



**MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI  
APRIL 10, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bill Garnos  
Councilman R.D. Mallams  
Councilmember Tina Spallo  
Councilman Les Smith

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

**ABSENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore

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

Mayor Garnos opened the Regular City Council Meeting Monday, April 10, 2023, at 7:30 pm.

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

Mayor Garnos stated that all Councilmember were present except Mayor Pro Tem Moore and there was a quorum.

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

Mayor Garnos asked all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

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

The agenda was approved as published.

**Item No. 5. On the Agenda.** Approval of the March 27, 2023, Closed City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Councilmember Spallo** moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2023, Closed City Council Meeting as presented. **Councilman Smith** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Smith, Councilmember Spallo, and Mayor Garnos. **Councilman Mallams** abstained (3-0).

**Item No. 6. On the Agenda.** Approval of the March 27, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Councilmember Spallo** moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2023, Regular City Council meeting as presented. **Councilman Smith** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilmember Spallo, and Mayor Garnos. **Councilman Mallams** abstained (3-0).

**Item No. 7. On the Agenda.** Introduction of Past Mayors and City Council Members.

**Mayor Garnos** recognized Mr. Rick Moore, a prior Councilmember and Mayor.

**Item No. 8 On the Agenda.** Mayor’s State of the City Address.

Mayor Garnos referenced the Citizen-based Strategic Planning Initiative, Shaping Our Future, and in 2019, a half-cent sales tax was placed on the ballot and the residents of Gladstone agreed with it at 80% voter approval. This sales tax was voted to fund the building of a new Police Headquarters and other facility improvements.

Mayor Garnos highlighted successes this year and the exciting things that are up and coming:

- Groundbreaking of the new addition to City Hall, a \$14-million-dollar, 20,000 square foot Police Headquarters facility. Completion of the addition is expected around November 2023.
- The new state of the art Co-Located Emergency Services Communications Center, shared with the Clay County Sherriff’s Department, Excelsior Springs, and the City of Liberty. This shared dispatch center will allow the agencies to coordinate services and share costs for three of the largest law enforcement agencies in Clay County. He reported that it’s been a dynamic and positive multijurisdictional project and that other government agencies have inquired about the project due to the many benefits of shared dispatch services.
- Improvements are being made to the front of City Hall for aesthetics and to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility guidelines. The concrete louvers will remain, but colored and programmable LED lights will be added as an additional design feature.
- The \$4.5-million-dollar expansion and renovation of Fire Station #2 was completed in August 2022. The project added improved sleeping quarters, bathrooms, showers, and a community multipurpose/training room.
- Happy Rock East trail project was completed so the trail now loops around the park, the softball complex, and next to Shoal Creek.
- One of the biggest success stories over the past couple of years is the establishment of the North Kansas City School Districts Early Education Center. The City worked with the school district’s leadership on this property and the school district’s investment turned the area into a thriving part of our community. The terrific partnership between the City and the School District has allowed the temporary location of the Police Department.
- An upscale mixed use development is under construction and will add 225 luxury apartments and over 10,000 square feet of retail and office space. The project represents a private investment of approximately \$35 million dollars and is located on North Oak next to Hobby Hill Park. The first phase of this project should be completed and open for leasing in the fall of 2023.
- The downtown area was reconfigured for additional parking, due to the success of Summit Grill, Stone Canyon Pizza, iWerx, and the Fairfield by Marriott Hotel.

- Other improvements of the downtown area were made for walkability and to provide a downtown City Center feel.

Mayor Garnos announced that City Manager, Scott Wingerson would be retiring and shared that none of the improvements he mentioned this evening would have been possible without Scott's involvement. He announced that Assistant City Manager, Bob Baer will take the lead when Scott retires. He stated that Scott's contributions to the City were too numerous to mention, but did want to highlight the following about Scott because it will have an impact on this community for many years to come:

- He had the original vision for Linden Square and all that it could be for gathering and entertainment, while feeling like part of a community.
- He brought in a new appreciation for the Cultural Arts in Gladstone, and that the arts have been an intrinsic part of Gladstone's development, as they are an important part of a thriving community.
- He has been committed to ensure that Gladstone remains a welcoming and inclusive community and that Gladstone feels like home for everyone.

Mayor Garnos recognized that one of the hallmarks of strong city government is that it's bigger than any one person and that it can survive and thrive on its own and although the City hates to lose Scott; the Council knows that he's leaving Gladstone with a strong foundation for future growth and prosperity. He reported that Scott and Bob have nurtured a strong leadership team for Gladstone, along with great department heads and outstanding support for City employees. The Mayor stated that he's confident our community is going in the right direction. He announced Gladstone will have a new City Manager, it has a terrific new Police Chief, soon the selection of a new Fire Chief, and the election of a new Mayor. He shared that things look good in Gladstone and when asked about the City, the Mayor replies "Gladstone Rocks".

## **Regular Agenda**

**Item No. 9 On the Agenda.** Consider Special Event Permit: Girl Scout Thinking Day, Oak Grove Park, Saturday, April 15, 2023, 12:30 to 3:30 pm.

**Councilman Mallams** moved to approve the Special Event Permit. **Councilmember Spallo** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Smith, Councilmember Spallo, Councilman Mallams, and Mayor Garnos. (4-0)

**Item No. 10 on the Agenda.** Consider Special Event Permit: Big Shoal Heritage Area Farm, April 10, 2023 through November 14, 2023, Atkins-Johnson Farm.

**Councilman Mallams** moved to approve the Special Event Permit. **Councilman Smith** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Smith, Councilmember Spallo, Councilman Mallams, and Mayor Garnos. (4-0)

**Item No. 11. On the Agenda.** **FIRST READING BILL NO. 23-16** An Ordinance declaring the results of the Gladstone General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, as certified by the Clay County Board of Election Commissioners; declaring that candidates Les Smith and Tina Spallo have been elected to three year terms on the Gladstone City Council and declaring that the imposition of a sales tax on non-medical adult use marijuana at a rate of three percent has been approved by the voters of the City of Gladstone, Missouri.

**Councilman Mallams** moved **BILL NO. 23-16** be placed on its First Reading. **Councilmember Spallo** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilmember Spallo, Councilman Mallams, and Mayor Garnos. (4-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

**Councilman Mallams** moved to accept the First Reading of **BILL NO. 23-16**, waive the rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilmember Spallo** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilmember Spallo, Councilman Mallams, and Mayor Garnos. (4-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

**Councilman Mallams** moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **BILL NO. 23-16**, and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.635**. **Councilmember Spallo** seconded.

**Mayor Garnos** stated **BILL NO. 23-16** stands enacted as **Ordinance Number 4.635**. Roll Call vote: “aye” Councilman Smith, Councilmember Spallo, Councilman Mallams, and Mayor Garnos. (4-0)

**Item No. 12. On the Agenda. CITY COUNCIL OATH OF OFFICE.** Les Smith and Tina Spallo.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Elect Les Smith, for position of Councilmember, effective April 4, 2023.

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Elect Tina Spallo, for position of Councilmember, effective April 4, 2023.

**Item No. 13. On the Agenda. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND OATH OF OFFICE.**

**Mayor Garnos** presided and opened nominations for the office of Mayor of the City of Gladstone. Councilman Mallams reported that it was his honor to nominate who has dedicated so many valuable hours to the City of Gladstone’s businesses and the residents she continues to set the standards for the members of the City Council Jean Moore to be the Mayor. **Councilmember Spallo** seconded.

As there were no further nominations for the office of Mayor to come before the City Council **Mayor Garnos** called for a vote. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilmember Spallo, Councilman Mallams, and Mayor Garnos. (4-0)

The Oath of Office will be administered by the City Clerk at Jean Moore’s convenience.

**Item No. 14. On the Agenda. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM.**

**Mayor Garnos**, with the Council’s permission presided and opened the nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Gladstone.

**Councilman Smith** nominated Tina Spallo to fill the position of Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Bill Garnos seconded.

As there were no further nominations for the office of Mayor Pro Tem to come before the City Council **Mayor Garnos** called for a vote. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilmember Spallo, Councilman Mallams, and Mayor Garnos. (4-0)

**Councilmember Spallo** was voted in as Mayor Pro Tem.

**Councilman Garnos** handed the gavel to **Mayor Pro Tem Spallo** to complete the meeting.



**Item No. 15. On the Agenda.** Communications from the Audience.

Jim Oldebeken, 76<sup>th</sup> Terrace, addressed the Council and spoke about the recent election and that he felt it was a smooth running, orderly, and non-controversial election in our City. He reported that he was grateful for the slight increase in voter turnout in the City and expressed the need to keep increasing the numbers each year. He mentioned the importance of the Oath of Office for not only government but citizens. He spoke about an opportunity in regards to the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Declaration of Independence, He believes Gladstone does remarkable things collaboratively and that the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is a good opportunity to honor, evaluate, and measure ourselves. He expressed the idea of the public and private sector working collaboratively on not just a celebration, but something that would be meaningful and noteworthy for future generations.

**Item No. 16. On the Agenda.** Communications from City Council.

**Councilman Smith** shared the following thoughts:

- Jean Moore wasn't able to be present and he hoped that she feels better.
- Thanked the Council, his campaign team, and several individuals in the audience for their support.
- His appreciation toward Jim Oldebeken for organizing the campaign forum and working with the youth from Oak Park High School at that terrific event.
- Thanked his wife, Laura, for her constant support and expressed his appreciation to her.
- Congratulated Cody McElroy and Mike Ebenroth, candidates who ran for Council, and stated he hoped they will stay involved in the community.

**Councilman Mallams**

- Thanked Bill Garnos for his service to the community as Mayor the past year.
- Congratulated Tina and Les on their re-election.
- Thanked the spouses of Les and Tina for supporting them.

**Mayor Pro Tem Spallo**

- Agreed with the comments made by Les Smith regarding the election process.
- Thanked everyone for their support during the election process and stated that it was a challenge, a lot of work, and a partnership.
- Thanked her wife, Kathy and expressed her appreciation to her.
- Acknowledged the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, April 8, 2023. Reported there were good speakers and congratulated Director Justin Merkey for the fun and well-attended event.
- Recognized National Telecommunicators Week and requested that Chief Farris relay their appreciation for all that the dispatchers do on a daily basis, because we could not provide the type of public safety services that we do without them.

**Item No. 17. On the Agenda.** Communications from the City Manager.

City Manager Scott Wingerson

- Thanked former Mayor Garnos for the kind words and for his service as Mayor the past year.
- Congratulated Councilmember Smith for his re-election to City Council.

- Congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Spallo for her re-election to City Council and election as Mayor Pro Tem.
- Congratulated Jean Moore for her election as Mayor and advised that she will take the Oath of Office in a couple of weeks.

**Item No. 18. On the Agenda.** Other Business.

There was no other business.

**Item No. 19. On the Agenda.** Adjournment.

**Mayor Pro Tem Spallo** adjourned the April 10, 2023 Regular City Council meeting at 8:02 pm.

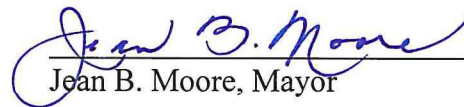
Respectfully submitted:



Kris Keller, City Clerk

Approved as presented: ☒

Approved as modified: ☐

  
Jean B. Moore, Mayor