



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
JUNE 26, 2023**

PRESENT: Mayor Jean Moore
Mayor Pro Tem Tina Spallo
Councilman Bill Garnos
Councilman R.D. Mallams
Councilman Les Smith

City Manager Bob Baer
Community Development Director Austin Greer
City Attorney Chris Williams
City Clerk Kris Keller

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

Mayor Moore opened the Regular City Council Meeting Monday, June 26, 2023, at 7:30 pm.

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

Mayor Moore stated that all Councilmembers were present and there was a quorum.

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

Mayor Moore asked all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and thanked the VFW Post 10906 members: Carla Gleaton, Charlie Cram, Jim Zimmerman, and Jim Cox.

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 June 12, 2023, Closed City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilman Mallams moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023, Closed City Council Meeting as presented. **Councilman Smith** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0)

Item No. 6. On the Agenda. Approval of the June 12, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilman Mallams moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023, Regular City Council meeting as presented. **Councilman Smith** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0)

Item No. 7. On the Agenda. PROCLAMATION: National Parks and Recreation Month

Mayor Moore read and presented the Proclamation to Justin Merkey, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts.

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

Mr. David Nelson, 5735 North Clinton Lane, reported that he has been a volunteer at the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum since it has been opened. He thanked the City for its money, time, and support of the farm. He reflected on his time at the museum, remembering the history of the past, and the importance of the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026. He provided the Clerk with a copy of his communications (see attached).

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

Councilman Smith addressed Mr. Nelson and reported that he would contact him this week.

Councilman Garnos thanked Mayor Moore for covering the Board of Zoning and Adjustment (BZA) meeting for him, because he had to attend the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting the same evening. He shared the updates on the parks projects; new shelters at Oak Grove Park, a new playground at Happy Rock Park, some new business regarding staff, and a timeline was made on painting the indoor pools.

Mayor Pro Tem Spallo recognized Public Works for hosting the electronics disposal event Saturday, June 24, 2023 and encouraged the City to continue it, if possible.

Mayor Moore reported that she covered the Board of Zoning and Adjustment (BZA) meeting and that a request for a shed was approved. She stated that she attended the Planning Commission meeting and a project regarding property on North Oak will be coming before the Council at an upcoming meeting. She shared that she enjoyed the employee lunch last week and said it was great fun and very well attended.

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

City Manager Baer thanked Mayor Moore, her husband Rick, and his friend Kevin, who grilled the food for the staff appreciation luncheon. He reported that City Hall will be closed July 4, 2023, in observance of the holiday. He invited everyone to join the July 4th celebration at Oak Grove Park and announced that the band begins at 7:30 pm and the fireworks at 9:30 pm. He wished everyone a safe 4th of July weekend.

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

Following the Clerks' reading:

Councilman Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda as published. **Mayor Pro Tem Spallo** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0)

Councilman Smith moved to approve the following **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**: Sharp Agent KC-Re/Max Revolution, client appreciation event, Happy Rock Park West, Saturday, July 8, 2023, 5:00 to 9:00 pm. **Mayor Pro Tem Spallo** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0)

Councilman Smith moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-23-25** A Resolution authorizing acceptance of work under contract with Play and Park Structures, Incorporated, for the Happy Rock Park Softball Complex Playground Replacement Project, and authorizing final payment in the amount

of \$500.00 for Project CP2358A. **Mayor Pro Tem Spallo** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0)

Councilman Smith moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-23-26** A Resolution authorizing acceptance of a proposal from Logicalis for the acquisition of two (2) Fortigate-210F Hardware plus three (3) year Forticare Premium and Fortiguard Unified Threat Protection (UTP) packages in the total amount of \$28,072.98. **Mayor Pro Tem Spallo** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0)

Councilman Smith moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-23-27** A Resolution revising the General Fund and Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System Fund FY23 Midyear Budget for the City of Gladstone, Missouri and authorizing expenditures of funds. **Mayor Pro Tem Spallo** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0)

Councilman Smith moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-23-28** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute and file a project application seeking Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MODNR) grant funding to assist in the development of a water service line material inventory. **Mayor Pro Tem Spallo** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0)

Councilman Smith moved to approve the **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 11 MONTHS ENDING MAY 31, 2023**. **Mayor Pro Tem Spallo** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0)

REGULAR AGENDA

Item No. 12. On the Agenda. **FIRST READING BILL NO. 23-22** An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Cooperative Agreement between the City of Gladstone and the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) for funding operations of the Operation Green Light Traffic Control System.

Mayor Pro Tem Spallo moved **BILL NO. 23-22** be placed on its First Reading. **Councilman Garnos** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Spallo moved to accept the First Reading of **BILL NO. 23-22**, waive the rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilman Garnos** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

Mayor Pro Tem Spallo moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **BILL NO. 23-22** and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.641**. **Councilman Garnos** seconded.

Mayor Moore shared that this Bill was presented at the Open Study Session on June 12, 2023 and the cost is approximately \$4,800.00 per year.

Roll Call vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0) Mayor Moore stated **BILL NO. 23-22** stands enacted as **Ordinance Number 4.641**.

Item No. 13. On the Agenda. **FIRST READING BILL NO. 23-23** An Ordinance amending Schedule VIII of the Model Traffic Code (Gladstone Municipal Code Section 4.100.020) to establish

stop sign locations at the Northeast and Southwest corners of the intersection of North Walrond Avenue and Northeast 68th Terrace.

Councilman Garnos moved **BILL NO. 23-23** be placed on its First Reading. **Councilman Smith** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Garnos moved to accept the First Reading of **BILL NO. 23-23**, waive the rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilman Smith** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Garnos moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **BILL NO. 23-23** and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.642**. **Councilman Smith** seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Spallo thanked Director Nebergall for undertaking the work that was necessary to place the Bill on the agenda. She reported that it was a big request from the residents of Northhaven Gardens. She expressed that the stop signs should help slow down the traffic on 68th Terrace, where a crosswalk for Chapel Hill school is located.

Roll Call vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0) Mayor Moore stated **BILL NO. 23-23** stands enacted as **Ordinance Number 4.642**.

Item No. 14. On the Agenda. **FIRST READING BILL NO. 23-24** An Ordinance approving the delivery of Schedule 4 and Schedule 5 to an existing Master Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement, for the purpose of providing financing for the acquisition and installation of certain equipment for the City and authorizing and approving certain documents and actions in connection therewith.

Councilman Mallams moved **BILL NO. 23-24** be placed on its First Reading. **Mayor Pro Tem Spallo** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Mallams moved to accept the First Reading of **BILL NO. 23-24**, waive the rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Mayor Pro Tem Spallo** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Mallams moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **BILL NO. 23-24** and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.643**. **Mayor Pro Tem Spallo** seconded.

Roll Call vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0) Mayor Moore stated **BILL NO. 23-24** stands enacted as **Ordinance Number 4.643**.

Item No. 15. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-23-29** A Resolution authorizing acceptance of a Sourcewell proposal from Key Equipment and Supply Company for the purchase of a Vactor 2100i Combination Sewer Cleaner in the total amount of \$549,983.24.

Councilman Smith moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-23-29** A Resolution authorizing acceptance of a Sourcewell proposal from Key Equipment and Supply Company for the purchase of a Vactor 2100i Combination Sewer Cleaner in the total amount of \$549,983.24. **Mayor Pro Tem Spallo** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0)

Item No. 16. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-23-30** A Resolution authorizing acceptance of a proposal from Feld Fire, Carroll, IA, for the purchase of a 2023 Spartan 2120 S180 Metrostar Pumper for a total purchase amount not to exceed \$677,035.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Spallo moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-23-30** A Resolution authorizing acceptance of a proposal from Feld Fire, Carroll, IA, for the purchase of a 2023 Spartan 2120 S180 Metrostar Pumper for a total purchase amount not to exceed \$677,035.00. **Councilman Smith** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0)

Item No. 17. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-23-31** A Resolution authorizing acceptance of a proposal from Custom Truck One Source for the purchase of a Versalift VST-40MHI Bucket Truck in the total amount of \$180,014.00.

Councilman Mallams moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-23-31** A Resolution authorizing acceptance of a proposal from Custom Truck One Source for the purchase of a Versalift VST-40MHI Bucket Truck in the total amount of \$180,014.00. **Councilman Garnos** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0)

Item No. 18. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-23-32** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Gladstone, Missouri and Northland Neighborhoods, Incorporated to provide consulting services to assist in the ongoing development and revitalization of neighborhoods for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Councilman Smith moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-23-32** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Gladstone, Missouri and Northland Neighborhoods, Incorporated to provide consulting services to assist in the ongoing development and revitalization of neighborhoods for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. **Councilman Mallams** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0)


Item No. 19. On the Agenda. Other Business.

There was no other business.

Item No. 20. On the Agenda. Adjournment.

Mayor Moore adjourned the June 26, 2023, Regular City Council meeting at 8:01 pm.

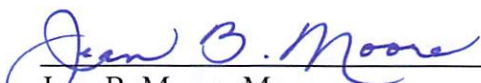
Respectfully submitted:



Kris Keller, City Clerk

Approved as presented: ☒

Approved as modified: ☐



Jean B. Moore, Mayor

View From the Front Porch
Remembering the Past: Commemoration vs. Celebration
David E. Nelson, D.Min

I volunteer one day a week to be a docent at the Atkins Johnson Farm and Museum. I have enough time sitting on the front porch to ponder the past, the present and the future. Like other human beings, I decide how to spend my time. Pondering the past is my focus in this statement.

Commemoration and **celebration** are two related but distinct concepts. **Commemoration** is often in the context of an event or a person that has been influential in the world or in a person's life. It often includes a ritual of laying a wreath or flowers, a silent gathering of a group or a short liturgy of reflections. Commemoration is possible for events that both brought great joy into the world or that resulted in tragic loss. It remains honest about the past. **Celebration** is typically a recognition of a joy or happiness or recognition of an achievement. It often includes a party, gifts, and happy participation of others. Celebration can attempt to ignore mistakes and is sometimes an attempt to rewrite history to make people feel better.

I think I first learned this idea from the Lutheran Movement of Catholic Christianity. We do not worship the saints; but we do commemorate men and women who have lived lives that revealed a sacred truth and inspire us to live our lives with more integrity and hope. Often in remembering a person or an event it remains important to seek and remember the sad and broken parts even as we receive gifts of inspiration. We even use the phrase that we "are simultaneously saint and sinner." In remembering a past we can learn from the mistakes and commit to not repeating them again.

As I prepare to spend another Fourth of July and look to the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, in 2026, I am hearing many voices on the media of newspapers, internet, radio, and social apps. Some seem to be suggesting we must ignore the systemic racist slavery that has been such a significant part of our nation's history. I live in a former slave state and seek to learn more about what that meant to my siblings in the past as well as my sisters and brothers in the present. As we remember 1776, we can also hear the stories of 1619. As I sit on the front porch, I realize that when Columbus "discovered" this land there were somewhere between 2 and 18 million indigenous people living here. In this part of what is now Clay County, the Osage, Kansa, and Missouri Nations were living a good life. As I greet visitors to our Farm and Museum, I can acknowledge and honor the Osage, the Kansa, and Missouri Nations, upon whose land we gather.

A "**celebration**" is more festive if we ignore that tragic part of our heritage. However, a "**commemoration**" gives us the possibility of recognizing that we have made mistakes, we have even participated in an economic reality that treated some as less than fully human. We can learn from that experience and seek to build a more perfect union through our actions now. The USA, Missouri, Clay County, and Gladstone have each made mistakes, but we are not a mistake. We can recognize and learn from past behavior to work cooperatively with all our citizens to keep learning and restoring that beautiful vision once expressed.

We can commemorate our nation and learn from the imperfections as we seek to affirm our common humanity. We stay human when we both stay honest and stay committed to building that more perfect union.

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