



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020**

PRESENT: Mayor Carol Suter
Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore
Councilman Bill Garnos
Councilman R.D. Mallams
Councilman Kyle Yarber

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

Item No. 1. On the Agenda. Meeting Called to Order.

Mayor Suter opened the Regular City Council Meeting Monday, January 27, 2020, at 7:32 pm in the Gladstone City Council Chambers.

Item No. 2. On the Agenda. ROLL CALL.

All Councilmembers were present.

Item No. 3. On the Agenda. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Mayor Suter asked all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and thanked VFW Post 10906: Joe Liles, Stan Stoner, and Dennis Perkins, for presenting the Colors.

Item No. 4. On the Agenda. Approval of Agenda.

The Agenda was approved as published.

Item No. 5. On the Agenda. Approval of the January 13, 2020, Closed City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilman Mallams moved to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020, Closed City Council meeting as presented. **Mayor Pro Tem Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman

Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0)

Item No. 6. On the Agenda. Approval of the January 13, 2020, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020, Regular City Council meeting as presented. **Councilman Mallams** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0)

Item No. 7. On the Agenda. **PRESENTATION OF MAYOR’S CHRISTMAS TREE FUND CHECK.**

Mayor Suter presented three checks to the following entities: Northland Shepherds Center, Northland Christmas Store, and Feed Northland Kids.

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Item No. 8. On the Agenda. Communications from the Audience.

There were none.

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

Councilman Yarber stated: *“I’ll keep it fairly short, just some KUDOS to some of our Gladstone Departments. There have been a couple of incidents. We have had the always fantastic response from Public Safety that makes us proud that our community is kept safe by them. Public Works has been getting quite a workout it seems, just before we get to every weekend, just perfectly timed. They are out there doing a fantastic job. Those are a couple of departments that keep doing the kind of services that we hope they continue to do, which makes Gladstone, Gladstone.”*

Councilman Mallams stated: *“Thank you, Mayor. I’d like to thank our city staff for organizing the meet and greet we had at Summit Grill. It was an opportunity for our community members to come together with our city staff and our Council. These individuals make up the various Commissions and Boards that help represent the city. AND, go Chiefs!”*

Councilman Garnos stated: *“The only thing I wanted to mention is we had a Parks and Rec Advisory Board meeting last week and got updates on a couple of projects and had our new Board and Commission members there, but there is nothing really new on our parks projects to report from. That’s all I’ve got tonight, thank you.”*

Mayor Suter stated: *“It’s been busy. Let me update you on some of the things that I have participated in of late. We kicked off the Community Campaign for the North Kansas City School District Bond issue that will be on the ballot in April. It’s a huge gathering of volunteers from*

every school in the school district as well as other community leaders. I attended a Climate Action Regional Networking event for the Climate Action Kansas City initiative. BZA held their first hearing of the year and I was standing in for Councilman Garnos who was in South Dakota. They had some new members there as well and elected officers and got off to a start; had a hearing for the first meeting so they had to get busy doing their jobs. I attended the final reveal of the Complete Streets Project. We partnered with Kansas City, Missouri, on a grant to look at North Oak. Complete Streets is about how you make access on major streets for all forms of transportation, so public transit, automobiles, pedestrians, bike, etc. We got off to a rocky start, I think, with some of the ideas that the consultants had and got some interesting feedback from the community along the way. I'm happy to say that we will all be quite pleased with the end result. Our staff worked, and some of us who are volunteers on the committee, worked with the consultants to get a more realistic understanding of what can happen in Gladstone. We ended up with some great recommendations so that it is possible for us to do a shared path for pedestrians and bikes through Gladstone on North Oak without eliminating any lanes of traffic. There are some cool ideas; think the Wingerson Wizzles or something, that is what we are calling them. Some kind of condensed round-about ideas at 69th and 70th Terrace that will allow people to cross North Oak because that is one of our biggest challenges is how are we going to get people to cross North Oak as things develop on the other side, as well as to allow left turns without taking up so much space so that we can still have enough easement to do a shared path. That is what the proposal in this final plan for us involves. Everything from Vivion Road all the way up to 152 so there is lots of other ideas in there. And, of course, it all comes with a really big price tag and that is not the job of this thing, to figure out who is going to pay for it. If we can ever pay for it, there is some great ideas there and I think some good ideas for Gladstone that we might actually be able to use even if we don't do the whole plan; just in our downtown development for that access across the street; some of those ideas. It was an interesting process and I was pleased that the consultants were responsive to what they heard from the Gladstone community. There is going to be a public reveal next week; the first week of February. The public will get to see this draft of the final report. The Northland Regional Chamber Planning and Development Committee heard a report and update from Clay County EDC Big 4 and they endorsed their Big 4 Projects and suggested that the Board of the Northland Regional Chamber endorse it as well. I attended the Gladstone Area Chamber lunch which was held here in the Community Center. I enjoyed our Boards and Commission kick off meeting and thanks to all those Boards and Commission members who appeared and did a great job of getting to know each other and get excited about this program year coming up. I represented Gladstone and attended the Northland Regional Chamber's Annual Banquet on Saturday night. My KUDOS as well to Public Works for doing a great job, again, Public Safety for having some particular challenging events of late as well. I think we are doing a really good job; people are really rising to the occasion as usual. We were just hearing from some communication consultants telling us how important it is to Gladstone residents that our city services are so excellent and so you guys are the reason why we are such a successful city."

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

City Manager Scott Wingerson stated: "Thank you, Mayor and City Council. I promise right after the meeting to look up what a 'wizzle' is. I'm not familiar with that term. Gladstone Home Show is February 7th and 8th at the Community Center in partnership with the Chamber of

Commerce and the center will be closing at 4:00 pm instead of its normal 6:00 pm this Sunday for some unknown reason. We thought we would give them a couple of hours off, go Chiefs, right? Thank you."

Item No. 11. On the Agenda. APPROVE OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT: Big Shoal Heritage Area Farm, February 1, 2020, - November 1, 2020.

Councilman Mallams moved to **APPROVE OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT:** Big Shoal Heritage Area Farm, February 1, 2020, - November 1, 2020. **Councilman Yarber** seconded.

Mayor Suter stated: *"Thank you, it's been moved and seconded. The volunteer is here if anyone has questions and as part of our discussion if you want to ask him questions."*

Councilman Mallams stated: *"I don't have any questions, but possibly elaborate on the plan."*

Mayor Suter stated: *"Eugene Suter is the applicant; if you please tell us a little bit more about the Big Shoal Heritage Area Farm."*

Eugene Suter approached Council and stated: *"Mayor and Councilmembers: with the purchase of the additional almost 19 acres last year by the city for the restorative property on the farm site; AJ Farm gave myself an idea of furthering the agriculture education space there and actually putting in some crops this year. The crops we are looking at raising are sweet corn, pumpkins, and some sunflowers. There are approximately seven acres that we are thinking about putting in crop this year. It would be the north side of the property up to Pleasant Valley Road. We are thinking of working with the Friends of the AJ Farm. We are going to have a meeting about that at the Board meeting coming up the 3rd of February. If they approve that, they will be our partner in this project and we will move forward. Funding for that, any profit, would be split up between the city and also AJ Farm for their support for the work that will be done."*

Mayor Suter stated: *"There is a plan for activities like either you pick, or maybe a pumpkin festival, some activities connected to some of these crops."*

Mr. Suter stated: *"Yes, we are planning on bringing some additional people on the site. I think it will be an exciting thing for the city. We are looking at obtaining equipment to get that area planted. The AJ Farm plants a heritage garden every year in a smaller area so this will be an extension of that looking at modern agriculture with the project as opposed to historic agriculture. Any questions?"*

There were none.

The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilman Bill Garnos, and Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore. Mayor Suter abstained. (4-0-1)

Item No. 12. On the Agenda. APPROVE OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT: AJ Classic Car Concours, Sunday, June 28, 2020, 6:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Councilman Mallams moved to **APPROVE OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT: AJ Classic Car Concours**, Sunday, June 28, 2020, 6:00 am – 2:00 pm. **Mayor Pro Tem Moore** seconded.

Mayor Suter stated: *"The applicant is with us this evening if there are any questions."*

Councilman Yarber stated: *"This will be the third year; we hope that it will continue to grow so we are happy that it is at a new location where it can continue to grow and continue being the educational and just fun event. Our Mayor Pro Tem was there last year and presented an award and the previous year, the old Mayor, Councilman Garnos was there, not old age wise of course; two terms back. We have youth judging and we have a lot of events that involve kids of all ages and they certainly enjoy the event. We are glad that it is in a location where it will continue to grow and especially for it to grow in a historical location. And, I will abstain."*

The Vote: "aye", Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. Councilman Kyle Yarber abstained. (4-0-1)

Item No. 13. On the Agenda. APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to **APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SIX MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019**. **Councilman Yarber** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0)

Item No. 14. On the Agenda. RESOLUTION R-20-03 A Resolution authorizing acceptance of work under contract with Gunter Construction Company, for the Northwest 72nd and North Broadway Pedestrian Signal Improvements Project, and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$12,287.17 for Project TP1814.

Councilman Yarber moved approval of **RESOLUTION R-20-03** A Resolution authorizing acceptance of work under contract with Gunter Construction Company, for the Northwest 72nd and North Broadway Pedestrian Signal Improvements Project, and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$12,287.17 for Project TP1814. **Mayor Pro Tem Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0)

Item No. 15. On the Agenda. RESOLUTION R-20-04 A Resolution encouraging the residents of Gladstone to become informed on the proposed North Kansas City School District Bond Initiative and to vote on April 7, 2020.

Councilman Mallams moved approval of **RESOLUTION R-20-04** A Resolution encouraging the residents of Gladstone to become informed on the proposed North Kansas City School District Bond Initiative and to vote on April 7, 2020. **Mayor Pro Tem Moore** seconded.

Mayor Suter stated: *"The North Kansas City Schools are in the most amazing and challenging situation in the whole State. Currently, the North Kansas City School District is the 3rd largest District in the State and next year it will be the second largest and probably in another two years it will be the largest. It's growing faster than any school district in the State. They are growing from 350 to almost 400 students a year and so the challenges are just enormous to keep up with regarding housing these students. And then of course they have so many older buildings that are averaging 60 years old; most of the buildings in the North Kansas City School District. They are seeking some funds to do some major capital improvements and a lot of maintenance, deferred maintenance, right here close to us; there is a number of projects here in Gladstone. The money to actually develop the Hobby Lobby and Price Chopper sight into the Early Childhood Education Center. They will be housing over 1,000 three and four year olds on that property every day. I'll say to people you probably don't want to be going by there for too long. They will also be doing some work at Oak Park High School, a new entrance to the High School, finishing the stadium, the athletic stadium, doing concession stands and restrooms, things that we may partner with them on and upgrading all the restrooms in that facility. They will be building a couple of new buildings and completely renovating some others, expanding others, so it's really a big package. We will have them come, perhaps, for an Open Study Session so we can see the whole plan in February or early March."*

The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0)

Item No. 16. On the Agenda. FIRST READING BILL NO. 20-03 An Ordinance calling a General Election for the election of two positions to the Gladstone City Council on Tuesday, April 7, 2020; 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 Garnos moved Bill No. 20-03 be placed on its First Reading. **Councilman Mallams** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Garnos moved to accept the First Reading of Bill No. 20-03, waive the rule, and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilman Mallams** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Garnos moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of Bill No. 20-03, and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.503**. **Councilman Mallams** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Kyle Yarber, Councilman R.D. Mallams, Councilman Bill Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore, and Mayor Carol Suter. (5-0)

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

There was no other business to come before the Council.

Item No. 18. On the Agenda. Adjournment.

Mayor Suter adjourned the January 27, 2020, Regular City Council meeting at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Ruth E. Bocchino
Ruth E. Bocchino, City Clerk

Approved as presented: ✓

Approved as modified:

Carol J. Suter
Mayor Carol J. Suter