



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013**

Mayor Carol Suter opened the City Council Meeting to adjourn to a Closed Executive Session on January 28, 2013, at 6:45 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore made a motion to adjourn to Closed Executive Session pursuant to Missouri Open Meeting Act Exemption 610.021(1) for Litigation and Confidential or Privileged Communications with Legal Counsel, and 610.021(2) for Real Estate Acquisition Discussion, and 610.021(3) for Personnel Discussion. Councilman Bill Garnos seconded.

Roll Call Vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (3-0).

Councilman Barry McCullough and Councilman Brian Hill were also present at the Closed Executive Session.

Mayor Carol Suter adjourned the Closed Executive Session.

**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 January 28, 2013, 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 also those people joining the meeting live, on-line. Mayor Suter said the City Council appreciates everyone’s interest in City government.

Item 3. on the Agenda. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Carol Suter lead the Pledge of Allegiance, in which all joined.

Mayor Suter pointed out to those who might be new to a City Council meeting that the meeting agenda was provided on the screens in the Council Chambers.

Item 4. on the Agenda. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 14, 2013, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.

Councilman Barry McCullough moved to approve the **JANUARY 14, 2013, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** as presented. Councilman Brian Hill seconded. The vote: “Aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Brian Hill, Councilman Barry McCullough, and Mayor Carol Suter. “Abstain” - Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore. (4-0-1).

Note: Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore was absent from the January 14, 2013, Regular City Council meeting; therefore, she abstained from voting on approval of the meeting Minutes.

Item 5. on the Agenda. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 17, 2013, SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.

Councilman Brian Hill moved to approve the **JANUARY 17, 2013, SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**. Councilman Barry McCullough seconded. The vote: “Aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman Brian Hill, Councilman Barry McCullough, and Mayor Carol Suter. “Abstain” - Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore. (4-0-1).

Note: Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore was absent from the January 17, 2013, Regular City Council meeting; therefore, she abstained from voting on approval of the meeting Minutes.

Item 6. on the Agenda. PRESENTATION OF MAYOR’S CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING FUND CHECKS TO:

The Northland Christmas Store in the amount of \$9,713.70.

Children’s Mercy Hospital in the amount of \$3,763.70.

Get Kids Connected – Gladstone Parks and Recreation Scholarship Program in the amount of \$3,613.70.

Mayor Suter stated next on the agenda was a fun activity. There was a very successful Mayor’s Christmas Tree Fund this year. Mayor Suter said she believed that people were so enthusiastic about Linden Square that the enthusiasm carried a long way, and, also, we have a lot of great folks in Gladstone, who want to help their fellow citizens. Mayor Suter said it was her pleasure to award the checks this evening. Mayor Suter stated that one of the fun things the Mayor gets to do is decide which organization receives the money from the Mayor’s Christmas Tree Fund, so tonight she would announce which organizations received the money, and the recipients would tell a little bit about their organization.

Mayor Suter, invited Bill Turnage, Chairman of the Board of the Northland Christmas Store, to join her at the Council dais.

Mayor Suter explained that the funds raised this year were divided between three agencies, but some contributions are earmarked or designated for just one of the agencies, and that is the case

with the Northland Christmas Store. The Scarecrow Run is designated to this charity, so the checks are not equal thirds.

Mayor Suter presented a check in the amount of \$9,713.70 to Bill Turnage on behalf of the Northland Christmas Store.

Following applause, Mr. Turnage thanked the Mayor and City Council, and said that there are employees of the City of Gladstone who participate, and member of the City Council who volunteer, and he appreciates all of them, as well as the support of the community, which makes the Northland Christmas Store a great organization. This past year the count of people in the store, and the homebound recipients were a little bit less, but these funds will provide an opportunity to do more for the clients they have for this coming season.

Mayor Suter invited David Daniel, Director of Development, with Children's Mercy Hospital, to join her at the Council dais. Mayor Suter announced that Children's Mercy Hospital Northland Clinic was the second recipient, and they received a check for \$3,763.70, and there was an in-kind contribution from Best Buy, a gift card, which was passed on to Children's Mercy Hospital, which will make possible the purchase of some great things to help the children.

Following applause, Mr. Daniel thanked the Mayor and City Council, and said that Children's Mercy Hospital is a children's hospital, with a location on Hospital Hill, near Crown Center, and there are also regional clinics or hospitals at all four points of the compass – Northland, east, south, and Kansas City Kansas. Children's Mercy Hospital takes care of every kid, regardless of their ability to pay, and when the community steps up, it is important, and helps them with their mission. Mr. Daniel said they were very grateful to the City of Gladstone for this contribution.

Mayor Suter said her family had the opportunity to take her grandson to Children's Mercy North, with a minor emergency. Mayor Suter said it was her first trip to the clinic, and she was so appreciative of the pediatric care, which is available after hours and on weekends, providing access to the best care around.

Mayor Suter invited Parks and Recreation Director Sheila Lillis to join her at the Council dais, where she said a check for \$3,613.70 would be presented to Director Lillis for the Get Kids Connected program, which is a Gladstone Parks and Recreation scholarship program.

Following applause, Director Lillis stated that this scholarship program has had their formal name for the past four years. The name was coined by Parks Supervisor Matt Hoops. Director Lillis said whether a person can or cannot pay for a program, staff does not want to turn away anyone. Scholarships are provided primarily for the youth development programs, and children have also been sponsored for Theatre in the Park, where they may need to buy their own costumes, and the program has afforded opportunities for families to use the outdoor pool. It is looked at as a necessity to keep kids involved and busy. Director Lillis said to her knowledge, a child has not been turned away because of their ability to pay. The program is now more formalized. Director Lillis thanked the Mayor and City Council for their continued support of this program.

Mayor Suter remarked that one of Gladstone's nicknames is the Heart of the Northland, and this is a great example of why that is true.

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

Charles Carmack, 1505 NE 77 Street, began by saying that he had told everyone he knows that Gladstone is the best place to live in the metropolitan area. Mr. Carmack said he wished to congratulate the City on the improvements that were made on 76th Street, which is now really beautiful. Mr. Carmack said at least six people, who knew that he had served on some committees in the City, came to him and really bragged on the appearance of 76th Street. Mr. Carmack said the City did a very good job with this project, and he thanked the City Council.

Mayor Suter thanked Mr. Carmack, and said a ribbon cutting was planned, but it was snowed out, so hopefully, one will be held soon.

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

Councilman Bill Garnos said with the beautiful weather today, he had the privilege of riding his bicycle on the 76th Street improvements and down to the trails. One of the things he found out that he did not realize was that the City of Kansas City was in the process of doing their portion of the work on the north end to extend the trail. Councilman Garnos said when he got to the end, he saw equipment, and they had at least bulldozed a rough path that would eventually take the north end of the trail all the way up to Barry Road. One cannot visit this trail without seeing people walking, riding their bikes, or walking their dogs. Councilman Garnos said his understanding is that it will be done sometime in June. Councilman Garnos said he knew it was going to be expanded, but he did not realize it was going to be done this quickly; especially, the Kansas City portion of it. It will be a great finished project.

Councilman Brian Hill had no comments at this time.

Councilman Barry McCullough had no comments at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore stated she had the opportunity on Friday night to attend the Little Art Show that the City does occasionally. The artwork for this show was from area high school students. It was wonderful. If one has not had the opportunity to see the art, it is on display at the Community Center, which gives folks the opportunity to see our wonderful Community Center. The art show was well attended by all the students, and it was a big hit. Mayor Pro Tem Moore encouraged everyone to attend the City's art shows, because they are really fun, there are refreshments, and there is an opportunity to hear the artist talk about his work. It is a little hidden gem that we have in this City, and a lot of folks maybe do not take advantage of it. The students seem to really enjoy the opportunity to show case their talents, and there is a lot of talent there. Mayor Pro Tem Moore said it is a fun event, and she encouraged everyone to stop by the Community Center and take a look.

Mayor Carol Suter reported that on Wednesday evening of this week the City of Kansas City is conducting a focus group on arts in the community, and the event will be held in our Community Center. This is partly due to our request, because we want to be included in the research they are

doing, as they are taking a look at art programming in Kansas City. This will help us as we pursue our Council goal this year of creating a cultural plan for the City of Gladstone. Mayor Suter encouraged people who have interest in the arts or the business of art, to attend this meeting at 5:00 PM, Wednesday evening, in the Community Center. The meeting should last for one hour. Everyone's input would be appreciated, because although Kansas City is conducting the meeting, Gladstone will receive the information and that information will be used in Gladstone.

Mayor Suter stated she wished to offer a special thank you to City Clerk Cathy Swenson for the work done this year on the City election and ballot construction. The State law changed this year, so there was some extra work on City Clerk Swenson's part, and she always keeps the Council "up to snuff", and doing the right things at the right time. Mayor Suter said that this year took extra effort, and it was done so professionally, and the Council really appreciates her support.

City Clerk Cathy Swenson thanked the Mayor and City Council.

Mayor Suter mentioned the litter on M-1 Highway, from 72nd Street on the west side, or basically from Walmart to the City limits. There is a lot of trash on the embankment in that area. Mayor Suter said she did not see a sign noting that someone had volunteered to adopt that area.

City Manager Kirk Davis said that information would be forwarded on to our friends with the Missouri Department of Transportation. City Manager Davis said the other thing we will do is get out our own street sweeper, when we know it will be above freezing for a couple of days. Staff will cover the areas around the islands with the street sweeper.

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

City Manager Kirk Davis had no comments at this time.

Item 10. on the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-13-06**, authorizing acceptance of work under contract with Linaweaver Construction, Incorporated, for the 67th and Woodland Storm Water Improvements; and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$14,943.05.

Councilman Barry McCullough moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-13-06**, authorizing acceptance of work under contract with Linaweaver Construction, Incorporated, for the 67th and Woodland Storm Water Improvements; and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$14,943.05. Councilman Brian Hill 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. **RESOLUTION R-13-07**, supporting an amendment to the 2008 Comprehensive Plan in accordance with Missouri Revised Statutes Section 89.310; related to the Antioch Road Corridor Study.

Councilman Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-13-07**, supporting an amendment to the 2008 Comprehensive Plan in accordance with Missouri Revised Statutes Section 89.310; related to the Antioch Road Corridor Study. 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 12. on the Agenda. **FIRST READING BILL NO. 13-03**, prohibiting picketing or other protest activities within three hundred feet of any residence, cemetery, funeral home, church, or synagogue during a funeral or burial service within the City of Gladstone.

Councilman Brian Hill moved to place **BILL 13-03** 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 13-03**, 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 13-03**, and to enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.226**. Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore seconded.

Councilman McCullough stated he would like to applaud everyone for a second try at this Bill, so it would be upheld in the legal system. It is too bad we have to take this step and take measures that seem unnecessary to show due respect. Councilman McCullough said he was glad to see this action seems to have upheld that test, and that Gladstone is putting it in place.

Mayor Suter said she was on the City Council when this was done the first time, and we had to vacate it, because the law was not upheld, and we are back to square one of putting it back on the books, she hopes.

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 13. on the Agenda. **APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT.**

Councilman Barry McCullough moved to approve the **DECEMBER 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT**. Councilman Brian Hill 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 14. on the Agenda. **OTHER BUSINESS.**

There was no other business.

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 January 28, 2013, Gladstone Regular City Council Meeting, Mayor Carol Suter adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy Swenson, City Clerk

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

Mayor Carol Suter