



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016**

PRESENT: Mayor Jean B. Moore
Councilmember Carol Suter
Councilman J. Brian Hill
Councilman Bill Garnos

City Manager Scott Wingerson
City Counselor Chris Williams
City Clerk Ruth Bocchino

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams

Mayor Jean Moore announced the live streaming for this meeting was unavailable but would be available on Tuesday, June 28, 2016.

Item 2. On the Agenda. ROLL CALL.

Mayor Jean Moore opened the Regular City Council Meeting Monday, June 27, 2016, at 7:38 PM in the Gladstone City Council Chambers. All Councilmembers were present with the exception of Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams.

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

Mayor Jean Moore asked everyone to please rise and join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. The Colors were presented by VFW Post 10906.

Item 4. On the Agenda. Approval of Agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Item 5. On the Agenda. Approval of Closed June 13, 2016, City Council meeting minutes.

Councilman J. Brian Hill moved to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016, Closed City Council meeting as presented. **Councilmember Carol Suter** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Jean Moore. (4-0).

Item No. 6. On the Agenda. Approval of Regular June 13, 2016, City Council meeting minutes.

Councilman Bill Garnos moved to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016, Regular City Council meeting as presented. **Councilmember Carol Suter** seconded. The Vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Jean Moore. (4-0).

Item No. 7. On the Agenda. CITIZEN COMMENDATION: PUBLIC SAFETY

Deputy Chief Robert M. Baer approached the Council and invited the Firefighters present to also approach Council. Deputy Chief Baer stated: *“They are part of the crew here. I’ll have Mr. Ralph Casebolt come up. To give you a little backdrop to what we are doing here; it was on morning of May 27, 2016, Mr. Casebolt was actually at his daughter’s house mowing her lawn by chance; he doesn’t do that very often. We talked about that today. Mr. Casebolt noticed smoke and flames coming out of a house next door and heard somebody screaming inside. Without any hesitation at all and without regard for his own safety Mr. Casebolt went inside the building, the structure, and he assisted the resident out. By the time the paramedics got there, they were able to assist the victim. He is alive today and in no short order because of Mr. Casebolt. The first thing we want to do is give you Certificate of Commendation and that is ‘in recognition of his courageous actions and life-saving efforts on the morning of May 12, actually, 2016, when he discovered smoke and flames coming from an occupied house, he forced his way inside and removed the occupant from the house.’ I want to present that to you. Also, a framed letter from the Director of Public Safety, and I just want to read one paragraph; ‘Your selfless actions in this incident are nothing short of heroic. Without your quick and courageous actions, the occupant of that home most likely would not have survived. You risked your life and personal safety in the rescue of another citizen which is not only remarkable but worthy of great praise. Because of you the occupant of that house survived a horrible fire and is alive today.’ I know these guys will tell you that it is a special feeling being able to get somebody back and you definitely did it and you don’t get paid to do it, you just did it out of being a good citizen and we appreciate that. You want to introduce who your family is here?”*

Mr. Casebolt stated: *“Yes, this is my son and my daughter-in-law Kim, her four kids, and this is my daughter and my son-in-law...(unintelligible).”*

Deputy Chief Baer stated: *“I tell you what, in the world today it seems like the lines get blurred a little bit for the benefit of your family here, the lines get blurred a little bit between sports figures and true heroes; and I want you to know that your family member here is a true hero. Congratulations.” We will introduce the fire crew: Paramedic Firefighter Justin Perez; Paramedic Firefighter Tyler Rawley; Paramedic Firefighter Mitch Bolin; Paramedic Firefighter Tyler McCommons; Firefighter EMT Andy Bettis, Fire Captain Mike Rogers, and of course Division Chief Sean Daugherty and Battalion Chief Bret Atkins.” The name of the recipient of the award today is Ralph Casebolt.”*

Mayor Jean Moore asked Mr. Casebolt if he wanted to say anything.

Mr. Casebolt addressed the Council and stated: *"No, not really, I just happened to be in the right place at the right time. When I heard someone yelling for help in his house, you know, and I couldn't get through the door, I just did what I felt like I needed to do by kicking it open and crawled in there and found him and dragged him out to safety. I really don't feel like a hero, I just felt like I did what I think any human being would have done."*

Mayor Moore stated Mr. Casebolt was cutting himself short, he is a Gladstone hero and a hero beyond that, and thanked Mr. Casebolt again.

Item 8. On the Agenda. CONSENT AGENDA.

Following the Clerk's reading, **Councilmember Carol Suter** moved to approve the Consent Agenda as published. **Councilman J. Brian Hill** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Jean Moore. (4-0).

Councilmember Carol Suter moved approval of **RESOLUTION R-16-39** A Resolution revising the General Fund and Community Center Park Tax Fund FY16 midyear budget for the City of Gladstone, Missouri, and authorizing expenditures of funds. **Councilman J. Brian Hill** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Jean Moore. (4-0).

Councilmember Carol Suter moved approval of **RESOLUTION R-16-40** A Resolution authorizing acceptance of work under contract with Kostal Painting for the City Hall exterior repainting project, and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$1,648.75 for project CP1662. **Councilman J. Brian Hill** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Jean Moore. (4-0).

Councilmember Carol Suter moved to **APPROVE FINANCIAL MONTH END REPORT FOR MAY 2016**. **Councilman J. Brian Hill** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Jean Moore. (4-0).

REGULAR AGENDA.

Item No. 9. On the Agenda. Communications from the audience.

There were no communications from the audience.

Item No. 10. On the Agenda. Communications from the City Council.

Councilmember Carol Suter stated she had a question for Director Merkey or whoever can answer. Councilmember Suter asked what is going on with the trees on East 72nd Street, like 15 years ago when that road was redone we planted all those trees, so they have 15-18 years in them. Four of them are dead and one of Wal Mart's trees is dead along that strip. It's like a one block stretch and we have five dead trees; do we know what is going on?

Director of Parks and Recreation Justin Merkey approached Council and stated: *"Correct. We have been in actual contact with our tree specialist and they are looking at that issue right now but we believe it is a disease that is running through all the trees..."*

Councilmember Suter stated so they are all going to die?

Director Merkey responded: *"Potentially what, I'm waiting for a recommendation but if we, if the recommendation is that we actually rip out the ones that are dying or are dying that that will actually protect the other ones, then we would go that route but I have not got that recommendation yet so we will proceed accordingly, but yes, we have lost about five trees through there for sure at this point."*

Councilmember Suter asked if there is a chance that whatever it is can spread into the neighborhood for those of us who have lots of trees?

Director Merkey responded *"Potentially yes, but it is on that particular species but we actually just notified our tree specialist a week ago and are awaiting the final results so we will get more information and come forward with that but yeah it's very concerning for us."*

Councilmember Suter stated yeah it's always a pain, you know, it hurts your heart when you see the trees go. Will we just remove them or will we replace them?

Director Merkey responded *"Ultimately we would replace them based on funding what's allowed there but yeah certainly; of course they won't be near as large."*

Councilmember Suter stated it will take another 18 years to get them to look like that.

Director Merkey stated *"That is another concern, too, what we go back with. Yes we are aware of it and we are looking into it."*

Councilman Bill Garnos stated he wanted to report they did not have a Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting last week because of lack of a quorum. It's summer.

Mayor Jean Moore stated she had a couple of things. She noticed a really great poster that morning when she was in Starbucks advertising our Farmers Market. She hopes we see more of those, it's a great, very bright, really fun poster and she thinks that is really good, it does help encourage people hopefully to go to our Farmers Market. Mayor Moore also invited everybody to the July 4th Celebrations in Oak Grove Park. 7:00 is the Tony Gates concert, then the band concert will begin, the Northland Community Band, that will begin at 8:40, and the fireworks about 9:40, and she hopes everybody has an opportunity to come to beautiful Oak Grove Park and enjoy our July 4th festivities.

Item No. 11. On the Agenda. Communications from the City Manager.

City Manager Scott Wingerson stated thank you Mayor. Just a couple of brief things. To his left, on the table facing the Council, is the Gold Certification for Communities for All Ages. We are

the only city in the entire region to achieve that so we are very proud of that and thought you would want to see the plaque. In terms of continuous improvement, we have an employee named Connie Dixon. She works in the Finance Department, some of you may know her. In order to understand this story, you need to understand the process of a developer or builder obtaining a water tap. It was somewhere around the time of Ebenezer Scrooge when the process was developed so lots of duplicate forms, counting in coins and stuff like that. Connie took it upon herself to update that process and she has done a great job working with Community Development, IT, and Public Works to make it look and feel like a permit to internal people and it has really streamlined the process and increased our record keeping; so she has helped us out a lot and we appreciate what Connie did. Community Center renovation that we have talked about sort of started today but we are really getting earnest this week. It's a perfect time because the pools are being painted at the same time so membership or participation at the Community Center is down a little bit. Sounds on the Square this Friday night July 1, 7:00, is called the Rippers, it's the Rolling Stones, Beatles, stuff like that, Beach Boys kind of thing. City Hall will be closed Monday July 4th as the Mayor mentioned. Theater in the Park, which is the only, pretty much the only, I'm going to say the only, free community theater left in the Kansas City region, 8:30 on July 8, 9, and 10. Special shout out today to Pam Smitka and Becky Jarrett who have taken it upon themselves to remove the scotch tape from this building so there is work to be done but they have done a very good job so far in terms of the lobby and the public areas. So thanks to their extra efforts. Melinda mentioned this earlier but for the public's benefit, the Quik Trip at 72nd and M-1 is in the process of gearing up to be rebuilt to the new modern prototype. We expect that to start in mid-August and be complete this fall so we are excited about that. Thank you.

Item No. 12. On the Agenda. **PUBLIC HEARING:** To consider a Special Use Permit for Kansas City (Northland) Lodge No. 2376, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks located at 7010 North Cherry Street.

Mayor Jean Moore opened the Public Hearing at 7:52 PM

Building Official Alan Napoli approached the Council and stated: *"Good evening, Mayor, City Council. The Elks current Special Use Permit has expired. It was initially given to them back in 1992. So 24 years ago. They are asking for another 10 years to continue the Special Use Permit. Basically the same operations. Nothing is changing over there. Operating as they are currently. The only thing you will notice on there that was added is being able to have alcohol out on a deck. They are considering putting a deck out there since we have passed the no smoking ordinance which does affect them they are considering putting a deck out on the West side, adding a door to go out there so that the smokers can go out there but they would be taking their drinks with them on that deck and they would only be able to have the drinks on the deck. Other than that there is really no other change going to go on over there, everything will operate there as they have in the past. There are representatives from the Elks here to give a little presentation also. Unless there are any questions from me, that's about all."*

Councilman J. Brian Hill stated the deck would be on the West side of the building?

Building Inspector Napoli stated *"It's the side that you would enter for the lower unit, that back parking lot, it would be out over there, yes."*

Councilman Hill asked if it would be covered in some way because that's the hot sun on the outside.

Building Official Napoli stated: *"I'm not 100% sure what they are planning to do, I've seen the plans of the deck but I haven't seen, just preliminary stuff, they have not come in with a full set of drawings so also I cannot tell you if they are going to do a cover over it or not or they may decide not to do the deck ultimately but there is plans for it and that is why that was put in there just so we didn't have to worry about it if they do decide to do that. The representative here may be able to speak a little bit more to that also."*

There were no other questions for Mr. Napoli.

Torrence Fisher, 4185 Northeast 63rd Terrace, Gladstone, Missouri, approached Council and stated: *"First I'll talk about the deck. This is all just in the preliminary planning stages. We've asked for bids and have not received any yet. Depending on the bids and the expense we may wait to cover it until later, because you are correct, that afternoon sun could be bad this time of year or in the winter if we are not covered somehow it would be too cold sometimes to go out there. But we want to renew our permit and a few of the things we contribute to our community is every year we do \$10,000.00 in scholarships to high school students in the Northland area. We've been doing that for 20 some years now and we intend to keep doing that. We also have supported Down Syndrome Guild of Kansas City with some fund raising events. For children, we do a fishing derby each year, hoop shoot, which can end up ultimately the National winners get a big boost on their college funds. We support the Veterans Hospital here in Kansas City, Missouri, and also the Veterans home in Cameron. Back again to the children, we have a pretty extensive drug awareness program we share anytime we have a breakfast, we have a trailer out there with all that information so I'd like to think we do a lot of good besides drink beer on the patio. Are there any questions?"*

Mayor Jean Moore closed the Public Hearing at 7:57 PM.

Item No. 13. On the Agenda. FIRST READING BILL NO. 16-31 An Ordinance granting a Special Use Permit subject to certain conditions to Kansas City (Northland) Lodge No. 2376, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks located at 7010 North Cherry Street.

Councilman Bill Garnos moved Bill No. 16-31 be placed on its First Reading. **Councilman J. Brian Hill** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Jean Moore. (4-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Bill Garnos moved to accept the First Reading of Bill No. 16-31, waive the rule, and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilman J. Brian Hill** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Jean Moore. (4-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Bill Garnos moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 16-31, and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.359**. **Councilman J. Brian Hill** seconded. The Vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Jean Moore. (4-0).

Item No. 14. On the Agenda. Other Business.

There was no other business to be brought before the Council.


Item No. 15. On the Agenda. Questions from the news media.


There were no questions from the news media.

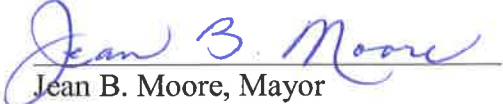
Item No. 16. On the Agenda. Adjournment.

Mayor Jean Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Ruth E. Bocchino, City Clerk

Approved as submitted: 
Approved as corrected/amended: _____


Jean B. Moore, Mayor