



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
AUGUST 26, 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, August 26, 2024 at 7:30 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. She thanked the VFW Post 10906 Color Guard: Carla Gleaton, Jim Cox, and Jim Zimmerman.

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 12, 2024, Closed City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Moore moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 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 August 12, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilmember Moore moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 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. Communications from the Audience.

Wanda George, 2411 NE 57th Terrace, reported that she was upset about what she described as a negative experience with a City Code Enforcement officer over her garage sale permit and a misunderstanding of days of operation. Ms. George felt there was miscommunication about rules and expectations, which led to unnecessary conflicts for those unfamiliar with the Ordinances. She expressed her frustration with the lack of clear communication and the enforcement of “vague rules” regarding yard sales, given the tensions with a neighbor who often complains. She expressed the City’s need to provide clearer guidelines on the permit about signage and set up and believed it could help alleviate misunderstandings.

Item No. 8. On the Agenda. Communications from City Council.

Councilman Davis expressed his thanks to Chief Farris and Captain Burris for addressing the traffic violations and speeding concerns raised by Mr. Comstock and Mr. Powell in the area of NE 76th and North Park during recent Council meetings. He stated that the department’s challenges of being understaffed are understood and that he appreciated their proactive response that has led to numerous citations, demonstrating a commitment to community safety. He thanked them for listening to the residents, taking action on their concerns, and for their hard work and dedication.

Councilman Garnos reported the Board of Zoning Adjustment meeting was cancelled last week. He shared that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting was very productive, Director Merkey gave updates on several key projects, including Flora Park, the conversion of the tennis to pickle ball courts on 72nd Street, dog park, AJ Farm Barn, and the Community Center pool upgrades.

Councilmember Moore shared the tragic and unexpected loss of Beth Houlihan, a dedicated community member who, alongside her husband John, actively supported Gladstone for as long as many can remember. She stated that Beth played an essential role in various City initiatives, including the formation of the Glad Green Team and worked as the City gardener for over twelve years. She reflected on Beth’s contributions as a Master Gardner and the lasting impact in the form of the beautiful plantings we continue to enjoy. Councilmember Moore added that Beth’s absence will be profoundly felt by all who knew her and she extended her deepest sympathy to all of Beth’s loved ones during this difficult time.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith expressed the profound impact Beth and John Houlihan had on the Gladstone community since the mid 1980’s. He defined them as the meaning of a “community” due to their dedication of being good neighbors and quietly contributing to the City; notably, Beth was a kind and warm-hearted individual.

Mayor Spallo expressed that Beth will be missed. She extended her thanks to Jinny Kyle for hosting the Atkins-Johnson Sunflower 5K Run/Walk this past weekend that brought over 150 participants and successfully raised funds for both the farm and the North Kansas City School Foundation. She shared that it was a wonderful, well-organized occasion enjoyed by all, including Nevill Miller from Channel 9, as well as many students from the school district. She extended thanks on behalf of the Council to Ms. Kyle and the Friends of the Farm for all they do. Additionally, she thanked the Code Enforcement Officers for their diligent work in monitoring the City for violations, especially given the challenges they face with non-compliant property owners; she added that their efforts in maintaining community standards are highly appreciated.

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

City Manager Baer thanked participants in the successful alert test this month and shared his appreciation for the frontline staff who handled the inquiries about the legitimacy of the test messages. Additionally, he highlighted that residents can sign up for City alerts through the City's website. He announced that City Hall will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024, in observance of Labor Day. He conveyed the important contributions that John and Beth Houlihan had made to the community and offered condolences to John and his family during this difficult time.

Item No. 10. On the Agenda. CONSENT AGENDA.

Following the Clerks' reading:

Councilman Davis 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)

Councilman Davis moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-56**, A Resolution authorizing acceptance of work under contract with Orr Wyatt Streetscapes, for the 2022/23 Water Main Replacements Project, and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Project WP2386. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

Councilman Davis moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-57**, A Resolution authorizing payment of certain transportation project fees to the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) in an amount not to exceed \$25,100.27. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

Councilman Davis moved to approve **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR ONE MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2024**. **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. 11. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-24-58**, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Ace Pipe Cleaning, Incorporated, in the total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for FY25 Sewer Cleaning and Televising, Project SP2589.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-24-58**, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Ace Pipe Cleaning, Incorporated, in the total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for FY25 Sewer Cleaning and Televising, Project SP2589. **Councilmember Moore** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Davis, Councilman Garnos, Councilmember Moore, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Mayor Spallo. (5-0)

Item No. 12. On the Agenda. Other Business.

There was no other business.

Item No. 13. On the Agenda. Adjournment.

Mayor Spallo adjourned the August 26, 2024, Regular City Council meeting at 7:50 pm.

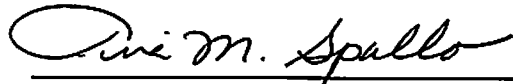
Respectfully submitted:



Kris Keller, City Clerk

Approved as presented: ☒ _____

Approved as modified: _____



Tina M. Spallo, Mayor