

## GLADSTONE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of July 20, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

### **ROLL CALL:**

Councilor Sieckmann, Councilor Neace, Mayor Mersereau, Councilor S. Johnson, Councilor K. Johnson, Councilor Reisner.

### **ABSENT:**

Councilor McMahan.

### **STAFF:**

Eric Swanson, City Administrator; Jacque Betz, Assistant City Administrator; David Doughman, City Attorney.

---

### **AGENDA ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS:**

Mr. Doughman said there would be an addition to the agenda that would amend Mr. Swanson's contract to allow for an informal review process for his six month anniversary. Councilor S. Johnson wanted to make an addition to discuss the gas tax IGA. Councilor Neace wanted to make an addition to discuss IP-28.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Beverly Chase, a member of the Library Board, asked for volunteers to help set up the book sale that will be held during the Festival (set up will be on August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 to 5:00 at the Wetten Grade School).

Bob Everett, representing Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary and the Gladstone Community Festival, wanted to make a formal announcement that the Gladstone Community Festival will be on August 5<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to attend. He thanked the City, sponsors, and vendors for all their support.

Sherry Hall wanted to honor and support Police Chief Jolley and the members of the Police Department. She shared Paul Harvey's narrative "Policeman". Pastor Larry Bingham, Gladstone Church of the Nazarene, also wanted to support the police. They shared bumper stickers with everyone. Ms. Hall also invited everyone to attend National Night Out events.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approval of June 1, 2016 and June 28, 2016 Minutes
2. Resolution 1084 – Designating U.S. Bank National Association as the City's Designated Depository and Authorizing Certain City Officials to Withdraw Funds
3. Resolution 1085 – Authorizing Certain City Officials to Withdraw/Transfer Funds from Oregon State Treasury on Behalf of the City
4. Appointment to the Budget Committee
5. Financial Reports – June 2016

Councilor Reisner asked to pull Item #5.

*Councilor Neace made a motion to approve Items 1-4. Motion was seconded by Councilor Sieckmann.*

Discussion: Councilor S. Johnson thanked Ms. Garlington for volunteering to be on the budget committee.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

Councilor Reisner had questions regarding the Financial Reports and Mr. Swanson/Chief Jolley answered them.

*Councilor Reisner made a motion to approve Item #5. Motion was seconded by S. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.*

## **RECESS TO URBAN RENEWAL MEETING**

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

#### **8. Council Input and Public Comment on Proposed Arlington Liquor Store:**

Mr. Swanson introduced the proprietor, Dan Miner, and gave background information. Mr. Miner gave additional background information on the proposal and himself. There was discussion regarding the location, size, etc.

#### **Public Comments:**

Richard Hoffman shared some information regarding locations of liquor stores in the surrounding area, drownings at High Rocks, violence studies relating to liquor stores, etc. He feels a liquor store will reduce the livability in Gladstone.

Barbara Nizich lives across the street from the location and has concerns about having a liquor store in the area.

Greg Alexander asked for clarification regarding the public notification process – Mr. Swanson explained.

#### **Council Comments:**

Councilor S. Johnson said that he has never heard anyone ask for a liquor store in Gladstone. He believes the OLCC has ignored their process. He is opposed to having a liquor store. He believes that cities should have more say in the matter.

Councilor K. Johnson feels the OLCC process is not very open.

Councilor Neace agreed with Councilor K. Johnson. She feels the store will be well run and will work with the police department.

Councilor Sieckmann is in favor of the liquor store. He feels it brings people to the community to spend money.

Councilor Reisner agreed with Councilor Sieckmann.

Mayor Mersereau said he isn't sure that Gladstone needs a liquor store. He has concerns regarding traffic impacts.

Mr. Swanson said it was important to keep an open dialogue between the City and the owner/manager and OLCC to address any issues.

**9. Ordinance 1467 – Amending Chapter 2.52 of the Gladstone Municipal Code to Allow Administrative Approval of Certain Liquor License Applications:**

Mr. Doughman gave background information relating to liquor license renewals.

*Councilor Sieckmann made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1467. Motion seconded by Councilor Neace.*

Discussion: Councilor S. Johnson said this is mostly administrative and any issues would be dealt with accordingly. Mr. Doughman said the City Administrator could still bring any applications before the Council if there was a concern. He read the ordinance by title.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

*Council Sieckmann made a motion to have a second reading of Ordinance 1467. Motion seconded by Councilor Neace.*

Mr. Doughman gave a second reading of the ordinance by title.

*Motion passed unanimously.*

**10. Appointment to Traffic Safety Commission:**

Two applications were received.

*Ms. Betz took a roll call vote: Councilor Sieckmann: Browning. Councilor Neace: Browning. Councilor S. Johnson: Browning. Councilor K. Johnson: Browning. Councilor Reisner: Osburn. Mayor Mersereau: Osburn.*

*Councilor K. Johnson made a motion to appoint Denise Browning to the Traffic Safety Commission. Motion seconded by S. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.*

**11. Discuss Amending the City Administrator's Contract to Allow For An Informal Review Process At His Six Month Anniversary:**

*Councilor Sieckmann made a motion to direct the City Attorney's office to amend the City Administrator's contract to have an informal six month review rather than a third party review. Motion seconded by Councilor S. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.*

**12. Discuss Gas Tax IGA:**

Mr. Swanson gave some background information. Clackamas County staff will be at the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to provide additional information. Councilor S. Johnson gave additional information regarding time constraints from the County Commissioners. He doesn't feel we should be forced to sign this under duress. There was discussion regarding the different versions of the resolution of support, funding, etc.

**13. Discuss IP-28:**

Mr. Swanson said the North Clackamas Business Alliance is asking for support in voting no on this initiative. Councilor Neace said this will affect businesses and consumers by raising taxes and there is no guarantee that the money will go toward roads, education and seniors as promised.

**BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Sharon Alexander asked if the liquor store would be selling lottery tickets and if a portion of the money would go to the City – Mr. Miner said there would not be video poker, but scratch-offs, etc. He was not sure about the distribution of funds.

**BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD – UPDATE:**

Mr. Swanson went over some of the topics that are on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**Councilor Sieckmann:**

He wanted the Council to decide what to do regarding the Community Festival. He looked at the bulkhead at the park recently. Regarding Police Department support/recognition – he will be out in front of the Police Department on Saturday morning at 10:00 with a supply of blue painters tape to adorn the back windows of vehicles for anyone who would like some.

**Councilor Neace:**

She attended the North Clackamas Business Alliance meeting recently and it was very informative. She also got a directory/upcoming events from the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce and will share the information.

**Councilor S. Johnson:**

He gave additional information regarding the bulkhead project. He went on a ride-along with the Police Department on July 4<sup>th</sup> – it was a very enlightening and interesting experience. He was impressed by the professionalism, care, and dedication of the Police Department. He announced that he is a candidate for Mayor of Gladstone.

**Councilor Reisner:**

He and Councilor Neace will be involved in the chili cook-off at the Gladstone Community Festival. He attended a recent Coffee with a Councilor event – he felt it was very informative.

**Mayor Mersereau:**

He recently attended a retirement party for a firefighter/paramedic, Ron Basham. He also attended the Coffee with a Councilor event – one citizen was concerned about the lack of bike lanes in Gladstone. He would also like to go on a police ride-along.

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned.

Approved by the Mayor this 9 day of August, 2016.

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas Mersereau, Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jacque Betz, Assistant City Administrator