



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2013**

Mayor Jean Moore opened the City Council Meeting to adjourn to a Closed Executive Session on August 26, 2013, at 6:00 PM. Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill made a motion to adjourn to Closed Executive Session pursuant to Missouri Open Meeting Act Exemptions 610.021(2) for Real Estate Acquisition Discussion; and 610.021(18) the disclosure of information provided under this exception would impair the City Council's ability to protect the security or safety of persons and real property, and non-disclosure of this information outweighs the public interest in disclosure. Councilman Bill Garnos seconded.

Roll Call Vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (3-0).

Councilmember Carol Suter and Councilman Gary Markenson were also present at the Closed Executive Session.

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

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 August 26, 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 thanked everyone for their interest and involvement in City government.

Item 3. on the Agenda. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Moore introduced Gladstone Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 10906, and said it was an honor to have them lead the Pledge of Allegiance this evening. Members of the Post presented the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance, in which all joined.

Item 4. on the Agenda. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 12, 2013, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill moved to approve the August 12, 2013, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, as presented. Councilmember Carol Suter seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Gary Markenson, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore.
(5-0)

Item 5. on the Agenda. SPECIAL PRESENTATION: of a Gladstone Public Safety Citizen Commendation and the Mid-America Regional Council “9-1-1 Hero” Award to Jadyn Higgins.

Public Safety Director Mike Hasty welcomed honoree Jadyn Higgins and her family, Gladstone Public Safety Sergeant Bryan Boydston, and Keith Faddis, from the Mid-America Regional Council. Director Hasty said they wished to recognize the efforts of Jadyn and the Gladstone Public Safety Dispatcher who assisted her during her mother’s time of need. Director Hasty invited Mr. Faddis to join him at the podium to begin the recognition ceremony, and stated Mr. Faddis would talk about the 9-1-1 Heroes Program and the criteria to receive the award.

Mr. Faddis explained that the primary purposes of the Kansas City Regional 9-1-1 Hero Award Program are to recognize and reward children who demonstrate knowledge of the proper use of 9-1-1 by performing some heroic action during an emergency and to promote public education and awareness of 9-1-1. In order to receive the award, the hero must have initiated the 9-1-1 call and performed a heroic action during the course of the emergency that resulted in saving a life, significantly reducing property loss, or stopping a crime.

Mr. Faddis said on behalf of the Mid-America Regional Council, he wished to congratulate Jadyn Higgins and Dispatcher Robin Benitz for their heroic efforts during this emergency.

Director Hasty read the description of the 9-1-1 call Jadyn placed as follows:

On July 8 of this year, six-year old Jadyn and her family were swimming at the pool at their apartment complex. Jadyn and her brother, Jaxon, asked their mother, Tiffany, to get in the pool to play with them. As she did, Tiffany slipped, hit her head, and slipped into the water. Jadyn acted quickly; jumped out of the pool and dialed 9-1-1.

Dispatcher Robin Benitz answered the call from Jadyn. Jadyn quickly stated that her mother had fallen into the pool. Jadyn knew her location and let Robin know they were at the apartment pool. Robin reassured Jadyn that help was on the way.

Director Hasty stated Jadyn's heroic effort during her mother's time of need was commendable, and said he was pleased to present the Mid-America Regional Council 9-1-1 Hero Award to Jadyn Higgins. Director Hasty placed a medal on a ribbon around Jadyn's neck, and presented her with a tote bag filled with "goodies" from the Mid-America Regional Council.

Director Hasty said Dispatcher Robin Benitz could not be present at this meeting, but Sergeant Bryan Boydston was present to accept a certificate in her absence for her excellent performance during this lifesaving 9-1-1 call. Director Hasty presented the certificate to Sergeant Boydston.

Director Hasty continued by saying the Gladstone Public Safety Department wished to present a framed Certificate of Citizen Commendation to Jadyn Higgins in recognition of her courageous actions on the afternoon of July 8, 2013, when she observed her mother fall unconscious in the swimming pool after hitting her head, and immediately called 9-1-1 to summon help. Director Hasty presented the framed Certificate to Jadyn.

Following applause from the audience, the family of Jadyn Higgins offered their thanks for the recognitions.

Mayor Moore stated she and the City Council were very proud of Jadyn and knew her mother was also very proud and happy. Mayor Moore noted Jadyn had a large fan club with her this evening.

Item 6. on the Agenda. **PROCLAMATION:** recognizing **Gladstone Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10906**, who won the prestigious **All State and All American Hat Award** from the national headquarters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mayor Moore read and presented the Proclamation to Bill Driscoll, Senior Vice Commander of Gladstone Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10906. Mayor Moore thanked him and members of the Post for their service to the community.

Mr. Driscoll said it was a great honor to receive this Proclamation on behalf of all the members of Post 10906. Mr. Driscoll said he was deeply proud of the Post and all the Veterans of Foreign Wars members, and this recognition was deeply appreciated.

Item 7. on the Agenda. **CONSENT AGENDA.**

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

Councilman Gary Markenson moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-13-45**, authorizing execution of a contract with Redford Construction, Incorporated in the total amount not to exceed \$494,292.00 for the Old Maid's Creek Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Replacement and Regional Detention Basin Project. Councilmember Carol Suter seconded. The vote: All "aye" – Councilman Gary Markenson, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0)

Councilman Gary Markenson moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-13-46**, authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$85,150.00 to the contract with Ace Pipe Cleaning, Incorporated, for the 2013 Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising Project. Councilmember Carol Suter seconded. The vote: All "aye" – Councilman Gary Markenson, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0)

Councilman Gary Markenson moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-13-47**, accepting Temporary Construction Easements in conjunction with the Old Maids Creek Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Replacement and Linden Detention Basin. Councilmember Carol Suter seconded. The vote: All "aye" – Councilman Gary Markenson, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0)

Councilman Gary Markenson moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-13-48**, authorizing the City Manager to purchase nine copy machines, software drivers, and annual maintenance from Datamax, Incorporated. Councilmember Carol Suter seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Gary Markenson, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0)

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Item 8. on the Agenda. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

Don Mason, 3700 NE 76 Terrace, asked if anyone knew what happened in late July and early August 20 years ago – this was the 20th anniversary of this event.

Councilmember Suter replied the 100 year flood in Gladstone occurred 20 years ago, which was when she moved into Gladstone.

Mr. Mason replied that was correct. Gladstone’s water wells were 1.5 feet from being underwater 20 year ago. Electrical power was lost to every well, and row boats were used to access the wells. Mr. Mason provided pictures for staff to make copies for the City’s historical archives.

Mayor Moore thanked Mr. Mason.

Item 9. on the Agenda. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman Gary Markenson stated folks from Google wanted to meet us, and he had the opportunity, along with others from Gladstone, to visit the Google offices. He has been asked when Google is coming to Gladstone, and he wanted to let people know that folks from Google have no idea at this time as to when Google would be in Gladstone, but it would be some day.

Councilman Bill Garnos reported that he would miss the September 9, City Council meeting. He will be out of town on business, and was unable to reschedule. Councilman Garnos stated it was with regret that he would miss the meeting.

Councilmember Carol Suter reported that last weekend there was a great night for Blues at Linden Square. The weather and music were great, and it is a great facility that will serve our City well for years to come. Councilmember Suter said she was happy to report that she drove down the newly renovated 69th Street, which was very nice, and she was glad to see it open for traffic.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill invited everyone to the Big Shoal Country Fair at the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum on September 7, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill said he had the opportunity to visit with the owners of The Wheel Cyclery, who may be interested in working with our Parks and Recreation Department on some cycling events.

Mayor Jean Moore reported last week she had the wonderful opportunity to take a CPR course through our City. Mayor Moore said she wanted to be prepared if the need should arise. The classes are held the third Thursday of each month. This is a great service that our Public Safety team offers. Even for folks who have already taken a class, things may change over time, and she encouraged everyone to take a class.

Item 10. on the Agenda. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER.**

City Manager Kirk Davis reported City Hall would be closed on Monday, September 2, 2013, for the Labor Day Holiday. City Manager Davis also reported that the Linden Square concerts starting time would be moving from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for the rest of the season.

Item 11. on the Agenda. **PUBLIC HEARING:** on setting the annual rate of levy for the 2013 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes within the corporate limits of the City of Gladstone, Missouri.

Mayor Moore opened the Public Hearing, and said that first comments would be heard from staff, followed by comments from anyone in favor or in opposition.

Staff Presentation

Finance Director Debra Daily stated she would provide information about the 2013 property tax levy. The tax levy is set based on property values. The real estate values are reassessed every two years, with 2013 being an assessment year. Upon receipt of the City of Gladstone's assessed property valuation from Clay County, the 2013 tax levy was calculated pursuant to Section 137.115(16) that incorporates the ability to have multiple and separate tax rates for each class of real and personal

property. Tonight's Bill would set the property tax levy at \$0.9290 for all classes of property, and is recommended for Council's approval.

Director Daily continued by reporting the City's 2013 valuation for total assessed property in this re-assessment year is \$337,273,540. This includes \$111,110 in new residential construction. This is an overall decrease in valuation of \$13,262,848 over 2012; \$15,667,641 or 5.24% decrease in real property, and \$2,404,793 or 4.66% increase in personal property. The decrease in real estate value may reflect the number of home sales sold at reduced market prices and possible foreclosures following the correction related to the housing bubble. The increase in personal property valuation is attributed to the improving economy and motor vehicle sales and equipment. Collectively the 2013 assessed valuation represents a 3.78% decrease over the previous year. The valuation decrease results in a projected revenue of \$3,133,271.

Due to State Article X, Section 22 and Section 137.073, the City is limited to the lesser of actual growth which was 0%, the Consumer Price Index of 1.7%, or 5%. The lesser amount this year is the actual growth. The actual rate permitted did not change this year and is \$0.9290 for all classes of property. The City's property tax revenue for FY13 is projected at \$3,133,271 compared to budgeted revenue of \$3,205,000.

Director Daily concluded by saying the Bill on tonight's agenda would set the property tax levy at \$0.9290 for all classes of property, and is recommended for Council's approval.

Councilman Markenson inquired into the tax rate ceiling.

City Manager Davis replied he believed it was \$1.00, but the \$0.9290 rate was approved by our City voters. Since 2008, we have lost valuation, but we have the ability to make that up.

There was no one to speak in Favor or in Opposition.

Mayor Moore closed the Public Hearing.

Item 12. on the Agenda. **FIRST READING BILL NO. 13-27**, enacted pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes Section 94.030 fixing the annual rate of levy for the 2013 Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes within the corporate limits of the City of Gladstone, Missouri.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill moved to place **BILL NO. 13-27** on its First Reading. Councilman Bill Garnos seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Gary Markenson, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill moved to accept the First Reading of **BILL NO. 13-27**, Waive the Rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. Councilman Bill Garnos seconded. The vote: All “aye” – Councilman Gary Markenson, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **BILL NO. 13-27**, and to enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.249**. Councilman Bill Garnos seconded.

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

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

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

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 August 26, 2013, Gladstone Regular City Council Meeting, Mayor Jean Moore adjourned the regular meeting, and stated the City Council would be continuing the Closed Executive Session that had started earlier this evening.

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy Swenson, City Clerk

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

Mayor Jean B. Moore