



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017**

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

City Manager Scott Wingerson
Assistant City Manager Bob Baer
City Counselor Chris Williams
City Clerk Ruth Bocchino

Item 2. On the Agenda. ROLL CALL.

Mayor Moore opened the Regular City Council Meeting Monday, January 23, 2017, at 7:30 PM in the Gladstone City Council Chambers. Mayor Moore welcomed all present and those participating on-line. All Councilmembers were present.

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

Mayor 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, Charlie Cram, Joe Liles, and Karla Gleaton.

Item 4. On the Agenda. Approval of Agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Item 5. On the Agenda. Approval of Closed January 9, 2017, City Council meeting minutes.

Mayor Pro Tem Mallams moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017, Closed City Council meeting as presented. **Councilman Garnos** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0)

Item No. 6. On the Agenda. Approval of Regular January 9, 2017, City Council meeting minutes.

Councilman Hill moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017, Regular City Council meeting as presented. **Councilmember Suter** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0).

REGULAR AGENDA.

Item No. 7. On the Agenda. Communications from the audience.

There were no communications from the audience.

Item No. 8. On the Agenda. Communications from the City Council.

Councilman Hill stated: *“Thank you, Mayor. I just wanted to express my gratitude to Public Works and the Parks Department again for keeping our roads and sidewalks safe during the ice storm. I know the conditions in Gladstone were far better than most any other place in Kansas City, with what ice we did end up having from the mega-storm that was predicted. We have a reputation of Gladstone having the cleanest streets, free of ice and snow, and we certainly lived up to it. Thank you.”*

Councilmember Suter stated: *“I would like to tell a fun story. Last week I had some outpatient surgery and this young technician is wheeling me down the hall, to go to the operating room, and we are chit-chatting and just as we are wheeling into the operating room he says, ‘so, did you have to come far for your procedure today?’ I said, no, I just live right up the street in Gladstone. Then, this very young surgical nurse leans over the bed and she says ‘oh I live in Gladstone, too. My husband and I just moved here last year from Iowa.’ I said welcome; I’m your City Councilmember. Are we treating you OK in Gladstone? She said, ‘we love Gladstone. We love the parks, the trails, and the downtown is like the coolest thing ever, and the concerts, and the art.’ Then the technician guy says, ‘hey, you know what I really love about Gladstone, that Community Center. It’s the coolest place ever.’ The surgical nurse continues, ‘oh and we love our house, it’s in this cool neighborhood, we have this great deck in the backyard, a big covered deck and a little creek runs through the backyard; the only thing is, it is in a floodplain.’ The technician said, ‘well what do you do about that?’ The surgical nurse said ‘well we just bought flood insurance.’ I’m thinking, this is sounding familiar. Where in Gladstone do you live? The surgical nurse replied, ‘69th Terrace.’ I said, OK, where on 69th Terrace? (and in unison) we said, ‘2102’. I replied my husband and I rehabilitated that house and we sold it to you last year! What a small world! Then the anesthesiologist put the mask on, end of conversation. It was fun to meet someone who bought one of our houses but the really cool part was, in a conversation with two millennial professionals, both of them used the word ‘cool’ in describing Gladstone. I thought, the strategies we have been pursuing to revitalize this city are working.”*

Councilman Garnos stated: *“I have nothing for cool stories. I was going to tell you about my Board of Zoning Adjustment meeting but I’m not sure that is worth it. I also attended a very good*

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting last week. We got a good update on all of the Spring events and activities. I also wanted to mention the Northland Legislative Breakfast that most of us attended here on Friday with our local legislators, which was also enlightening and frustrating."

Item 8a. On the Agenda. Mayors Christmas Tree Fund

Mayor Moore stated: *"I have the great honor tonight to talk about the Mayor's Christmas Tree fund. I asked Justin today to give me an idea of when the Mayor's Christmas Tree was started. We really aren't quite sure but we know for many, many years, the Gladstone Mayors' have had the Mayor's Christmas Tree fund and raised money for local charities. This year, I decided that I would pull together a small group of people because it was my desire to try to boost funds and try to grow this effort into a bigger effort if we possibly could. I set a fairly aggressive goal for myself and our little band of brothers that got together to try to figure out how we might do this. I didn't know if we could reach this goal or not. I am very pleased to say that we exceeded that goal. We achieved \$20,786.77. I appreciate the applause and I am so honored personally by everyone's contributions. Certainly the contributions were not for me but for the amazing charities and organizations that we chose to honor this year with these funds. There are three of them and I will ask them to come up in a moment. The first one is Feed Northland Kids and Chris Evans is here with us for that. Art Hammen is here with Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Our own Animal Control Department, Supervisor Beth Gillespie and Animal Control Officer Heather Smith are here. It is my great honor to present to each of these organizations \$6,720.82. Please come forward to get your checks."*

Each entity approached the bench and Mayor Moore distributed the checks.

Chris Evans stated: *"We service 19 Elementary Schools in the North Kansas City School District with Harvesters Back Snack Program. We can pack the food the kids take home. It's almost 1,000 kids. With this check, that will be enough to feed almost one elementary school and that would be somewhere between 22 and 23 children. This is absolutely amazing and we really appreciate it."*

Mayor Moore stated: *"It's not me. This community has big hearts. I learned that and I am very humbled by that. I think I have thank you notes written to everybody who made contributions but I just want to say publicly again how much it means to me and this is a great community with a huge heart."*

Mayor Moore stated: *"Art was one of the band of brothers that got together on this effort. Art was very instrumental in helping engage the efforts our former Mayors and I think we have had a record number of former Mayors who contributed."*

Art Hammen stated: *"Mayor, I was thinking, as I was driving up here, back to my last year as a member of the City Council, what a group of us were doing, sitting around at lunch and somebody said 'Gladstone has a problem. We have people who live here who own homes, who for physical or financial reasons can't maintain them properly. Right now all we can do is give them a ticket and take them to Court. From that conversation, Neighbors Helping Neighbors was*

formed and in the ensuing years, we have helped literally hundreds of Gladstone property owners maintain and repair their own homes. It is because of donations like this that we are able to do it. Thank you very much."

Beth Gillespie received the Animal Shelter check and stated: *"Things are going really well at the shelter. We have six dogs and eight cats. The money that comes to us through donations helps get those animals healthy, other services and sometimes major surgeries. We can get those animals in a good home. We really appreciate it."*

Item No. 9. On the Agenda. Communications from the City Manager.

City Manager Scott Wingerson stated: *"Mayor, Councilman Garnos had to follow Councilmember Suter and her story, and now I have to follow that presentation. What a great job! Thank you. Winter "snow-pocalypse" as Austin Greer called it, or "ice-storm stupider" as Bob Baer called it, it never really came to fruition here in Gladstone as Councilman Hill noted. Maybe what you don't see is all the pre-planning that goes into something like that. Trust me when I say we were ready for a significant emergency. Shelters, damage assessment, crews staying overnight and making arrangements for that if they couldn't get home, or maybe couldn't get back; all of those things were talked about and thought about. I would like to thank anybody who was involved in treating the streets and the sidewalks. Parks, Public Works, and Community Development pitched in this time. Thank you for that. Also thank you to everybody who was involved in the pre-planning, whether it was our Emergency Management Director Mike Desautels, or Charlene Leslie who made overnight kits with toiletries for anybody who may have been stranded overnight; to the snow-plower and Public Safety services. A lot goes into it even though it didn't happen. I'm super proud and trust that we were ready had it been worse and also trust that we are very, very thankful that it wasn't."*

"In Plume" is a piece of art that is being installed on the side of the Laughing Place Bakery, Gladstone 18. Funds for that art piece were donated by Flaherty and Collins, the developer of The Heights multifamily development. It's planned to be test lit later this week. We have progress there. Benches are being fabricated as we speak and will be installed over the next couple of weeks. Landscaping will go in the spring and once it is looking pretty good we will schedule the dedication. It will be a nice piece. The Community Center hosted a swim meet for 1500+ spectators over the weekend. That was fantastic. Hosted by the Northland United Swim Team. Of special note, the Council will remember during the Community Center renovation, the concession stand was relocated from the main hallway to the stairwell serving the natatorium. Compared to the swim meet last year, concession sales were up 12%. That's rather significant in that operation. Good move by Director Merkey and all of his staff. Ice skating rink had a total of 39 skaters this past weekend, which is good. That continues to grow year to year. It will be a tradition in Gladstone as we move forward. Finally, Coffee with a Cop takes place Wednesday, February 1, at Laughing Place Bakery, 70th and North Cherry. It starts at 9 am. I hope everybody comes out to meet our Police Officers. Thank you."

Item No. 10. On the Agenda. **FIRST READING BILL NO. 17-03** An Ordinance calling a General Election for the election of two positions to the Gladstone City Council on Tuesday, April 4, 2017; 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.

Councilman Hill moved Bill No. 17-03 be placed on its First Reading. **Mayor Pro Tem Mallams** seconded. The Vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Hill moved to accept the First Reading of Bill No. 17-03, waive the rule, and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Mayor Pro Tem Mallams** seconded. The Vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Hill moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 17-03, and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.380**. **Mayor Pro Tem Mallams** seconded. The Vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0).

Item No. 11. On the Agenda. FIRST READING BILL NO. 17-04 An Ordinance allowing the “Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday” to apply to the local sales taxes of the City of Gladstone between April 19 and April 25, 2017.

Councilmember Suter moved Bill No. 17-04 be placed on its First Reading. **Councilman Hill** seconded. The Vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilmember Suter moved to accept the First Reading of Bill No. 17-04, waive the rule, and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilman Hill** seconded. The Vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilmember Suter moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 17-04, and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.381**. **Councilman Hill** seconded. The Vote: All “aye” – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0).

Item No. 12. On the Agenda. FIRST READING BILL NO. 17-05 An Ordinance to Opt Out of the State imposed Sales Tax Holiday between August 4 and 6, 2017.

Councilman Garnos moved to place **BILL NO. 17-05** on its First Reading. **Councilman Hill** seconded.

Councilman Hill stated: *“If we do not act, then we are opted out; if we pass this ordinance, we do not have a Sales Tax Holiday in Gladstone. If we do not pass this ordinance, then the Sales Tax Holiday will apply. Historically, we have not opted out and we have participated. Even*

though the Ordinance would be in the positive to opt out, it is most likely we will vote nay, which I intend to vote, so we can participate. And if you understand that, more power to you."

The Vote: "Aye" – Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore. "Nay" – Councilman Garnos (4-0). No roll call was taken.

(Discussion followed on the voting required to participate in the Sales Tax Holiday)

City Counselor Chris Williams stated: *"You can vote 'nay' and then if no one makes a motion for a second reading, it dies."*

Mayor Moore stated: *"If we want to opt in, we have to say 'nay' now."*

City Counselor Williams stated: *"That's correct."*

The Vote: "Aye" – 0. "Nay" Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore. (0-5).

Mayor Moore stated: *"Bill No. 17-05 fails, which means we will be opting in to the State Imposed Sales Tax Holiday between August 4 and 6, 2017."*

City Counselor Williams stated: *"If there is no further motion for a second reading or adoption, it dies for lack of action. What you did enables the public to see how you felt on this issue. Otherwise we wouldn't even bring an Ordinance in front of you."*

Item No. 13. On the Agenda. RESOLUTION R-17-02 A Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$46,450.00 to the contract with Linaweaver Construction, Incorporated, for the Flora Park East Spillway Modifications, Project CP1732.

Mayor Pro Tem Mallams moved to accept **RESOLUTION R-17-02** as presented. **Councilman Garnos** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0).

Item No. 14. On the Agenda. CONSIDER SIGN VARIANCE 7206 NORTH OAK TRAFFICWAY KANSAS CITY CAR & STEREO & ALARM/MAX SPEED & SOUND/CHUCK POISNER-This item was tabled from the January 9, 2017, City Council meeting. Staff has discussed with the applicant and the applicant withdrew the sign variance. No action was taken.

Item No. 15. On the Agenda. APPROVE MONTH END FINANCIAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 2016. **Councilman Hill** moved to approve the month end financial report as published. **Councilmember Suter** seconded. The Vote: All "aye" – Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0).

Item No. 16. Other Business.

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

Item No. 17. On the Agenda. Questions from the news media.

There were no questions from the news media.

Item No. 18. On the Agenda. Adjournment. The Mayor adjourned the Regular City Council meeting at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ruth E Bocchino
Ruth E. Bocchino, City Clerk

Approved as submitted: ✓

Approved as corrected/amended: ____

Jean B. Moore
Jean B. Moore, Mayor