

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-71

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ELDERS, INCORPORATED, TO PROVIDE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES FOR THE 2026 INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Gladstone (the “City”) desires to enter into an Agreement with The Elders, Incorporated, to provide musical entertainment services for the upcoming July 4th, 2026 celebration commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, after legal review, City Staff recommends the approval of the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

THAT, the City Manager of the City of Gladstone is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement with The Elders, Incorporated to provide entertainment for the 2026 Independence Day celebration.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, THIS 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2025.



Mayor Les Smith

ATTEST:



Kris Keller, City Clerk



Request for Council Action

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Date: 10/31/2025

Department: General Administration

Meeting Date Requested: 11/10/2025

Public Hearing: Yes ☐ Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Subject: A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign an Agreement with The Elders, Incorporated to provide musical entertainment services for the 2026 Independence Day celebration.

Background: The City of Gladstone is planning a large-scale Independence Day Celebration on July 4, 2026, to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This milestone event will be held at Happy Rock Park and is expected to draw a significant regional audience.

As part of the festivities, the City is organizing an evening of live entertainment leading up to a large scale fireworks display. The Elders, a renowned Kansas City-based Celtic rock band with a strong following across the Midwest, have agreed to perform for the event.

Budget Discussion: Funds are budgeted in the amount of \$ 8,500 from the General Fund. Ongoing costs are estimated to be \$0 annually. Previous years' funding was \$0.

Public/Board/Staff Input: Staff recommends approval of the proposed Resolution.

Provide Original Contracts, Leases, Agreements, etc. to: City Clerk and Vendor.

Bob Baer
Department Director/Administrator

JA
City Attorney

BB
City Manager