he was present at this meeting because of one of Gladstone's primary "movers and shakers", and this person, who makes Gladstone the kind of city we are all very proud to live in, has received an award. State Representative Nolte said at the General Assembly, Resolutions are presented on these types of occasions. City Manager Kirk Davis has been awarded the Jay T. Bell Professional Management Award, which is something of which we can all be proud. This is another one of those accolades that comes Kirk's way because he is such a great person and asset for Gladstone. State Representative Nolte said when he first became involved in politics of the area, Mr. Davis was one of the people on the short list of folks he needed to talk to in order to understand what Gladstone is all about, and what the City of Gladstone needs. State Representative Nolte said he was very grateful that Mr. Davis took the time and showed patience as he was trying to become a better representative for our area. We could not be as good of a City without the hard work and efforts of City Manager Davis. State Representative Nolte presented to City Manager Davis a House Resolution recognizing him as the 2012 recipient of the Jay T. Bell Professional Management Award, which was followed with applause from the audience.

City Manager Davis offered thanks to Mr. Nolte and to all who were a part of his recognition. City Manager Davis said that Jay Bell was the Executive Director of the Missouri Municipal League back in the 1960's, 70's and early 80's, and he developed a reputation as a great representative of good government. He passed away unexpectedly in 1981, and at that time the Missouri City Managers' Association said they wanted to recognize Mr. Bell for all he had done for Missouri cities, so they started the Jay T. Bell Award. This award goes to people primarily from cities such as Kansas City or Springfield, and this time they recognized someone from Gladstone. City Manager Davis said if you are around long enough, you are probably doing something right, and he has been around long enough, and done a couple of things right, so they were kind enough to recognize that.

City Manager Davis said this is the highest award the City Managers' Association gives every year, but they also recognize assistants, and Assistant City Manager Scott Wingerson received the Outstanding Assistant's Award three or four years ago. City Manager Davis said he thought Jay Bell would be proud of some of the things our City has accomplished. City Manager Davis thanked Mr. Nolte and the City Council.

**Item 6. on the Agenda.      CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Brian Hill moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilman Bill Garnos 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)

Councilman Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-46**, authorizing execution of a contract with Metro Asphalt, Incorporated, in the total amount not to exceed \$1,073,234.60 for the 69<sup>th</sup> Street Reconstruction – Oak to Holmes Project. Councilman Bill Garnos 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)

Councilman Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-47**, authorizing execution of a contract with Vance Brothers, Incorporated, in the total amount not to exceed \$148,544.46 for the 2012 Intermediate Maintenance Program. Councilman Bill Garnos 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)

Councilman Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-48**, authorizing execution of a contract with Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, in the total amount not to exceed \$727,256.85 for the 2012 Mill and Overlay Program; Project TP1206. Councilman Bill Garnos 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)

Councilman Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-49**, authorizing Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$36,064.00 to the contract with A.T. Switzer Painting Company, for painting the three indoor swimming pools at the Gladstone Community Center Natatorium, as part of the Painting Outdoor Swimming Pool Project. Councilman Bill Garnos 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)

Councilman Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-50**, accepting Temporary Construction Easements in conjunction with the Northeast 73<sup>rd</sup> Terrace Bank Stabilization Project. Councilman Bill Garnos 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)

Councilman Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-51**, accepting Temporary Construction Easements in conjunction with the Northeast 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Storm Improvements Project. Councilman Bill Garnos 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)

Councilman Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-52**, accepting a Temporary Construction Easement and a Quit-Claim Deed from certain property owners in conjunction with the North Oak at Northeast 76<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic Signal Improvement Project (025018). Councilman Bill Garnos 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)

Councilman Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-53**, accepting a Permanent Construction Easement in conjunction with the Northeast 67<sup>th</sup> Street and North Woodland Avenue Drainage Improvement Project. Councilman Bill Garnos 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)

Councilman Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-54**, authorizing the City Manager to amend the Retirement Health Savings (RHS) Plan to include mandatory participation and contributions of accrued sick leave. Councilman Bill Garnos 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)

Councilman Brian Hill moved to approve the **APRIL 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT**. Councilman Bill Garnos 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)

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **Item 7. on the Agenda.      COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.**

There were no comments from the audience.

### **Item 8. 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.

**Councilman Barry McCullough** welcomed John Garner back to the City Council meeting, and said everyone is glad to see him again.

**Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore** had no comments at this time.

**Mayor Carol Suter** reminded everyone that next weekend, June 8 and 9, is Bluesfest. They are still looking for some volunteers. Volunteering is a fun way to enjoy the event and still hear the music. Anyone wishing to volunteer may check with City Council members or the Gladstone Area Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Suter said she and the City Council look forward to kicking off this event on Friday, June 8.

### **Item 9. on the Agenda.      COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER.**

City Manager Kirk Davis stated he wished to again express his appreciation to State Representative Jerry Nolte for his recognition. It was nice of him to do that.

Mayor Suter said the recognition was well deserved.

**Item 10. on the Agenda.      RESOLUTION R-12-55**, ratifying agreements for fire protection and emergency medical services between the City of Gladstone and Villages of Oakwood, Oakwood Park and The Oaks.

Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-12-55**, ratifying agreements for fire protection and emergency medical services between the City of Gladstone and Villages of Oakwood, Oakwood Park and The Oaks. Councilman Barry McCullough 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 11. on the Agenda.**     **FIRST READING BILL 12-10**, amending Section 1.110.010 of the Code of City Ordinances by repealing Section 1.110.010 (10) and by repealing Title I, Chapter 110, Article 6, relating to the Telecommunications Advisory Board.

Councilman Brian Hill moved to place **Bill 12-10** on its First Reading. 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). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Brian Hill moved to accept the First Reading of **Bill 12-10**, Waive the Rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. 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). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Brian Hill moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **Bill 12-10**, and to enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.212**. Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore seconded.

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

**Item 12. on the Agenda.**     **PUBLIC HEARING:** on the proposed Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Operating Budget for the City of Gladstone, Missouri.

Mayor Suter stated that this Hearing would be held this evening, with no action on the Agenda.

**Mayor Suter opened the Public Hearing.**

City Manager Kirk Davis said he was pleased to present the 2012-13 Annual Budget to the Council for their consideration. The all funds budget is approximately \$33 million. Within that budget, all operations are funded, including capital improvements, General Fund operations, Enterprise Fund operations, debt service, Council goals, and capital purchases.

The General Fund Budget is \$16,788,515. This represents a 1.5 percent decrease from the 2012 Expected Budget. Highlights in this budget include a 2 percent merit pay increase for employees, three additional seasonal employees, and one additional Park crewman. Those positions are primarily to support the Linden Square project. The employees will be paying, on average, 4 percent more for health care coverage this year. The Capital Purchases package is highlighted by the purchase of three squad cars, two motorcycles, two dump trucks for Public

Works, lighting and sound equipment for Linden Square, a zero turn mower for Parks, and a new coat of paint for City Hall.

The Waterworks and Sewerage System Fund budget is \$8,322,000. This budget includes a \$.30 cent rate increase to move toward an automated water meter reading system, and monthly bills. This will be the first time since 2008 that the City has implemented a rate increase. In addition, the budget includes a \$.35 cent increase in the administrative fee. It is the first administrative fee increase since 2009, and will offset increased costs for the use of credit cards and on-line transactions. With these increases, our rates remain in the middle when compared with the rates being paid in other metropolitan area cities. The budget also funds \$300,000 in water line replacements, as well as a \$15,000 increase in lime sludge removal.

The City has a very aggressive capital improvement program underway. As the Council knows, this year, we have almost \$25 million in projects being built, designed, or just recently completed. Key road improvements expected for completion this year are 76<sup>th</sup> Street from Park to Agnes; 69<sup>th</sup> Street from North Oak Trafficway to North Holmes; and the traditional road maintenance program. Over \$2 million in stormwater improvements are planned, as we continue to make progress with our Stormwater Master Plan. Of the approximately 47 projects, we are in the mid to upper 30's, having completed that many projects in the last seven to eight years. Stormwater improvements include Mill Creek at the Flora Channel, as well as bank stabilization at Antioch Road, and improvements at 6700 and 6800 North Woodland, to name just a few. One can look across the street from City Hall and see improvements to our parks system.

We did a Parks Master Plan last year, and the top priorities were an expansion of our trail system, and some improvements in Central Park, which includes the playground, shelter and parking. Linden Square is funded, and will provide a great public space for our citizens to use year around, with a skating rink, an outdoor amphitheatre, affordable entertainment options, and the economic development tie-in with the new office building that will be part of the project. Combine that with the new Gladstone 18, the new coffee shop and restaurant, and you begin to see some momentum for our downtown project.

With the approval of historic tax credits, we can expect improvements in the Big Shoal Heritage Area, including improvements at the Big Shoal Cemetery and the Atkins-Johnson Farm, as we move toward opening the home as a museum. A curator has been hired, and we are looking forward to having that fully available to the public and all the benefits it brings to our citizens.

The proposed Community Center Fund budget is \$3,078,000. Highlighting this budget is the replacement of approximately \$40,000 in cardio equipment, and the painting of the indoor pools at a cost of \$18,000.

The Public Safety Sales Tax Fund is approximately \$788,000 this year, and is designed to fund six Police Officers, two squad cars, related expenditures, and the debt service for an almost \$2 million radio system. All of these obligations are funded in this budget. Also funded in this budget are capital purchases that will utilize new technologies, including a move towards e-ticketing and the replacement of four mobile data terminals in squad cars. We are pleased to have this resource available to continue to improve our Public Safety services in the community.

City Manager Davis thanked the City Council for their time and attention in the Open Study Sessions in putting this budget together. City Manager Davis said he wished to thank the entire staff who participated in this budget, including the Department Directors, and the Budget Team, in particular Finance Director Debra Daily, Financial Analyst Beth Saluzzi, City Attorney Randall Thompson, Human Resources Administrator Charlene Leslie, and Assistant City Manager Scott Wingerson. They have been working on this budget since February, and have done a great job of paying attention to the needs of the employees as they brought forward needs from the departments. The Budget adoption is scheduled for the Council meeting of June 11<sup>th</sup>. City Manager Davis said he would be happy to answer any questions relative to the proposed 2012-2013 Budget.

There were no questions or comments from the City Council. Mayor Suter said she assumes the Council is satisfied with the information and offered "job well done".

City Manager Davis said the Council participated in the process, and has seen this information before, but if a Council member should have any questions, please see him and he would try to get the answer.

**There was no one to speak in Favor or Opposition to the proposed Budget.**

**Mayor Suter closed the Public Hearing.**

**Item 13. on the Agenda.      OTHER BUSINESS.**

There was no other business.

**Item 14. on the Agenda.      QUESTIONS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA.**

There were no questions from the News Media.

**Item 15. on the Agenda.      ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business to come before the May 29, 2012, Gladstone Regular City Council Meeting, Mayor Carol Suter 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 Carol Suter