



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 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

ABSENT: City Clerk Ruth Bocchino

Item 2. On the Agenda. ROLL CALL.

Mayor Moore opened the Regular City Council Meeting Monday, March 13, 2017, at 7:35 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 stated: *"We have a very special treat tonight. We need to have more girl power. We have the Gladstone Girl Scout Troop 1291 from Meadowbrook Elementary School who are here with us tonight. The Troop Leader is Corrie Tice. The ladies with us tonight are Abby Bly, Ava Wright, Alaina Thomas, Lily Tice, Lily Kimmet, April Lee, Raina Arzola, and Isabel Ball. I think it is so fitting that the girls are with us here tonight because I understand that yesterday was the 105th Anniversary of the founding of the Girl Scouts; and the 100th Anniversary of everybody's favorite, Girl Scout cookies. We are delighted to have you ladies with us tonight. I know the girls are going to present the Colors and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. They will have a Girl Scout pledge they are going to offer us as well. I would like all of you to join me, and rise for the girls to present the Colors."*

Mayor Moore thanked Troop 1291.

Item 4. On the Agenda. Approval of Agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Item 5. On the Agenda. Approval of Regular February 27, 2017, City Council meeting minutes.

Councilman Hill moved to approve the minutes of the February 27, 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, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0).

REGULAR AGENDA.

Item No. 6. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-17-13** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with McConnell and Associates Corporation, in the total amount not to exceed \$421,248.34 for the North Campbell Street Improvements-Northeast 70th Terrace to Northeast 72nd Street Project TP1708.

Mayor Pro Tem Mallams moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-17-13** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with McConnell and Associates Corporation, in the total amount not to exceed \$421,248.34 for the North Campbell Street Improvements-Northeast 70th Terrace to Northeast 72nd Street Project TP1708. **Councilman Garnos** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Bill Garnos, Councilman J. Brian Hill, Councilmember Carol Suter, Mayor Pro Tem R.D. Mallams, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0).

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

There were none.

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

Councilmember Suter stated: *“Because of the last meeting, I talked a little bit about the Beyond the Loop Project that the Mid-America Regional Council is orchestrating, which is this long range planning project for replacement of the Broadway bridge. At the same time, because that very day, we were learning that MODOT had decided out of the blue that they were going to refurbish the bridge and shut it down for two years. You can imagine in the last two weeks there has been a lot of stuff going on behind the scenes to try to sort out what we were going to do next. The Beyond the Loop Project, which was looking at both access, ingress and egress on and off the bridge and over into Wyandotte County and across the north loop, will be modified and we’ll do the same kind of process; but we will be, instead of an 18 month process, we are looking more at a 12 month process and we are really going to focus on building a new bridge and try to coordinate with MODOT a schedule that allows us to start working on a new bridge before they have to shut down the old bridge; so we can try to coordinate it so that we can start building a new bridge and then tear down the Broadway bridge instead of having to have it shut down. The issue with the shut-down is that the way the bridge is built, you cannot take a piece out, you can’t be repairing a piece, and allow traffic to go on the rest of the bridge because it is not structurally sound, the way it was constructed. It is not like the Paseo, when that broke before we replaced it and made the Kit Bond bridge, it broke and it had to be fixed but they could still keep some lanes*

open. The Broadway bridge is not constructed that way and so it isn't just that MODOT wants to shut it down for construction convenience, it's that the structure of the bridge will not allow it to be repaired and be used simultaneously. That really lights a fire under us to try to get some kind of solution worked out sooner than later. The reason that it is now higher on MODOT's priority list is because engineering is saying that the safety of the bridge, the maintenance on the bridge, is in a more urgent state than what we had thought a year or two ago. It really can't be put off for much longer at all. As you might hear, this project that Mid-America Regional Council is doing, Beyond the Loop, will be massaged a bit now. We will still be taking public input because it is still really important that we work together as a region. The State only has its \$40,000,000.00 that they think can repair the bridge. There is some question, once they start, that \$40,000,000.00 may not anywhere near cover or even refurbish it. We need to put together a package of financing that can actually replace the bridge. Just as with the Paseo bridge, that took a regional effort and everybody working together and lobbying as a unit at the federal and state level to get the money together to do that. That is what it is going to take to do Broadway. That should encourage us to share the information and again share with people the need for us to put aside some of our own little turf issues and work on the big issue; which is: we don't want to have public money wasted on repairing a bridge that needs to be torn down. We need to have a bridge that is built that will serve the future. Just refurbishing the old bridge is not going to meet the needs of the next 50 years."

Mayor Moore stated: *I just wanted to let everyone know that I did participate on a panel last Thursday for the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce. They have a leadership group every year. Mayors from Riverside, Pleasant Valley, Parkville, and I, were there to meet with a group of people who were in the leadership academy for the Northland Regional Chamber. I enjoyed doing that and it was a good thing to do."*

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

City Manager Scott Wingerson stated: *"Very briefly, your City Clerk is at a City Clerk conference this week, which is why she is not here tonight. Your Deputy City Clerk got called away for an emergency, which is why she is not here. I'd just like to thank Melinda, Austin, and Chris for filling in three people doing the job of either one of the two that aren't here. I'd like to thank them for their support."*

Item No. 10. Other Business.

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

Item No. 11. On the Agenda. Questions from the news media.

There were no questions from the news media.

Item No. 12. On the Agenda. Adjournment. The Mayor adjourned the Regular City Council meeting at 7:50 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