



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2016**

PRESENT: Mayor Bill Garnos
Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore
Councilmember J. Brian Hill
Councilmember R.D. Mallams

City Manager Kirk Davis
Assistant City Manager Scott Wingerson
Interim Legal Counsel Chris Williams
City Clerk Ruth Bocchino

ABSENT: Councilmember Carol Suter

Item 2. On the Agenda. ROLL CALL.

Mayor Bill Garnos opened the Regular City Council Meeting Monday, January 25, 2016, at 7:40 PM in the Gladstone City Council Chambers. Upon Roll Call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present with the exception of Councilmember Carol Suter.

Item 3. On the Agenda. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Mayor Bill Garnos asked everyone to please rise and join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Item 4. On the Agenda. Approval of the January 11, 2016, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember J. Brian Hill moved to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2016, Regular City Council meeting as presented. **Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" – Councilmember R.D. Mallams, Councilmember J. Brian Hill, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, Mayor Bill Garnos. (4-0).

Item 5. On the Agenda. Approval of the January 11, 2016, Closed City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember R.D. Mallams moved to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2016, Closed City Council meeting as presented. **Councilmember J. Brian Hill** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" – Councilmember R.D. Mallams, Councilmember J. Brian Hill, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, Mayor Bill Garnos. (4-0).

Item 6. On the Agenda. PRESENTATION OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPRECIATION PLAQUES.

Mayor Bill Garnos stated: *"We have two nice items on the agenda tonight that I'm really pleased to be able to be involved with. Item No. 6 is Presentation of Board and Commission Appreciation Plaques. Last meeting we made a number of appointments and re-appointments to Boards and Commissions and tonight we are saying thank you to some of the people that have served on our Boards and Commissions for a long time. I'm going to read the names and then come up front for the presentation. From the Planning Commission, Mike Steffens who served from 2000 to 2015; from Code Board of Appeals Roger Buckner who served from 2002 to 2015; Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Freddie Nichols served from 1897 to 2015; 1997, I'm sorry; Environmental Management Advisory Committee Larry Thrasher, 2008 to 2015; Arts Commission Carol Rudi, 2011 to 2015; and the Neighborhood Commission Dave Fricke, 2011 to 2015 and I believe he will be at our February 8th meeting to receive the plaque."*

Mayor Bill Garnos presented the plaque to Freddie Nichols and thanked her for her service; she has been on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee for a long time and she has seen all of the improvements that have been made in this City in Parks and Recreation during her tenure. Mrs. Nichols replied *"The only thing that I can say is it was my pleasure....."*

Mayor Bill Garnos stated you have seen so many improvements to the Parks and Recreation, thank you for all your time and effort.

Mrs. Nichols replied: *"The only thing I didn't get done was renaming the streets back to historic names, but I don't think that will ever happen. Nobody will ever know where Old Telephone Road is."*

Mayor Bill Garnos invited Mr. Larry Thrasher to the front of the room and thanked him for his service on the Environmental Management Advisory Committee.

Mr. Thrasher replied *"It's been fun working with the City Council and learning how things worked out with Tim, so I have a better understanding of the City itself."*

Mayor Bill Garnos stated you survived the trash war and everything.

Mr. Thrasher replied *"Yeah we did. Just a few wounds."*

City Manager Kirk Davis stated *"Mayor if I can while you retreat to the dais, the Nichols family. They have been involved in this city for the better part of 50 years. Art, Freddie's husband, was a big part of the Mid Continent Library District, was on that board; Freddie has been involved with Clay County, the School District, the Health Department, to say nothing of the Parks and"*

Recreation programs that are here. Her impact on our region, their impact on our region, is far greater than just the Park Board that you just talked about and in fact, their son is City Administrator in Hiawatha, Kansas. Bottom line is the Nichols family has been big here for a long, long time and we certainly owe them a debt of gratitude."

Mayor Bill Garnos stated countless hours were put in to make the city a better place and thanked all the outgoing members from the Boards and Commissions.

Item 7. On the Agenda. PRESENTATION OF MAYORS CHRISTMAS TREE FUND CHECKS.

Mayor Bill Garnos stated this year they picked three charities to be the beneficiaries of the Mayors Christmas Tree Fund. The first was Get Kids Connected, the City's Parks and Recreation program which in cooperation with the North Kansas City School District provides recreational activities to thousands of kids who would otherwise not be able to afford to participate. The second charity was Feed Northland Kids, this organization is in partnership with Harvesters Community Food Network and provides Northland kids with back packs of food to address weekend nutrition and hunger by providing healthy foods and snacks for children over the weekend. Third is the Gladstone Animal Shelter, providing care and support for our four legged friends, the donation will help with adoption and special services for our shelter pets. Mayor Garnos thanked Justin Merkey and Susan Blattner for all the work they did making the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony so special this year and all their work accounting for the funds. A lot of people to thank: Joe Lauria from Fox 4 News for being our Master of Ceremonies again this year. Pastor Bob Baier and the Antioch Bible Baptist Church and all the work they did. Gladstone Rotary, Dr. Pollina from Dentistry for Children; Larry Newport from the Gladstone Senior Advisory Board. We had very generous donations from Commerce Bank and the First Bank of Missouri; and had sponsorships from the First Bank of Missouri, Gladstone Chamber of Commerce and Google Fiber. This year the Mayor's Christmas Tree Fund was split evenly between the three charities, so each will receive a giant check for \$2,602.00 for each of their charities.

Mayor Bill Garnos invited Justin Merkey to the dais and presented him with the check.

Parks Director Merkey stated: *"This is great for our kids. We will be able to provide swim lessons, basketball and volleyball so we are excited to strengthen the fund we have and thank you very much. We appreciate it."*

Mayor Bill Garnos then presented the checks to Chris Evans from Feed Northland Kids and Beth Gillespie from the Gladstone Animal Shelter.

Mayor Bill Garnos commented on the new colored Christmas Tree lights and stated they awarded the check from the Scarecrow Run from Gladstone Rotary Club; the Gladstone Rotary Club donated the proceeds from the Scarecrow Run to the Northland Christmas Store with a check for \$4,695.00. A lot of good charitable giving over the holiday season for some very worthy causes.

REGULAR AGENDA.

Item 8. On the Agenda. Communications from the Audience.

There were no communications from the audience.

Item 9. On the Agenda. Communications from the City Council.

Councilmember R.D. Mallams expressed his appreciation to City Manager Davis, Charlene (Leslie), Pam (Smitka), Ruth (Bocchino), Robin (Schneider), Darren (Rodman), and he is sure there are other staff members that he is not aware of, for organizing the Gladstone Employee Recognition Luncheon. It is an excellent event to recognize individual city employees for their achievements and their years in service to the residents and the business owners here in Gladstone.

Mayor Bill Garnos mentioned the nice coffee mugs that were given out at the employee recognition lunch. Major accomplishment for the year. Mayor Garnos thanked everybody involved with the employee recognition lunch last week; it is one of his favorite events of the year. Mayor Garnos has been very busy with the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce. They had another 7:30 am Board of Directors meeting. Mayor Garnos did serve on the Mayor's panel for their Leadership Northland Group with the Mayors from Riverside, Parkville, and Pleasant Valley. That was an interesting exchange. They have been called back to do another one for their Youth Leadership Group. There was a very nice banquet Saturday night to honor Northlander of the Year John Dillingham, and our own Mr. Davis also received a Special Chairman Leadership Award Saturday. That was very nice.

Item 10. On the Agenda. Communications from the City Manager.

City Manager Kirk Davis stated he had two or three things going on. Thank you to all involved and let it be known that you can keep secrets around City Hall because he had no idea the Leadership Award was going to be given out at the Northland Chamber the other night. Hail to secrecy in City Hall, it did work. The Gladstone Chamber lunch is this Thursday. Also note there are two accomplishments you can take credit for Mayor, one: the cups, two: the wide variety of colored lights on the Christmas Tree, those lights came down. We have pulled the holiday lights for the year but the ice remains open till February 28. The last thing is a certain newspaper came out with a headline that City Manager Davis has announced his retirement. It has been 37 years, 18 years with the City of Gladstone as a City Manager. It's kind of, it feels like it's time for him. A lot of good things going on and you have a great staff here and he thinks a lot of those and great political leadership those accomplishments will continue to roll in. His wife asked him, told him two years ago he had to have a plan. He has no plan and his wife said to give her at least two years, and now she regrets that, she wishes she would have said five. He will probably be vacuuming the color out of their carpet. Nevertheless, it has been a really rewarding time and he has worked for some great Councilmembers and he really appreciates it. It has been a rewarding career here and he is really proud of a lot of accomplishments and we will have the chance to talk about those a little bit later.

Mayor Bill Garnos stated he wished City Manager Davis would have let them know before they had to read about it in the newspaper.

City Manager Davis stated that is not true, for the public's benefit.

Mayor Bill Garnos stated that's right, they had heard some rumors!

Item No. 11. On the Agenda. RESOLUTION R-16-05 A Resolution accepting easements from certain property owners in conjunction with the Pleasant Valley Road Improvements Project from North Indiana Avenue to North Brighton Avenue.

Councilmember J. Brian Hill moved approval of **RESOLUTION R-16-05** A Resolution accepting easements from certain property owners in conjunction with the Pleasant Valley Road Improvements Project from North Indiana Avenue to North Brighton Avenue. **Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" – Councilmember R.D. Mallams, Councilmember J. Brian Hill, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, Mayor Bill Garnos. (4-0).

Item No. 12. On the Agenda. RESOLUTION R-16-06 A Resolution amending or revising the 2016 General Fund, Community Center Park Tax Fund, Public Safety Sales Tax Fund, Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund, Transportation Improvement Sales Tax Fund, and Capital Equipment Replacement Fund, for the City of Gladstone, Missouri, and authorizing expenditures of funds.

Councilmember R.D. Mallams moved approval of **RESOLUTION R-16-06** A Resolution amending or revising the 2016 General Fund, Community Center Park Tax Fund, Public Safety Sales Tax Fund, Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund, Transportation Improvement Sales Tax Fund, and Capital Equipment Replacement Fund, for the City of Gladstone, Missouri, and authorizing expenditures of funds. **Councilmember J. Brian Hill** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" – Councilmember R.D. Mallams, Councilmember J. Brian Hill, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, Mayor Bill Garnos. (4-0).

Item No. 13. On the Agenda. FIRST READING BILL NO. 16-05 An Ordinance calling a General Election for the election of one position to the Gladstone City Council on Tuesday, April 5, 2016; describing the form of the ballot and directing the City Clerk to submit certification of such election to the Clay County Board of Election Commissioners pursuant to RSMo 115.125.

Councilmember J. Brian Hill moved Bill No. 16-05 be placed on its First Reading. **Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" – Councilmember R.D. Mallams, Councilmember J. Brian Hill, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, Mayor Bill Garnos. (4-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilmember J. Brian Hill moved to accept the First Reading of Bill No. 16-05, waive the rule, and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" – Councilmember R.D. Mallams, Councilmember J. Brian Hill, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, Mayor Bill Garnos. (4-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilmember J. Brian Hill moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 16-05, and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.334**. **Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore** seconded. The Vote: All “aye” – Councilmember R.D. Mallams, Councilmember J. Brian Hill, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, Mayor Bill Garnos. (4-0).

Item No. 14. On the Agenda. FIRST READING BILL NO. 16-06 An Ordinance amending Title 1, Chapter 105, Article 3, Sections 1.105.340, 1.105.350, 1.105.480, 1.105.600 and 1.105.620 of the City of Gladstone, Missouri’s Municipal Code regarding the City Counselor.

Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore moved Bill No. 16-06 be placed on its First Reading. **Councilmember R.D. Mallams** seconded. The Vote: All “aye” – Councilmember R.D. Mallams, Councilmember J. Brian Hill, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, Mayor Bill Garnos. (4-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore moved to accept the First Reading of Bill No. 16-06, waive the rule, and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilmember R.D. Mallams** seconded. The Vote: All “aye” – Councilmember R.D. Mallams, Councilmember J. Brian Hill, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, Mayor Bill Garnos. (4-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 16-06, and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.335**. **Councilmember R.D. Mallams** seconded. The Vote: All “aye” – Councilmember R.D. Mallams, Councilmember J. Brian Hill, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, Mayor Bill Garnos. (4-0).

Item No. 15. On the Agenda. CONSIDERATION OF BUILDING PERMIT: SANTA FE GLASS-ADDITION.

Mayor Bill Garnos asked Assistant City Manager Scott Wingerson about the procedure and if Mr. Wingerson had any comments.

Assistant City Manager Scott Wingerson stated: *“I’m certainly here to answer any questions. It just requires a simple motion and vote of the Council.”*

Mayor Bill Garnos stated we don’t need a presentation from the applicant or anything?

Assistant City Manager Scott Wingerson stated: *“Mr. Hennessey is here if he would like to say anything to you. The project boards are to your right to give you a little bit more detail on the project. Those are the actual materials that will be used in the building addition. Fairly simple building permit at this point.”*

Mr. Hennessey approached the dais and stated: *“Thanks for the opportunity to be here tonight to begin with. Just a couple of quick things. One, I did want to complement your professional staff and administrators on having the opportunity to work for them. I’m not a big developer or anything like that but I have worked with a couple other cities ; your people are professional and I do appreciate it. It makes a lot of difference and it makes things go a lot smoother. The addition we are talking about, I’ve owned that property for 35 years now. I’ve had two tenants in there,*

both glass companies, some good, been outstanding neighbors in the City of Gladstone, they have done a good job. I think if you were to go up and down North Oak right now and do a quick inspection of buildings, you would find ours to be the cleanest and most professional building on the street. What we plan on doing for the building is going to be about a 500% improvement in it and going along with everything else that's going on in Gladstone. We would sure like to have the opportunity, they are going to expand the business, it is going to be more sales tax revenue for you all, and that's created a win-win for everybody."

Mayor Bill Garnos thanked Mr. Hennessey and asked if there were any comments or questions from any members of Council.

Councilman J. Brian Hill moved to approve the CONSIDERATION OF BUILDING PERMIT: SANTA FE GLASS-ADDITION. **Councilmember R.D. Mallams** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" – Councilmember R.D. Mallams, Councilmember J. Brian Hill, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, Mayor Bill Garnos. (4-0).

Item No. 16. On the Agenda. APPROVE CITY OF GLADSTONE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

Councilman R.D. Mallams moved to approve the **CITY OF GLADSTONE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.** **Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" – Councilmember R.D. Mallams, Councilmember J. Brian Hill, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, Mayor Bill Garnos. (4-0).

Item No. 17. On the Agenda. Other Business.

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


Item No. 18. On the Agenda. Questions from the News Media.


There were no questions from the News Media.

Item No. 19. On the Agenda. Adjournment.

Mayor Bill Garnos adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Ruth E. Bocchino, City Clerk

Approved as submitted: 
Approved as corrected/amended: _____


Mayor Bill Garnos