



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013**

Mayor Jean Moore opened the City Council Meeting to adjourn to a Closed Executive Session on November 25, 2013, at 5:30 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(3) for Personnel Discussion. 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 November 25, 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 in person, and those joining the meeting on-line. Mayor Moore said she and the City Council very much appreciated everyone's interest and involvement.

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

Mayor Moore stated it was an honor to have members of VFW Post 10906 present the Colors. VFW Post 10906 members posted the Colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance, in which all joined.

Item 4. on the Agenda. **APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 11, 2013, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES.**

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill moved to approve the November 11, 2013, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, as presented. Councilman Gary Markenson 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. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Gary Markenson moved to accept 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-13-71**, authorizing acceptance of work under contract with Metro Asphalt, Incorporated, for the 69th Street Reconstruction – Oak to Holmes Project; and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$108,568.96. 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-13-72**, authorizing Change Order No. 5 in the amount of \$48,750.00 to the contract with Westland Construction, Incorporated for additional water meter pit upgrades as part of the 2013 Water Meter Pit Upgrades 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-13-73**, authorizing Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$190,844.20 to the contract with Schulte Supply, Incorporated for additional materials and equipment as part of the Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) 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 approve the **OCTOBER 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 6. on the Agenda. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

Brian Blake, 205 NW 63 Terrace, stated his concern was with the smoke shops, and he did have personal knowledge of at least one smoke shop in town that has ruined a marriage and caused some other problems for him. Mr. Blake said he tried to fight them on his own, but he did get hold of Gladstone Public Safety Officer Lowe, who worked with him. Mr. Blake said he also worked with a wrongful death attorney on a case involving Smoke and Mirrors. Mr. Blake said Smoke and Mirrors had shut down, and it had reopened as Voodoo and still sold the same stuff, and were part of the bust that was conducted about one month ago. Mr. Blake said they do still sell out of their other stores, but you have to know the people in order to buy it. They also have two stores in Vegas now, so unless they are stopped in Vegas, they will not stop.

Mr. Blake said in Iowa, whether it is a smoke shop or not, they suspend their license for a period of time. If they do let them open up, they monitor them on a monthly basis – they just pop in on them, and check the place out thoroughly. Mr. Blake said he did not know what the answer was, but he knew it was harmful. Mr. Blake said when it happened, there were several people he thought were friends of his, and several family members who when they found out he worked with Officer Lowe and the wrongful death attorney, they assumed that it was his fault that the bust went down in the entire Kansas City area. They were blaming him because they could not get their stuff – they should not be on it to start with. They act erratically and crazy, and lose their minds. The chemicals in that are obviously not to be trusted. Mr. Blake said hopefully, there is something the City of Gladstone can do to prevent people from selling this. They are selling all the paraphernalia, all the clean-outs, and that is obviously not what this City wants. Mr. Blake said he would rather see better businesses; in fact, he talked to someone in City Hall about getting a guy who does clock and watch repair in town. He had expressed an interest.

Mr. Blake said another thing is the apartment complexes. He knows there is an inspector for the multi housing; however, he does not feel there will be the result wanted as fast as it is wanted. Mr. Blake said he had a small home based handy man company, and he did some work for one of the apartment complexes. They have not paid him for at least thirty days. When he called today to find out whether or not they would pay him, they told him

they had to wait to find out whether or not they would get the rent for December, because they were broke. They have an office in southern Overland Park. They were too broke to pay him \$471.00.

Mayor Moore thanked Mr. Blake.

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

Councilman Gary Markenson wished audience members and fellow Council members a healthy and safe Thanksgiving. Councilman Markenson said on December 7, between 4:00 and 6:00 PM, if anyone happens to be at the Hy-Vee on M-1 Highway, and they should see someone ringing a bell outside, looking very cold, please have sympathy and put a couple of quarters or more in his kettle so he does not do it in vain!

Councilman Bill Garnos thanked City staff for finally getting the bench leveled at the bus stop at 70th and North Oak Trafficway. It took a concerted effort over six to nine months, and a lot of pressure, but he noticed the bench is now leveled. While we were very thankful to get the bus stop, he was glad that was completed. Councilman Garnos said he knew he had been a “pain” on this issue, so he did want to offer thanks for the excitement he had when driving by that location.

Councilman Garnos said he shared Councilman Markenson’s best wishes for everyone for Thanksgiving, and wished to leave with the words of Dr. Seuss who said, “You ought to be thankful a whole heaping lot for the people and places you’re lucky you’re not.”

Councilmember Carol Suter said she wished to publicly recognize and thank staff, City Council, volunteers, and all the people who participated in the purchase, renovation, and creation of Atkins Johnson Farm and Museum, which is being recognized by the Mid-America Regional Council on December 6, 2013, with an award for sustainability. Councilmember Suter said she was quite proud to be associated with the project, and it speaks well of Gladstone and to our philosophy of sustainability and everything that we do, and also to our continued investment in new amenities for the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill offered everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Mayor Jean Moore invited everyone to the Mayor’s Christmas Tree Lighting tomorrow evening, November 26. Mayor Moore jokingly said Mayor Pro Tem Hill has promised to be in charge of the weather tomorrow evening. Mayor Moore invited everyone to bundle up, and be at Linden Square at 6:00 PM, on November 26. Mayor Moore said she had the opportunity for a sneak preview of the lighting last Friday night, and it was just beautiful. So many people have been involved in making it happen, so she does hope everyone comes tomorrow night. It should be a very fun event.

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

City Manager Kirk Davis reported to the City Council that Meadowbrook Shopping Center will be undergoing a renovation, and we have received a Community Improvement District petition. City Council members may see a legal advertisement in the paper, and he wanted to let the Council know of the progress, and we are very pleased to see that progress.

City Manager Davis reported the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum received a very generous donation from First Bank of Missouri to the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum Endowment, managed by the Gladstone Economic Betterment Council (GEBC). City Manager Davis said Mr. Hollander, President of First Bank of Missouri, gave him a check in the amount of \$25,000.00 to start to fund that endowment. It was very much appreciated, and generous on the part of the bank. They recognize the value of the Museum and private investment. This is a start, and it is hopeful that others will recognize that contribution, match it, or exceed it, and we can build that endowment to make sure the Museum is sustainable in the future. City Manager Davis said he was very pleased and thankful, and he wished to recognize First Bank of Missouri for that benevolent gift.

Mayor Moore said she wished to introduce and acknowledge in the audience this evening, Drake Buccellato, who is a Northwest Missouri State student, attending our Council meeting for his law class, but he is actually pursuing a double major in Law and Broadcasting. Mayor Moore thanked Mr. Buccellato for being present, and wished him good luck in his studies.

Item 9. on the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-13-74**, authorizing the City Manager to execute an extension of a tow service agreement with Glad Rents, Incorporated, 6800 North Oak Trafficway, for vehicle towing and storage services for the two year period from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-13-74**, authorizing the City Manager to execute an extension of a tow service agreement with Glad Rents, Incorporated, 6800 North Oak Trafficway, for vehicle towing and storage services for the two year period from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2015. Councilman Gary Markenson seconded.

Councilman Markenson stated he really appreciated the way the towing contract was handled, and that our City was utilizing a single source. Councilman Markenson said he knew several cities that rotate this around, and it is chaotic, and sometimes multiple tow trucks show up. This is by far the very best way to handle the situation.

Councilman Garnos said he concurred, and he was also pleased that we could keep this business locally. Councilman Garnos said he was glad our City is being well served by a Gladstone business.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill said he wished to echo the comments made, and also add that he believes the complaints have been very minimal with Glad Rents in the past. Generally, the service has been good. The vehicles are stored locally. It was not a circumstance where residents have to go out to Bannister Road, Front Street, or somewhere to retrieve their vehicle. This just seems to be efficient and a good way to handle these matters.

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 10. on the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-13-75**, ratifying and approving the purchase of real property located generally at Northeast 57th Terrace and Northeast Antioch Road.

Councilmember Carol Suter moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-13-75**, ratifying and approving the purchase of real property located generally at Northeast 57th Terrace and Northeast Antioch Road. Councilman Bill Garnos seconded.

Councilmember Suter said she wished to comment this purchase was part of the fulfillment of one of the Council’s goals for the last couple of years, and as we move forward, one of our continuing goals, which is to invest in the redevelopment and continued creative use of the commercial corridors in Gladstone.

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 11. on the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-13-76**, adopting a Mission Statement and Goals for the City of Gladstone, Missouri for 2013-2014.

Councilman Bill Garnos moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-13-76**, adopting a Mission Statement and Goals for the City of Gladstone, Missouri for 2013-2014. Councilmember Carol Suter seconded.

Councilmember Suter said in her years of being on this City Council, and attending things like the National League of Cities and the Missouri Municipal League, and getting to know lots of cities across the country, this process where our Council takes the time to plan goals that guide our staff in a business plan for the City, is one of the best practices in which any city can engage, and is one of the reasons for the continued success of the City of Gladstone. Councilmember Suter said she was delighted that the Council has gone through the process again recently and are ready to adopt new goals for the next eighteen months or so.

Mayor Moore said she wished to echo that comment. This gives a road map for the City, for the staff, and keeps the Council on track as well, so she was very proud of our goals for this year, and our mission statement continues, so she was very proud of this action.

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 12. on the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-13-77**, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate the purchase and annual maintenance for a phone system with Midwest Technology Connection.

Councilman Gary Markenson moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-13-77**, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate the purchase and annual maintenance for a phone system with Midwest Technology Connection. 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 13. on the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-13-78**, amending the 2014 annual General Fund, Public Safety Sales Tax Fund (PSST), and Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Fund (CWSS) budgets for the City of Gladstone, Missouri and authorizing expenditures of funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Hill moved to adopt **RESOLUTION R-13-78**, amending the 2014 annual General Fund, Public Safety Sales Tax Fund (PSST), and Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Fund (CWSS) budgets for the City of Gladstone, Missouri and authorizing expenditures of funds. 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).

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 November 25, 2013, Gladstone Regular City Council Meeting, Mayor Jean Moore adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy Swenson, City Clerk

Approved as submitted: ____

Approved as corrected/amended: ____

Mayor Jean B. Moore