



**MINUTES  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI  
MAY 13, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Tina Spallo  
Mayor Pro Tem Les Smith  
Councilmember Jean Moore  
Councilman Bill Garnos  
Councilman Spencer Davis  
  
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 Spallo** opened the Regular City Council Meeting Monday, May 13, 2024, at 7:36 pm.

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

**Mayor Spallo** 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 Spallo** asked all to stand and 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 April 22, 2024, Closed City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Councilmember Moore** moved to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2024, Closed City Council meeting as presented. **Mayor Pro Tem Smith** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

**Item No. 6. On the Agenda.** Approval of the April 22, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

**Councilmember Moore** moved to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2024, Regular City Council meeting as presented. **Mayor Pro Tem Smith** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

**Item No. 7. On the Agenda. PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL POLICE WEEK.**

**Mayor Spallo** read the Proclamation recognizing National Police Week and presented it to Chief Fred Farris, Captain Karl Burris, and Captain Bryan Boydston. She shared her appreciation for the professionalism and the service the Police Department provides.

**Item No. 8. On the Agenda. PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK.**

**Mayor Spallo** recognized National Emergency Medical Services Week and presented it to Chief Mike Desautels, Colin Chang, Jackson Nelson, Sam Smith, Craig Richey, Kevin Davis, and Dayton Holtcamp. She thanked the Fire Department/EMS for all the services they provide.

**Item No. 9. On the Agenda. Communications from the Audience.**

David Nelson, 5735 North Clinton Lane, congratulated Council on the recent election and the new facilities. He shared his thoughts on the rich history of immigration and how it's greatly influenced our nation's identity. As a volunteer at the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum, he expressed his pride and appreciation for the Council's support of the farm and museum. He shared information about the upcoming exhibit, "Immigration: An American Story" July 10<sup>th</sup> through August 3, 2024. He described the exhibit and importance of recognizing the contributions of immigrants and expressed that they should be welcomed as our ancestors were welcomed. He invited all to join him at 9:30 am on July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum for a reading of the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution, in preparation for our nation's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He encouraged those who speak a foreign language to participate in the July 4<sup>th</sup> reading event.

**Item No. 10. On the Agenda. Communications from City Council.**

**Councilmember Moore** thanked Public Works and other City staff for the recent spring beautification and shredding events that are made seamless and simple for our residents.

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith** reported that he attended the recent meeting at Northland Neighbors Inc., and shared there was interest outside the City limits for making the connection of the Vivion Trail.

**Mayor Spallo** announced that she attended the recent Neighborhood Commission meeting and reported the commission is taking on some new responsibilities and shared there will be some exciting news in the next few months for our residents and homeowners. She reminded everyone about the Gladstone Area Chamber of Commerce's annual Bluesfest this Friday and Saturday evening. She thanked Public Works for the recent events for residents.

**Item No. 11. On the Agenda. Communications from the City Manager.**

City Manager Baer announced the Spring edition of the Gladstone magazine was published and will be mailed to residents. He reported that the Citywide garage sales will be held May 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>; no permit is required during this time period and more information is available on the City's website.

**Item No. 12. On the Agenda. CONSENT AGENDA.**

Following the Clerks' reading:

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

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith** moved to approve the Special Event Permits:

Food, Art, Drink, Linden Square, Saturday, June 1, 2024, 12:00 to 10:00 pm.

Sounds on the Square, Linden Square, (see attached document for dates), 5:00 to 10:00 pm.

Shores Real Estate Professionals, Client Appreciation Event, Oak Grove Park, Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 5:30 to 7:30 pm.

Children's Garden Day, Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum, Saturday, July 13, 2024, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Cutie Pie Tri/Kids Fest, Linden Square, Saturday, July 27, 2024, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Big Shoal Farm Sunflower Festival, Atkins-Johnson Farm and Museum, Saturday, August 17, 2024, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Fiesta on the Square, Linden Square, Saturday, September 7, 2024, 5:00 to 9:00 pm.

Whiskey Fest, Linden Square, Saturday, October 12, 2024, 4:00 to 10:00 pm.

**Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith** moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-21**, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with A. T. Switzer Painting Company, Incorporated, in the total amount not to exceed \$26,881.00 for the Community Center Leisure Pool Repainting Project CC2463. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith** moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-22**, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Confluence Commercial Pool Equipment in the total amount not to exceed \$45,600.00 for the replacement of twelve (12) starting blocks for the Community Center Pools Project CC2462. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith** moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-23**, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a first amendment to the lease agreement by and between the City of Gladstone, Missouri and Evergy Metro Inc., for lease of property located at the 72nd Street North Evergy Substation. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith** moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-24**, A Resolution declaring certain City property surplus and authorizing the donation of surplus items to the Midwest Recycling Center. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

## **REGULAR AGENDA.**

### **Item No. 13. On the Agenda. PUBLIC HEARING: Budget Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

**Mayor Spallo** opened the Public Hearing at 7:56 pm

Finance Director Dominic Accurso approached the Council and presented the Budget Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Please see attached presentation for detailed information. Mayor Spallo requested an explanation regarding the equity transfers and Director Accurso provided the response. He then

reported that if the budget is approved, it will be placed on the June 10, 2024, City Council meeting agenda.

There was no one in favor or opposition of the Budget Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

**Mayor Spallo** closed the Public Hearing at 8:18 pm.

**Item No. 14. On the Agenda. PUBLIC HEARING:** Amending Section 6.110.570, Levying sewer service charges and commodity rate charges in the City.

**Mayor Spallo** opened the Public Hearing at 8:18 pm.

Director of Finance, Dominic Accurso, addressed the Council and reported we currently pay \$5.10 per 1,000 gallons of water usage and \$10.00 a month service charge. Staff proposes to change the water monthly service charge to \$10.25 and the water usage rate will remain the same. Sewer usage is currently \$12.20 and the service charge is \$17.15. Staff is proposing the sewer usage to increase to \$12.40 per 1,000 gallons and the sewer service charge to \$18.18. He shared the survey results for a cost comparison with surrounding cities. He reported the proposed rates will go into effect June 1, 2024, if the City Council approves the Ordinance on tonight's agenda.

There was no one in favor or opposition of the application.

**Mayor Spallo** closed the public hearing at 8:04 pm.

**Item No. 15. On the Agenda. FIRST READING BILL NO. 24-15,** 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.

**Councilman Garnos** moved **BILL NO. 24-15** be placed on its First Reading. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

**Councilman Garnos** moved to accept the First Reading of **BILL NO. 24-15**, waive the rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

**Councilman Garnos** moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **BILL NO. 24-15** and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.670**. **Councilmember Moore** seconded.

Roll Call vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0) **Mayor Spallo** stated **BILL NO. 24-15** stands enacted as **Ordinance Number 4.670**.

**Item No. 16. On the Agenda. FIRST READING BILL NO. 24-16,** An Ordinance amending Section 6.110.100 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Gladstone, Missouri, regarding Water Service Rates in the City.

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith** moved **BILL NO. 24-16** be placed on its First Reading. **Councilman Davis** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith** moved to accept the First Reading of **BILL NO. 24-16**, waive the rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilman Davis** seconded. The Vote: "aye",

Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

**Mayor Pro Tem Smith** moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **BILL NO. 24-16** and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.671**. **Councilman Davis** seconded.

Roll Call vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0) **Mayor Spallo** stated **BILL NO. 24-16** stands enacted as **Ordinance Number 4.671**.

**Item No. 17. On the Agenda.** **FIRST READING BILL NO. 24-17**, An Ordinance of the City of Gladstone, Missouri, to establish a procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain Municipal Officials pursuant to the State of Missouri Ethics law.

**Councilmember Moore** moved **BILL NO. 24-17** be placed on its First Reading. **Councilman Garnos** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

**Councilmember Moore** moved to accept the First Reading of **BILL NO. 24-17**, waive the rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilman Garnos** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

**Councilmember Moore** moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **BILL NO. 24-17** and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.672**. **Councilman Garnos** seconded.

Roll Call vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0) **Mayor Spallo** stated **BILL NO. 24-17** stands enacted as **Ordinance Number 4.672**.

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

There was no other business.

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

**Mayor Spallo** adjourned the May 13, 2024, Regular City Council meeting at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Kris Keller, City Clerk

Approved as presented: ☒

Approved as modified: ☐



Tina M. Spallo, Mayor