



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

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

City Manager Bob Baer
Assistant City Manager 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, September 11, 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 held a moment of silence to commemorate the 22nd Anniversary of 9/11.

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 August 28, 2023, Closed City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilman Mallams moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2023 Closed City Council Meeting as presented. **Mayor Pro Tem Spallo** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. "Abstain:" **Councilman Smith.** (4-1)

Item No. 6. On the Agenda. Approval of the August 28, 2023, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilman Mallams moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2023, Regular City Council meeting as presented. **Mayor Pro Tem Spallo** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. “Abstain.” **Councilman Smith.** (4-1)

Item No. 7. On the Agenda. **RECOGNITION:** Donation Presentation by the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd for the planting of trees in Gladstone parks.

Reverend Galen Snodgrass addressed the Council and presented a check to **Mayor Moore** in the amount of \$1,500.00 to be utilized for the planting of trees, shrubs, or native grasses in city parks. Reverend Galen expressed that the church and Diocese like to do all they can to help beautify the area add value to the community, and fight climate change.

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

Larry Thrasher, 2379 NE 68th Street, Northhaven Village Condominiums, reported a parking lot problem at his complex that originated in the year 2008 and has never been resolved. He shared a few suggestions and requested a meeting with someone at the City to discuss possible options.

Jim Oldebeken, 40 NE 76th Terrace, shared a letter from thirteen (13) presidential centers regarding how Americans should reaffirm the importance and commitment to the principles of democracy (see attached document). He read the Athenian Oath and submitted his signed document to the Council. He discussed the 250th Anniversary of our Country, and its importance. He encouraged everyone to review the America250.org website for more information on being informed, involved, and united. He discussed the First Amendment and the lack of knowledge individuals have regarding it. He shared information about the North Kansas City School high school government and politics curriculum and reported that it would be great for all individuals to take the required U.S. citizenship test.

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

Councilman Smith informed City Manager Baer that he had information regarding the situation at Northhaven Village Condominiums and would discuss it at a later date. He reflected back on 9/11 and shared his personal experience among fellow elected officials while at the Missouri Municipal League conference that day. He thanked everyone that was able to attend the service for his mother, who recently passed away. He expressed how meaningful it has been to the family to hear all the wonderful things that have been said about her.

Mayor Pro Tem Spallo announced that she and the Mayor were able to attend the retirement celebration for Paige Robbins, Recreation Specialist for the 50+ Program for 31 years. She reported that many from the senior group attended to congratulate Paige. She stated that she had the opportunity to participate in Fiesta on the Square and reported that Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts continuously do a good job with programming at Linden Square. She reflected the many events over the years and described that Linden Square brings the community together. She thanked Director Justin Merkey for the past and upcoming events. She reminded everyone that Gladfest is approaching and volunteers are still needed and if interested, to contact the Gladstone Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Moore reported that she attended the retirement celebration for Danny Shinneman, Stormsewer Crewleader at Public Works for 31 years. She announced that the Glad Green Team met on Saturday, September 2, 2023 and picked up a lot of trash at M-1 and welcomed everyone to volunteer. She shared that she attended the Missouri Municipal League conference today, listened to

a great key note speaker, and attended a session about Economic Development. She stated that she was thankful for the opportunity to attend. She acknowledged the passing of Carmelina Smith and stated that she was lovingly devoted to all things Gladstone. She expressed how much Carmelina would be missed and extended sincere sympathy to the family and Councilman Smith.

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

City Manager Bob Baer announced two events at AJ Farm and Museum this weekend; Big Shoal Farm Pumpkin Field Festival, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and Pickin' on the Front Porch Bluegrass concert, music provided by the Highway from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

REGULAR AGENDA

Item No. 11. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-23-58** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) for the cooperative purchase of a Point to Point 820G Microwave Link for the Co-Located Emergency Services Communication Center in the amount of \$26,732.72.

Mayor Pro Tem Spallo moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-23-58** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) for the cooperative purchase of a Point to Point 820G Microwave Link for the Co-Located Emergency Services Communication Center in the amount of \$26,732.72. **Councilman Garnos** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0)

Item No. 12. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-23-59** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Royal Construction Services, LLC, in the total amount not to exceed \$47,900.00 for the replacement of the two trail bridges at the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum.

Councilman Smith moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-23-59** A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Royal Construction Services, LLC, in the total amount not to exceed \$47,900.00 for the replacement of the two trail bridges at the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum. **Councilman Mallams** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Smith, Councilman Mallams, Councilman Garnos, Mayor Pro Tem Spallo, and Mayor Moore. (5-0)

Item No. 13. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-23-60** A Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$70,263.50 to the contract with Metro Asphalt, Incorporated, for the FY24 Mill and Overlay Program, Project TP2406.

Councilman Garnos moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-23-60** A Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$70,263.50 to the contract with Metro Asphalt, Incorporated, for the FY24 Mill and Overlay Program, Project TP2406. **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. 14. On the Agenda. Other Business.

There was no other business.

Item No. 15. On the Agenda. Adjournment.

Mayor Moore adjourned the September 11, 2023, Regular City Council meeting at 7:55 pm.

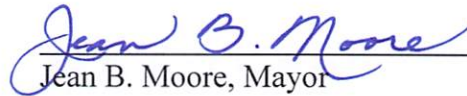
Respectfully submitted:



Kris Keller, City Clerk

Approved as presented: ☒

Approved as modified: ☐



Jean B. Moore, Mayor



September 7, 2023

Strengthening our democracy

PRESIDENTIAL CENTERS AFFIRM THAT "DEMOCRACY HOLDS US TOGETHER"

Presidential Foundations and Centers across the United States, for the first time, have issued a joint statement regarding the future of our nation and an urgent call to action for all Americans.

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ilshare Friends,

The George W. Bush Presidential Center is joined by fellow presidential centers and foundations to reaffirm our commitment to the democratic values on which this country was founded.

As we constantly strive toward a more perfect union, it is important to recognize inherent human dignity, foster conditions for liberty, advance equality, and promote the general welfare

of the United States. When united by our founding ideals, Americans should reaffirm the importance of democratic values, civic responsibility, civility, and a pluralistic society.

We hope you will join us in this effort by reading and reflecting upon the statement, sharing it with your networks, and practicing the good citizenship that our democracy requires.



David J. Kramer

Executive Director of the George W. Bush Institute

A statement from 13 presidential centers

The unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, as stated in the Declaration of Independence, are principles that bind us together as Americans. They have enabled the United States to strive toward a more perfect union, even when we have not always lived up to those ideals.

As a diverse nation of people with different backgrounds and beliefs, democracy holds us together. We are a country rooted in the rule of law, where the protection of the rights of all people is paramount. At the same time, we live among our fellow citizens, underscoring the importance of compassion, tolerance, pluralism, and respect for others.

We, the undersigned, represent a wide range of views across a breadth of issues. We recognize that these views can exist peaceably side by side when rooted in the principles of democracy. Debate and disagreement are central features in a healthy democracy. Civility and respect in political discourse, whether in an election year or otherwise, are essential.

Americans have a strong interest in supporting democratic movements and respect for human rights around the world because free societies elsewhere contribute to our own security and prosperity here at home. But that interest is undermined when others see our own house in disarray. The world will not wait for us to address our problems, so we must both continue to strive toward a more perfect union and help those abroad looking for U.S. leadership.

Each of us has a role to play and responsibilities to uphold. Our elected officials must lead by example and govern effectively in ways that deliver for the American people. This, in turn, will help to restore trust in public service. The rest of us must engage in civil dialogue; respect democratic institutions and rights; uphold safe, secure, and accessible elections; and contribute to local, state, or national improvement.

By signing this statement, we reaffirm our commitment to the principles of democracy undergirding this great nation, protecting our freedom, and respecting our fellow citizens. When united by these convictions, America is stronger as a country and an inspiration for others.

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In the News:

- ***The New York Times: From Hoover to Nixon to Obama, presidential centers call to protect democracy***
(<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/07/us/politics/presidential-centers-democracy-bush.html>)
- ***The Washington Post: Presidential centers issue rare call to maintain civil discourse, protect democracy***
(<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2023/09/07/presidential-libraries-letter-democracy-civil-discourse/>)
- ***AP News: Presidential centers from Hoover to Bush and Obama unite to warn of fragile state of US democracy***
(<https://apnews.com/article/united-states-democracy-presidents-threats-joint-statement-5530a89df2c41d58a22961f63fb0e6ff>)
- ***The Hill: 13 presidential centers unify in call for civility, protection of democracy*** (<https://thehill.com/blogs/blog-briefing-room/4192168-13-presidential-centers-unify-in-call-for-civility-protection-of-democracy/>)
- ***Houston Chronicle: Enough with the disrespect. Be Civil***
(<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/outlook/article/george-bush-dallas-presidential-center-politics-18350522.php>)
- ***The Dallas Morning News: Americans who see bipartisanship as weak must find ways to come together***
(<https://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/commentary/2023/09/07/americans-who-see-bipartisanship-as-weak-must-find-ways-to-come-together/>)

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