



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

PRESENT: Mayor Les Smith
Mayor Pro Tem Jean Moore
Councilmember Tina Spallo
Councilman Spencer Davis
Councilman Cameron Nave

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 Smith opened the Regular City Council Meeting Monday, February 23, 2026 at 7:30 pm.

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

Mayor Smith 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 Smith requested that all attendees stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and expressed appreciation to VFW Color Guard members: Carla Gleaton and Jim Zimmerman for their participation. **Mayor Smith** thanked them for their many years of service and acknowledged that this would be their final meeting, as they informed the Council that the Gladstone VFW unit will be dissolved and will merge with a VFW unit located in Parkville.

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 February 9, 2026, Closed City Council Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026, Closed City Council meeting as presented. **Councilman Nave** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0)

Item No. 6. On the Agenda. Approval of the February 9, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Councilman Davis moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2026, Regular City Council meeting as presented. **Councilmember Spallo** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0)

Item No. 7. On the Agenda. Communications from the Audience.

There was no communication from the audience.

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

Councilman Nave stated that he recently attended the Park Board meeting and reported that progress continues at Flora Park. He noted that tree removal was currently underway and was expected to be completed by March 30th. He advised residents to use caution if they are in the area during that time. He also provided an update for the AJ Barn project and said that the expected completion date is June 1st, with events expected to begin July 1st. He mentioned that inaugural year rental rates are available for the event center and encouraged anyone planning events for 2026 to consider that location. He advised registration for the outdoor pool will begin March 2nd. Lastly, he shared that Buford Scott, a 26-year volunteer at the Gladstone Community Center recently passed away and services were pending.

Councilman Davis reported that the Independence Day Celebration, Freedom Fest website will launch this week. Sponsorship opportunities will also open at that time, allowing local businesses and companies the opportunity to showcase their organizations. The sponsorship link will be available on the website.

Councilmember Spallo shared additional remarks about Buford Scott, following his recent passing and reiterated that he was a dedicated volunteer, with whom she worked with for 19 years. She stated that he coached thousands of children, served as a scorekeeper, supervisor, and referee at games, and later became a seasonal employee. She noted that he was an integral part of the Gladstone Parks and Recreation Department and he will be missed.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore expressed her appreciation to the Community Center as well as Parks and Recreation Staff for the hosting the wonderful Annual Sweetheart Dance. She specifically recognized Linda Borders, Jordan Brown, and their Staff for all their efforts that made it a successful evening.

Mayor Smith shared that he and **Councilman Nave** recently attended the Atkins-Johnson Farm appreciation luncheon. He reported that Council expressed its appreciation for the group’s efforts and the attendees appeared pleased with the progress of the new barn event center. He expressed his thanks and congratulations to Becky Jarrett, who is retiring and announced that it was her last meeting.

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

City Manager Baer reported that the temporary Short-Term rental applications approved by Council at the last meeting for the 2026 FIFA World Cup period are now available. Property owners interested in participating between May 1 and July 31, 2026, must complete a permit application, pass an inspection, and submit a \$150 nonrefundable permit fee. Additional information is available on the City’s website.

He also shared that the City Leadership Academy begins Wednesday, March 4th, and that registration remains open for the five-session program, which provides an overview of City programs, departments, leadership, and local government operations. Sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. through April 8th. Application details are available on the City’s website.

He expressed appreciation to Becky Jarrett on her retirement and thanked her for the positive impact she made over the years.

Lastly, he reported that the Assistant City Manager recently attended a legislative conference in Jefferson City and invited him to provide a brief update.

Assistant City Manager Greer addressed the Council and gave a brief update regarding some of the larger bills that would impact the City that include the following: property tax reform, eliminating local sales tax on food, loss of local control on adopting energy building codes, elimination of state income tax, and local government being held responsible to move utilities in the right-of-way.

Item No. 10 On the Agenda. CONSENT AGENDA.

Following the Clerks' reading:

Mayor Smith asked if anyone wished to remove an item from the Consent Agenda and place it on the Regular Agenda; there were no requests.

Councilmember Spallo moved to approve **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**: The Gladstone Area Chamber of Commerce, Gladstone Summertime Bluesfest, Linden Square, Friday, May 15, 2026, 5:00 to 10:00 pm and Saturday, May 16, 2026, 4:00 to 10:00 pm. **Councilman Davis** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0)

Councilmember Spallo moved to approve **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**: FIFA World Cup Watch Party, primary location Happy Rock Park West, overflow at Happy Rock Park East, Saturday, June 20, 2026, 8:00 am to 10:30 pm. **Councilman Davis** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0)

Councilmember Spallo moved to approve **SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT**: Independence Day Celebration, primary location Happy Rock Park West, overflow at Happy Rock Park East, Saturday, July 4, 2026, 8:00 am to 11:30 pm. **Councilman Davis** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0)

Councilmember Spallo moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-26-09**, A Resolution declaring certain City property surplus and authorizing the sale and/or disposal of such property held by the City to the highest bidder via online auction, sealed bid, and/or otherwise disposed of as approved by the City Manager. **Councilman Davis** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0)

Councilmember Spallo moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-26-10**, A Resolution amending or revising the 2026 General Fund, Community Center and Parks Sales Tax Fund, Public Safety Sales Tax Fund, Capital Improvement Sales Tax Fund, Transportation Sales Tax Fund, Capital Equipment Replacement Fund, and Combined Waterworks and Sewer System Fund for the City of Gladstone, Missouri, and authorizing expenditures of funds. **Councilman Davis** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0)

Councilmember Spallo moved to approve **MONTHLY FINANCIAL UPDATE JANUARY YTD 2026**. **Councilman Davis** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0)

REGULAR AGENDA.

Item No. 11. On the Agenda. FIRST READING BILL NO. 26-05, An Ordinance authorizing the City to participate in the Missouri Highway Safety Program and receive grant funds, under the terms outlined by the Missouri Department of Transportation, for the purpose of increased enforcement of traffic laws.

Councilman Davis moved **BILL NO. 26-05** be placed on its First Reading. **Councilman Nave** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Davis moved to accept the First Reading of **BILL NO. 26-05**, waive the rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilman Nave** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilman Davis moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **BILL NO. 26-05** and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.723**. **Councilman Nave** seconded.

Roll Call vote: “aye”, Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0) **Mayor Smith** stated **BILL NO. 26-05** stands enacted as **Ordinance Number 4.723**.

Item No. 12. On the Agenda. RESOLUTION R-26-11, A Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 7 in the amount of \$125,000.00 to the contract with Lan-Tel Communications Services Incorporated, for the FY25 Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Program – Phase 1 Project TP2505.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-26-11**, A Resolution authorizing Change Order No. 7 in the amount of \$125,000.00 to the contract with Lan-Tel Communications Services Incorporated, for the FY25 Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Program – Phase 1 Project TP2505. **Councilmember Spallo** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0)

Item No. 13. On the Agenda. RESOLUTION R-26-12, A Resolution authorizing acceptance of work under contract with Metro Asphalt, Incorporated, for the FY25 Mill and Overlay Program and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$72,123.65 for Project TP2506.

Councilman Nave moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-26-12**, A Resolution authorizing acceptance of work under contract with Metro Asphalt, Incorporated, for the FY25 Mill and Overlay Program and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$72,123.65 for Project TP2506. **Councilman Davis** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0)

Item No. 14. On the Agenda. Other Business.

There was no other business.

Item No. 15. On the Agenda. Adjournment.

Mayor Smith adjourned the February 23, 2026, Regular City Council meeting at 7:49 pm.

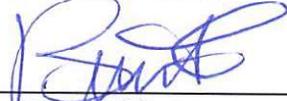
Respectfully submitted:



Kris Keller, City Clerk

Approved as presented: _____

Approved as modified: _____



Mayor Les Smith