



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022**

PRESENT: Mayor Bill Garnos
Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore
Councilman R.D. Mallams
Councilman Tom Frisby
Councilmember Tina Spallo

City Manager Scott Wingerson
Assistant City Manager Bob Baer
City Attorney Chris Williams
City Clerk Kris Keller
Deputy City Clerk Becky Jarrett

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

Mayor Garnos opened the Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, May 9, 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Item No. 2. On the Agenda. Roll Call.

Mayor Garnos stated that all Councilmembers were present.

Item No. 3. On the Agenda. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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

The agenda was approved as published.

Item No. 5. On the Agenda. Approval of the, April 25, 2022, Closed City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilman Mallams moved to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022, Closed City Council meeting as presented. **Councilman Frisby** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Council member Spallo, Councilman Frisby, Councilman Mallams, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Garnos. (5-0)

Item No. 6. On the Agenda. Approval of the April 25, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilman Mallams moved to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022, Regular City Council meeting as presented. **Councilman Frisby** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Council member Spallo, Councilman Frisby, Councilman Mallams, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Garnos. (5-0)

Item No. 7. On the Agenda. PROCLAMATION: Emergency Medical Services Week

Mayor Garnos read the Proclamation and presented it to: Chief Daugherty, Battalion Chief Craig Richey, Firefighter/Paramedics: Taylor Mahorney, Jon Norman, Joseph Penry, Mark Wachter, and Captain Travis Wessel. Mayor Garnos also thanked all first responders.

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

There were no comments from the Audience.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Moore: Advised that she attended the Capital Improvements Committee meeting last week and reported that it was very informative. She also thanked City Manager Wingerson and Director Tim Nebergall for the amazing job they did in their presentation to the Capital Improvements Committee.

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

City Manager Scott Wingerson made a correction to an earlier statement that he made regarding the County Commission accepting the City’s ARPA request which would be on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 and not, Monday, May 9, 2022.

Mr. Wingerson also stated that although the weather has been rather difficult, he encouraged everyone to mow their grass. It was reported that Code enforcement placed over 150 yard signs in the past couple of months for code violations, so if people would take an hour of their time and mow their grass, it would be greatly appreciated.

Item No. 11. On the Agenda. Consent Agenda.

Following the Clerks’ reading:

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT:** The Teeter Family is hosting a birthday party to be held at the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum on Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. **Councilmember Spallo** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Council member Spallo, Councilman Frisby, Councilman Mallams, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Garnos. (5-0)

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT:** Michael Corwin is hosting A Tribute to Our Heroes event. The event is a time for retired, former, and current law enforcement officers and their families to catch-up and relax. The event will be held at Linden Square on Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. **Councilmember Spallo** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Council member Spallo, Councilman Frisby, Councilman Mallams, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Garnos. (5-0)

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department will be hosting the City's Annual July 4th Celebration at Oak Grove Park beginning at 5:00 pm to 11:30 pm. **Councilmember Spallo** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Council member Spallo, Councilman Frisby, Councilman Mallams, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Garnos. (5-0)

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department will be hosting the Annual Children's Garden Day at the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum in partnership with the Master Gardeners of Greater Kansas City. The event will take place on Saturday, July 9, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. **Councilmember Spallo** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Council member Spallo, Councilman Frisby, Councilman Mallams, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Garnos. (5-0)

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**: The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department will be hosting the City's Annual Theatre in the Park series at Oak Grove Park. July 8, 9 & 10, 2022 and August 12, 13 & 14, 2022. The Park will open at 5:00 pm and close at 11:30 pm. The shows begin at 8:30 pm and conclude around 10:30 pm. **Councilmember Spallo** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Council member Spallo, Councilman Frisby, Councilman Mallams, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Garnos. (5-0)

REGULAR AGENDA

Item No. 12. On the Agenda. Continued from April 11, 2022, A Public Hearing Amending Section 6.110.570, Levying sewer service charges and commodity rate charges in the city from April 11, 2022.

Mayor Garnos opened the Public Hearing at 7:41 pm.

Dominic Accurso, Director of Finance, reported that water and sewer rates would be discussed. An explanation was given about water usage and that after being reviewed, it appeared that water and sewer consumption had decreased over twenty percent in the past fifteen years. Director Accurso stated that it could partially be attributed to conservation efforts made by individuals. According to Director Accurso, when calculating water and sewer rates, usage is the driver, so the higher the usage the more revenue and the lower the usage the lower the revenue. A letter dated March 1, 2022, was received from Kansas City which notified Gladstone that there would be an increase in sewer rates. Kansas City handles Gladstone's sewer treatment, but Gladstone produces its own water.

Director Accurso shared that the proposed changes meant there would not be an increase in the water rate, which is currently \$4.90 per 1,000 gallons of water; however, the proposed sewer rate usage would increase from \$10.85 to \$11.50 per 1,000 gallons of water and the sewer administrative service charge would change from \$15.26 to \$16.18 per month. The Kansas City rates were increased and effective May 1, 2022, but Gladstone's would be in effect June 1, 2022, if the proposal was accepted by the City Council. Director Accurso requested questions and or comments:

Councilman Frisby inquired about the number of other cities that utilize Kansas City for their sewer treatment and asked if the rate would increase for all cities. It was determined that the Kansas City sewer rate would increase for all cities and that Director Accurso would supply the number of other cities utilizing Kansas City sewer service at a later date, if necessary. Councilman Frisby also asked when Kansas City would change the rate again. It was reported that it was normally an annual increase.

Councilmember Spallo asked about rates for the other cities listed (see attached), and if those cities would also have rate increases. The response was that the rates may change, because the Power Point information was dated March 2022. Councilmember Spallo also asked how Gladstone residents would be notified of this change. Director Accurso reported that it would be available online at the water department's website, the information would also be added to the residents' current bill, which is usage from approximately two months ago. The August 15, 2022 bill would reflect the new proposed charges.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore stated that this is one of those votes that doesn't really allow any other options.

Mayor Garnos discussed the past and current metering results for the outflow of sewage and how the cost is determined. Director Nebergall explained the past process and that sewage cost depends on the year and how dry it is. The sewage cost is calculated on the water usage and figured on the winter average.

Mayor Garnos asked if the City staff had any questions. He addressed the audience to inquire if anyone wanted to address the City Council in favor of the sewer service and commodity rate charges or if anyone wanted to address the city council in opposition to the city sewer service and rate changes. He addressed individuals in the City Council room and inquired if there were any further testimony from the audience, city staff, or city council and no one responded or came forward.

Mayor Garnos declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:52 pm.

Item No. 13. On the Agenda. First Reading Bill No. 22-15 An Ordinance amending Section 6.110.570 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gladstone, Missouri, levying sewer service charges and commodity rate charges in the city.

Councilmember Spallo moved Bill No. 22-15 to be placed on its First Reading. **Mayor Pro Tem Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Council member Spallo, Councilman Frisby, Councilman Mallams, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Garnos. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilmember Spallo moved to accept the First Reading of Bill No. 22-15, waive the rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Mayor Pro Tem Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Council member Spallo, Councilman Frisby, Councilman Mallams, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Garnos. (5-0). The Clerk read the Bill.

Second Reading Bill No. 22-15 An Ordinance amending Section 6.110.570 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gladstone, Missouri, levying sewer service charges and commodity rate charges in the city.

Councilmember Spallo moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **Bill No. 22-15**, and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.592**. **Mayor Pro Tem Moore** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Council member Spallo, Councilman Frisby, Councilman Mallams, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Garnos. (5-0)

Item No. 14. On the Agenda. **Resolution R-22-18** Amending the Employee Handbook for the City of Gladstone, Missouri.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve Resolution R-22-18 A Resolution Amending the Employee Handbook for the City of Gladstone, Missouri. **Councilmember Spallo** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Council member Spallo, Councilman Frisby, Councilman Mallams, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Garnos. (5-0)

Mayor Pro Tem Moore thanked Charlene Leslie for her efforts and stated that she did an amazing job on updating the Employee Handbook.


Item No. 15. On the Agenda. Other Business

There was no further business to come before the City Council.


Item No. 16. On the Agenda. Adjournment

Mayor Garnos adjourned the May 09, 2022, Regular City Council meeting at 7:56 pm.


Respectfully submitted:



Kris Keller, City Clerk

Approved as presented:  _____

Approved as modified: _____



Bill Garnos, Mayor