

## GLADSTONE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES of August 30, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

### **ABSENT:**

None.

### **STAFF:**

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

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

Mr. Swanson wanted to add an item to the agenda after reconvening after the Urban Renewal meeting – to add the Clackamas Community Covenant, which is a pledge to support military families to be signed by the Mayor on behalf of the City of Gladstone.

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

Bill Osburn said that regarding the library he is very disappointed that the City Council sought legal action against the County. Also, he doesn't see why an executive session would be in the middle of a regular meeting. And why are the executive meetings so plentiful, and why did the West Linn Councilor say that some of the executive sessions were illegal? He doesn't feel the public should be excluded. Mr. Doughman gave an explanation.

Glenda Shearer asked Councilor S. Johnson what the general plan was for the Gladstone Nature Park – he had no comment. She wanted to verify that the Council was aware of the petition that 800 citizens signed in favor of a vote on whether or not public park property is sold – the Council is aware.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### **1. Approval of August 9, 2016 and August 15, 2016 Minutes:**

Councilor Reisner had a correction on the August 15, 2016 minutes, page 1-6, discussion regarding \$5,000 being paid for vacation time taken – it should say that it was for Air Force Reserve training, which Mr. Swanson was ineligible for. Interim Assistant City Administrator Betz said she could listen to the audio and type the comments verbatim if that was the Council's desire.

*Councilor Reisner made a motion to pull minutes from the meetings. Motion was seconded by Councilor Neace.*

*Councilor McMahon made a motion to approve the minutes from August 9, 2016. Motion was seconded by Councilor Sieckmann.*

*Councilor Reisner amended his motion to instead pull only the August 15, 2016 minutes from the consent agenda until the audio can be reviewed and approve the August 9, 2016 minutes. Motion seconded by Councilor Neace. Motion passed unanimously.*

## CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

## REGULAR AGENDA:

### 2. Consider Request for Wastewater Interest Group:

Councilor S. Johnson said that last week elected representatives from the cities of Gladstone, West Linn, Oregon City, Happy Valley and Milwaukie met as part of a Wastewater Interest Group to discuss issues regarding wastewater and how the two districts are/are not working together, etc. There was a good discussion. There will be a follow up meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Public Testimony:

John Ludlow, Clackamas County Chair, went over the history of the Tri-Cities, services, costs, upgrades, etc.

Brenda Perry, West Linn City Councilor, wanted to clarify that she did not say that some of Gladstone's executive sessions were illegal – she just has concerns regarding the legality of some of the future executive sessions. They look forward to further discussions.

Mayor Mersereau closed the public testimony.

Councilor S. Johnson said that Chair Ludlow failed to mention that 25% of the Tri-Cities wastewater plant was paid for by rate payers through bonds and 75% was federal money. He wanted to say again that Gladstone has purchased and has all the wastewater treatment that it currently needs or is ever likely to. He said the argument is not about governance – it is about rates and protecting our lower rates. He proposes that we should continue to move forward with the Tri-Cities but allow Milwaukie and Happy Valley to tell us how they could become integrated into our district. Councilor Sieckmann asked what benefits they could bring – Councilor S. Johnson said it would be political clout. Councilor McMahon feels that the Tri-Cities is the better approach for now and work on the other two somewhere down the line. Councilor K. Johnson said it's all about keeping the rates down, but there should be some change in governance. Mayor Mersereau agrees to keep it just the Tri-Cities for now and bringing the others into the conversation if/when appropriate. Councilor Neace feels the Tri-Cities should come together to see how we can keep the rates lower and look into the possibility of a buy-in. It was agreed that nothing formal will be done at this time, but the Council looks forward to the meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

## RECESS TO URBAN RENEWAL MEETING

## RECONVENE TO REGULAR AGENDA

### 5. Clackamas Community Covenant:

Mr. Swanson said this covenant recognizes and supports our military families, which is important to our national defense and he recommends that we support it. Councilor Sieckmann read the bullet points.

*Councilor S. Johnson made a motion to authorize Mayor Mersereau to sign the Clackamas Community Covenant, our pledge to military families, dated May 16, 2016. Motion was seconded by Councilor K. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.*

**BUSINESS CARRIED FORWARD:**

Mr. Swanson wanted to point out that the next Council meeting will be held on September 13, 2016. Ms. Betz gave an update on the election.

**BUSINESS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

Mindy Garlington thanked the Council for supporting the Clackamas Community Covenant. She asked questions regarding where the sewer for Happy Valley currently goes, etc. Councilor S. Johnson explained how it ends up in Kellogg Creek in Milwaukie, etc. Councilor Sieckmann gave additional information regarding options/governance, etc.

**BUSINESS FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**Councilor McMahon:**

Tomorrow at the Senior Center is a luncheon to celebrate wedding anniversaries of over 50 years.

**Councilor S. Johnson:**

He said if anyone would like to talk more regarding sewage he would be happy to meet with small groups or individuals.

**Councilor Neace:**

She encourages people to attend the Coffee with a Councilor events. There are morning and evening meetings.

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting adjourned.

Approved by the Mayor this 13 day of September, 2016.

ATTEST:



Thomas Mersereau, Mayor



Jacquie Betz, Assistant City Administrator