



MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
GLADSTONE, MISSOURI
MONDAY, MARCH 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 Attorney Jackson Auer
Deputy City Clerk Kris Keller

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

Mayor Smith opened the Regular City Council Meeting Monday, March 23, 2026 at 7:32 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.

Item No. 4. On the Agenda. Approval of the Agenda.

Mayor Smith changed the order of the Proclamations and moved Item number seven (7) to Item number ten (10) on the Agenda.

Item No. 5. On the Agenda. Approval of the March 9, 2026, Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2026, Regular City Council meeting as presented. **Councilman Davis** 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. **PRESENTATION:** 250 Coin Challenge Commendation.

Mayor Smith read and presented the Clay County's 250th Coin Challenge Commendation to Oak Park High School students: Ava Navarro, Elizabeth Bearden, Charlie Chapman, Brook Stockton, Kendall Flinn, Bridget Hickman, Mariana Lizarazo, Heaven Eckert, Arabella Easterday.

Item No. 7. On the Agenda. PROCLAMATION: Arbor Day

Mayor Smith read a summary of multiple proclamations, including this item, into the record. He then presented the Arbor Day Proclamation to Jordan Brown, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department and thanked him and his staff for their contributions to the City. Director Brown thanked the Mayor, City Council, and Leadership Team for their support and announced the Arbor Day Celebration on April 3, 2026.

Item No. 8. On the Agenda. PROCLAMATION: National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Mayor Smith read a summary of multiple proclamations, including this item, into the record. He then presented the National Public Safety Telecommunicators Proclamation to Police Chief Fred Farris, Captain Bryan Boydston, Administrative Services Manager, Greg Higdon, Dispatchers Heather Williams and John Hilton. **Mayor Smith** recognized and thanked them for their vital role in public safety.

Item No. 9. On the Agenda. PROCLAMATION: National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week

Mayor Smith read a summary of multiple proclamations, including this item, into the record. He then presented the National Animal Control Officer (ACO) Appreciation Proclamation to Police Chief Fred Farris, Captain Bryan Boydston, Animal Control Officers Heather Smith and Amanda Happach. **Mayor Smith** expressed his appreciation for their vital role.

Item No. 10. On the Agenda. PROCLAMATION: Honoring the Service of the VFW Color Guard

Mayor Smith read a summary of multiple proclamations, including this item, into the record. He then presented the VFW Color Guard Proclamation to Carla Gleaton, Dennis Perkins, Gordon Harris, Jim Zimmerman, Jim Cox, and Joe Liles. He recognized Bill Sofka and Charlie Cramm who were unable to attend and noted that former members Bill Driscoll and Stan Stoner who were part of the original group, have passed away. **Mayor Smith** shared that they presented the Colors at the City Council Meetings since April 2010 and expressed the Council's gratitude for their many years of service. Jim Cox presented an "In Honor of our Heroes, Lest We Forget" Challenge Coin to the Mayor and the City Councilmembers.

Item No. 11. On the Agenda. Communications from the Audience.

David Nelson, 5735 North Clinton Lane, addressed and thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak, and for their service and willingness to lead. He expressed appreciation to those organizing the historic tent and wished to express the importance of presenting history honestly, including the impacts of racism, slavery, and Indigenous displacement, and stressed that learning from the past requires reflection, responsibility, and meaningful change rather than blame. He highlighted the critical role of local government in fostering fairness, inclusion, and dignity, and encouraged continued education, listening, and action to build a stronger, more unified community.

Larry Thrasher, 2379 NE 68th Street, addressed the Council regarding parking issues for his condominium complex (Northhaven Village), referencing issues dating back to 2007, 2008, and 2010, and asked whether there was a solution. **Mayor Smith** requested a brief update on the situation and

then requested Assistant City Manager Greer's input, who reported that it was not appropriate for public discussion at this time and would speak to Mr. Thrasher at a later time.

Item No. 12. On the Agenda. Communications from City Council.

Councilman Nave shared that he attended the recent Arts Commission meeting, where two new art pieces were awarded and are expected to be installed within the next couple of months: one at Linden Square and the other along Northeast 70th Street. He then reported the successful groundbreaking for the inclusive playground being built at Flora Park and expressed his appreciation to all partners involved. Finally, he thanked Parks Director, Jordan Brown and the Parks Staff for their hard work in making the groundbreaking a success.

Councilman Davis thanked resident Jim Oldebeken for his work on the 250 Coin Challenge process and noted that 100 first graders will soon receive a challenge coin. He encouraged fellow Councilmembers and members of the audience to earn one as well. **Mayor Smith** added a friendly challenge for Councilmembers to complete it before the April City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Spallo spoke about the recent groundbreaking at Flora Park, noting that the project has been in development for several years. She emphasized that the project will include a fully inclusive playground as well as a shelter house and restroom facility and will be the first of its kind in the Northland. She added that the park is expected to serve as a regional destination, benefiting not only Gladstone residents but visitors from surrounding communities. She expressed enthusiasm for the project and described it as another positive step for Gladstone. She congratulated the Parks Department for their efforts, including their work behind the scenes with Variety KC, securing grant funding, and commended the department for their continued success. She also noted the importance of City parks as a valued service that residents choose to enjoy.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore reported that the recent Glad Green Team clean-up effort was well-supported and new volunteers joined. She shared that she is excited to keep the momentum going. She encouraged everyone to come out next time, even if it's just for a little while, and highlighted how these efforts help bring the community together. She expressed thanks to Charlie Miles and Linda Borders of the Parks Department for their assistance and contribution to the success of the Glad Green Team.

Mayor Smith concurred on all that has been shared by fellow Councilmembers. He added that KSHB 41 had a "Let's Talk" event at Class Act coffee shop in Gladstone, giving residents a chance to ask questions and learn more about Gladstone events and other community topics. He added that the event was well received and resulted in positive coverage for the City.

Item No. 13. On the Agenda. Communications from the City Manager.

City Manager Baer announced the following:

- Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt event will be Friday, March 27th at Happy Rock Park Softball Complex for children age ten and under. Registration is available on the City's website.
- The General Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 7. There will be three at-large City Council seats on the ballot: two three-year terms and one two-year term. Helpful election resources are available on the City's website.
- He congratulated the Parks Department Staff for their hard work on the Flora Park project and gave recognition to the Finance Director Matt Dayton and Building Inspector John Hlade for their part in the making the project successful.

Item No. 14. 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.

Councilman Davis moved to approve **SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS:**

HAPPY ROCK PARK WEST: Spring Beautification, Friday, Saturday, April 24, 25, 2026, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

ATKINS-JOHNSON FARM & MUSEUM: Annual Car Show, Saturday, June 13, 2026, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Children's Garden Day, Saturday, July 11, 2026, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Pickin' on the Front Porch, Saturday, September 5, 2026, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Big Shoal Country Fair, Saturday, September 26, 2026, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Cemetery Tours, Saturday, October 17, 2026, 5:00 to 10:00 pm.

LINDEN SQUARE: Sounds on the Square, various dates, beginning June 6, 2026, and ending September 25, 2026. (see attached Request for Council Action)

OAK GROVE PARK: Theatre in the Park, Addams Family, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 26, 27, 28, 2026. Bye Bye Birdie, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 7, 8, 9, 2026, 5:00 to 11:30 pm.

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

Councilman Davis moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-26-15**, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a purchase Agreement with Zoll Medical Corporation for the purchase of two (2) Zoll Autopulse NXT CPR devices in the amount of \$41,269.62 for the Gladstone Fire/EMS Department. **Councilman Nave** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0)

Councilman Davis moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-26-16**, A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a purchase Agreement with Breathing Air Systems for the purchase of a Bauer DMT13 SCBA Compressor and Fill Station for the Gladstone Fire/EMS Department in the amount of \$43,458.69. **Councilman Nave** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0)

Councilman Davis moved to approve **BUILDING PERMIT: KC QUICK**, 5720 North Oak Trafficway. **Councilman Nave** seconded. The Vote: "aye", Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0)

REGULAR AGENDA

Item No. 15. On the Agenda. FIRST READING BILL NO. 26-07, An Ordinance approving the Final Plat of Verdant Acres Replat and directing the appropriate officials to affix their signatures to said Plat for recording.

Councilmember Spallo moved **BILL NO. 26-07** be placed on its First Reading. **Councilman Davis** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilmember Spallo moved to accept the First Reading of **BILL NO. 26-07**, waive the rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Councilman Davis** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0) The Clerk read the Bill.

Councilmember Spallo moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **BILL NO. 26-07** and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.725**. **Councilman Davis** 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. 26-07** stands enacted as **Ordinance Number 4.725**.

Item No. 16. On the Agenda. **FIRST READING BILL NO. 26-08**, An Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with the Junior College of Metropolitan Kansas City A/K/A Metropolitan Community College for use of the parking lots at the Maple Woods Campus on June 20th and July 4th, 2026.

Councilman Nave moved **BILL NO. 26-08** be placed on its First Reading. **Mayor Pro Tem Moore** 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 Nave moved to accept the First Reading of **BILL NO. 26-08**, waive the rule and place the Bill on its Second and Final Reading. **Mayor Pro Tem Moore** 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 Nave moved to accept the Second and Final Reading of **BILL NO. 26-08** and enact the Bill as **Ordinance 4.726**. **Mayor Pro Tem Moore** 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. 26-08** stands enacted as **Ordinance Number 4.726**.

Item No. 17. On the Agenda. **RESOLUTION R-26-17**, A Resolution authorizing acceptance of work under contract with Viking Painting, LLC, and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$82,904.57 for the 0.3-MG Linden Water Tower and 1.0-MG Antioch Water Tower painting and Repairs Project WP2492C.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore moved to approve **RESOLUTION R-26-17**, A Resolution authorizing acceptance of work under contract with Viking Painting, LLC, and authorizing final payment in the amount of \$82,904.57 for the 0.3-MG Linden Water Tower and 1.0-MG Antioch Water Tower painting and Repairs Project WP2492C. **Councilmember Spallo** seconded. The Vote: “aye”, Councilman Nave, Councilman Davis, Councilmember Spallo, Mayor Pro Tem Moore, and Mayor Smith. (5-0)

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

Mayor Smith reminded the audience to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming election and noted that a school board item will also be on the ballot.

Item No. 19. On the Agenda. Adjournment.

Mayor Smith adjourned the March 23, 2026, Regular City Council meeting at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted:



Kris Keller, City Clerk

Approved as presented: _____ ✓

Approved as modified: _____



Mayor Les Smith