



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 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, March 27, 2017, at 7:39 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 with us tonight our friends at VFW 10906 who will be presenting the Colors and leading us in the Pledge tonight. We have Karla Gleaton, Joe Liles, and Bill Driscoll. I would ask you to rise and join with me."*

Mayor Moore thanked VFW Post 10906 for presenting the Colors.

Item 4. On the Agenda. Approval of Agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Item 5. On the Agenda. Approval of Closed March 13, 2017, City Council meeting minutes.

Mayor Pro Tem Mallams moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 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, and Mayor Jean Moore. (5-0).

Item No. 6. On the Agenda. Approval of Regular March 13, 2017, City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilman Hill moved to approve the minutes of the March 13, 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).

Item No. 7. On the Agenda. PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

Mayor Moore stated: *"I think it is an opportune time for us; I will read the proclamation shortly. I think it is an opportune time for us tonight to honor Communications Supervisor Kim Romine who is one of our Communications Officers who, because of her performance in the officer involved shooting last November, has been awarded the MARC Telecommunicators Appreciation for her outstanding performance. So, I think we are so honored as a City and as our department to be able to honor Kim and what more important time than to mention it tonight when we are doing National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. I will read the proclamation."*

Mayor Moore read the Proclamation and presented it to Public Safety Director Hasty.

Item No. 8. On the Agenda. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK DESIGNATION

Mayor Moore stated: *"We have the honor to have Sheryl Morgan, who is the City Clerk of Blue Springs, with us tonight. She is going to present this honor to our own City Clerk Ruth Bocchino."*

Sheryl Morgan stated: *"Thank you very much and for allowing me to be here tonight Mayor. As you said, my name is Sheryl Morgan, I am the City Clerk for the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, and I have the honor of serving on our Public Relations Committee for the Missouri City Clerk and Finance Officers Association. The MOCCFOA, we like to shorten it and put out that acronym that means nothing, has over 500 members and it is dedicated to the education of Clerks, Deputy and Assistant City Clerks and Finance Officers throughout the State. With ever-changing State and Federal laws and rules governing municipalities, it's vital that someone within your organization, in addition, of course, to the assistance of your City Administrators and your City attorneys stay on top of all of those regulations. The MOCCFOA and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, IIMC, much easier to say, take that role very, very seriously. We continue to strive to ensure that the education provided to its members is relevant to the needs of the position of the City Clerk, Finance Officers, and Deputy Clerks. My purpose for being here tonight as you mentioned is to recognize Ruth for obtaining the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. This certification is a combination of both experience and education and Ruth is to be commended for her perseverance in obtaining this. Ruth has been an incredible steward of your city's money. There*

are very few clerks within our Western Division, which I serve as the Treasurer, who has regularly petitioned for scholarships to attend these events. Ruth has very, very diligently made sure that she is covered under every scholarship we have available. She has saved your City over \$1,000.00 in scholarship money. As with many communities and as Ruth just showed, she serves as chief cook and bottle washer and microphone replacer. In addition to her responsibilities for your Council in preparing the agenda, she also serves as your Liquor Control Officer, manages Municipal Elections, which I understand a couple of you are appreciating her service right now. She also serves as your City's Records Custodian. Ruth has committed to a continuous process improvement regimen and has created on-line fillable forms for liquor licensing and solicitation permits. She has also worked with Municipal Code to bring your Code up to date; which I understand there was about a three year lapse in those codifications. She also began a process of scanning your Resolutions and Ordinances when she starting working as the City Clerk and I can tell you through our City alone, that saves hours monthly in Sunshine Law requests, and so that in itself is just another time saver. In addition to serving as your City Clerk, Ruth has actively engaged in the State's Clerk Association by serving on our Audit Committee, Nominating Committee, and Public Relations Committee. She has also served as Co-Chair of the Membership and Oversight Committees. She serves as resources to others including myself, by participating in discussions on our List Serve and through our District meetings. As elected officials, thank you, and you should be commended for allowing your Clerk in recognizing value in that education for the Clerks. It clearly demonstrates you recognize the knowledge that she receives in these educational sessions, as a great benefit to you, other City staff, and to your citizens. Congratulations and best wishes to Ruth as she continues her commitment to this City, and her continued education as your City Clerk."

Ms. Morgan presented the CMC Certificate to City Clerk Ruth Bocchino.

Mayor Moore stated: *"Thank you Sheryl for being here and I understand you may have the honor reciprocated sometime soon."*

Ms. Morgan stated: *"Yes, I've been waiting a year for mine to be presented."*

Mayor Moore stated: *"Thank you Ruth and for all the extra work you do to have achieved this honor and all the work you do for us. We definitely appreciate it."*

City Clerk Bocchino stated: *"Thank you Mayor and Council. I appreciate your support."*

REGULAR AGENDA.

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

There were none.

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

Councilmember Suter stated: *"I just wanted to say that I was delighted to see that the new owners of Prospect Plaza had started on their redecorating of the exterior. That is a much*

awaited event. I'm eager to see how that whole thing turns out and I'll be even more eager to see how the new owners of Gladstone Plaza get underway with their renovations and updates. It just underscored for me again that the investment that the City has made in the downtown has kicked off a wave of upgrading and revitalization of commercial cores in Gladstone for sure with so many new buildings being replaced, new buildings being built, redecorating, revitalizing exteriors and interiors of existing properties. It is sometimes a little scary and risky when we step out to make those kinds of investments, and it is really gratifying to see that it is paying off for this community as a whole."

Councilman Garnos stated: *"Thank you, Mayor. I've got three things tonight. First of all I wanted to congratulate you for the fine job you did at the State of the Cities on Friday and representing the City of Gladstone. It is one of my favorite luncheons every year. Gladstone always shines at those luncheons."*

Mayor Moore stated: *"Thank you, I appreciate your support."*

Councilman Garnos stated: *"Thank you, we looked good in front of our colleagues north of the river. Second, I just wanted to mention the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting last week; Director Merkey, you'll correct me if I say anything incorrect, but apparently there may be a problem with getting started on the Hobby Hill work because of a bat study that needs to be completed. I know Director Merkey has been in touch with the bat man to make sure the study gets done. We also did have some discussion about the various amenities and other items on the list that we are hoping we are going to be able to fund depending on how much of contingency funds get used and there is still some work there. It is not holding anything up. We will deal with that when we know what kind of money there is available and left over from the base bid. The last thing I wanted to mention was that this morning on Good Morning America there was a nice piece on fire extinguishers. The need to make sure that they are up to date and charged and they said after 10 years you should throw them away. Since I have always been a responsible homeowner with fire extinguishers, I went and I grabbed mine to check. It was last charged in 1978. I do want to remind everybody to check your fire extinguishers and I'll be getting a new one."*

Mayor Pro Tem Mallams stated: *"On Saturday, I was with Erica as she completed volunteer training out at the museum for the volunteers. We went through fire extinguisher training. One of the best parts, it was a very good training session for the individuals, were the scenarios for emergency situations. Coming from the school side of my profession, never say never because things are going to happen. When we went around the table we were able to talk through and walk through possible scenarios that could happen out there, it was well done. Definitely something that should have been done. Thank you."*

Mayor Moore stated: *"I have just a couple of things this evening. First of all, I had the honor of being with Mayor Pro Tem Mallams when VFW Post 10906 honored three of our Public Safety, Fire, EMS individuals for their service. It was a great event, and obviously these individuals deserve all the praise we can give them. Police Officer Beth Clark, Fire Marshall Patrick Farrens, and Battalion Chief Michael Desautels. That was a great event. I also, on March 18, had the opportunity to go to the groundbreaking of Gladstone's first Community Garden. That is*

in Meadowbrook North. It was a great event. Everybody was so excited. They had 10 plots and every plot is spoken for and there is a waiting list for more. Based on the excitement of this group, and all the hard work that they are doing, my hope is that this will be something we can roll out to other neighborhoods. I wanted to definitely give some thanks to people. This didn't just happen overnight. If you will remember, this is at the location of the old swimming pool in Meadowbrook. They are really repurposing this area so well. Matthew Kosmatka, the Neighborhood Services Coordinator, did yeoman's work in getting this put together. Alan Napoli was involved, Public Works was involved, NNI was involved. It goes on and on. It took a village to put this project together. Dominic was there with his sleeves rolled up working that day. That was fun. It's just a great group of neighborhood individuals who are so excited about this project. It will be fun to go by this summer and see the efforts have paid off and they have tomatoes in the ground. Last Thursday, the third Thursday of the month, my husband and I took advantage of going to the CPR Training that is offered every third Thursday in Gladstone. I just, I've said this before, but I will say it again: I can't emphasize enough the value that this program has for our residents and beyond. You don't have to be a Gladstone resident to get this training. Patrick Farrens did it. Doesn't take that long. I've done it several times, but every time you do it, it's like oh, that's what I'm supposed to do. I encourage everyone to do it. It's such a good service and such a good thing that we offer to our citizens and beyond. I wanted to thank them again for that good service that they provide for the City."

Item No. 11. On the Agenda. City Manager Wingerson stated: *"Mayor, thank you. About five things for your consideration tonight. The first is to thank our IT staff, Steve Rodhouse and John Beadles. They have been working about six weeks preparing for a major changeover of our email system. I know it will go perfectly, but if I don't say that now, Murphy's Law will kick in and things won't go perfectly so sort of protecting ourselves there superstitiously. We are going from a Novell based system to an Outlook based system. They have done a lot of research and it actually results in savings and performance enhancements. Best of both worlds there. They have worked really hard, it's really complicated. I thank them very much. Our own Chief Michael Hasty has moved up in the world. He has been elected to serve as Chairman of the Executive Board of the FBI Heart of America Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory. Congratulations to Mike on that. We know it is springtime. The first softball tournament is scheduled for Happy Rock Park this weekend. Weather pending of course, but the first right of passage for spring. Finally, or second to last, the Gladstone Chamber is hosting the Home Show at the Community Center on April 7th and 8th. That is coming up in a couple of weeks. I think booths have sold really well last I heard. We are excited about the Home Show. Finally, as all of you know, there was an incident at Oak Park High School today. We played a supporting role so thank you to our folks for everything they did but really thanks to the Kansas City Missouri Police Department, Clay County Sheriff, North Kansas City Schools; everybody safe and sound. That is what we are after at the end of the day, every day. Thank everybody that participated in that. Thank you, Mayor."*

Item No. 12. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-17-14 A** Resolution adopting changes to the Administration of the City of Gladstone's Flexible Benefits Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Mallams moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-17-14 A** Resolution adopting changes to the Administration of the City of Gladstone's Flexible Benefits Plan.

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).

Item No. 13. On the Agenda. R-17-15 A Resolution authorizing acceptance of a proposal from OMNI Entertainment to provide performance artists for the 2017 Sounds on the Square Friday and Saturday night concert series and festivals at Linden Square stage beginning May 20, 2017, through October 7, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$34,650.00 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the OMNI Venue Booking Agreement.

Councilman Hill moved to approve R-17-15 A Resolution authorizing acceptance of a proposal from OMNI Entertainment to provide performance artists for the 2017 Sounds on the Square Friday and Saturday night concert series and festivals at Linden Square stage beginning May 20, 2017, through October 7, 2017, in an amount not to exceed \$34,650.00 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the OMNI Venue Booking Agreement. **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. 14. On the Agenda. CONSIDER SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS:

- ARBOR DAY: Friday, April 7
- FLASHLIGHT EASTER EGG HUNT: Friday, April 7
- WALK-N-WAG: Saturday, April 8
- TOUCH-A-TRUCK: Saturday, May 13

Mayor Pro Tem Mallams moved to approve the Special Events Permits 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).

Item No. 15. On the Agenda. APPROVE MONTH END FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2017.

Councilman Garnos moved to approve the month end Financial Report for February, 2017. **Councilman Hill** 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. 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 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Ruth E. Bocchino, City Clerk

Approved as submitted: 

Approved as corrected/amended: _____


Jean B. Moore, Mayor