

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 18 E. 4th Street.

Present and presiding were: Deputy Mayor Valerie Sebacher; Courtney L. Doyle, Director of Administration; Kathie Ratliff, City Clerk; and William Ladwig, Police Chief. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Sebacher at 6:03 p.m. Roll call was noted by the City Clerk, and members of the Council present were: Alan Combs; Bill Hinchie; Brad Leuther; Lauren Nelson; Mary Rehkla; Jeff Stone; and Bob Washington.

Also present were: Dustin Dougherty, Chief Financial Officer; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Clay Caswell, Parks & Recreation Director; Kevin Coffelt, Fire Chief; Michael Shine, Audio/Video; and many visitors.

INVOCATION:

Invocation was given by Rev. Williamson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Williamson.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

John Braun, 1004 Herring Drive, expressed concerns about traffic, new intersections, increased costs, and the lack of a master plan for the City of Fulton and Community of Herring Drive. While he believes the city needs more homes, he believes the proposed population increase is too much and requests a no vote.

James Vann, 1306 Parkridge, voiced his support for R1 or R2 zoning, expressing concerns about the construction of apartment complexes if zoned as R3. He highlighted potential traffic issues and questioned if the impact on schools had been considered. He also requested a no vote.

Dan Christensen, 12011 State Road BB, Tebbetts, offered to work with the City to obtain R2 zoning for building purposes. He acknowledged the need for quality homes and plans to build upscale rental properties that exceed the standards typically expected for renters.

Richard Vaughn of 1416 Kingswood raised traffic concerns and mentioned submitting a letter. He expressed worry about the potential increase of 200-400 cars in the neighborhood and referenced two recent accidents that occurred on the previous Saturday.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

The following items were distributed to each member of the City Council for review and study as a part of their council packet. Mayor Myers presented each item and stated the Council may choose to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion at this time.

- a. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of June 27, 2023.
- b. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of July 7, 2023.
- c. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of July 11, 2023.

Motion was offered by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE JUNE DOA REPORT

Motion was offered by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilman Stone to approve the June DOA Report. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE JUNE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Motion was offered by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to approve the June Financial Statement. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration by Council to amend Councilwoman Rehklau's excused absence for an additional three-months for continuing health-related reasons through November 1, 2023.

Motion was offered by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilman Stone to approve the amendment as stated with compensation. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor. Councilwoman Rehklau publicly abstained from the vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

COUNCILMEMBER CONCERNS:

Councilman Hinchie had no concerns

Councilwoman Sebacher shared no concerns. She stated the Mayor is continuing to improve and hopes to rejoin everyone soon. She thanked him and everyone for having the chance to serve in that capacity.

Councilwoman Rehklau shared her concern regarding the sidewalk that seems to be sliding into the lake. Parks and Recreation Director Caswell shared that it is on a list to be replaced later this summer.

Councilman Stone updated the Council that the Historic Preservation Commission elected Crystal Aulbur and Steve Moore as their president and vice president. He shared his thoughts on opening a dialogue with MODOT to lower the speed limits on Business 54 South.

Councilman Leuther addressed a citizen's concerns on the flashing lights at Market and 4th. Surprisingly, one set of lights flashed red while the other flashed yellow. This difference could lead to confusion and potential accidents when thinking the other traffic flow might be under the same direction.

Councilman Combs had no concerns to share but thanked the citizens for their response and input.

Councilman Washington stated he was looking forward to his first Park Board meeting.

Councilwoman Nelson thanked the City employees who addressed the citizens concerns from the previous meeting. She stated the Public Utility Board met on July 24 and set forth a recommendation as follows:

Recommendation: That the City Council set scheduled reports of a defined strategic capital plan including rate structure and reserve policies with collaboration in education involving the City Council and the Public Utility Board.

She said that the Utility Board is developing a plan to communicate the goals, reserve needs, and ways to achieve them based on our assets. This plan will help citizens understand what to expect and how to budget effectively. Utility Superintendent Dunlap presented a brief update regarding Sikeston.

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Hinchie presented Resolution No. 3503 for adoption.

Resolution No. 3503: ASCAP Music License

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri to sign all necessary documents in relation to a licensing agreement with American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP) of Nashville, TN, for a local government license, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilman Stone to adopt Resolution No. 3503 at tonight's Council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING

Bill No. 1685 was presented for First Reading by Councilman Leuther.

Bill No.1685: Rezoning 1801 Business 54 South [R-1 Res. to R-3 Res]

An Ordinance reclassifying, under the zoning code, a tract of land located at 1801 Business 54 South, containing 18 Ac., running west from Business 54 South to Rice Road in Fulton, Missouri, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilman Washington to approve and advance Bill No. 1885 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Motion failed due to all Councilmembers' declining to vote.

Bill No. 1683 was presented for Third Reading by Councilwoman Nelson.

Bill No.1683: Rezoning Tennyson Road 4.92 Ac Tract [A-1 to C-2]

An Ordinance reclassifying, under the zoning code, an unimproved 4.92 Ac tract of land located on north side of Tennyson Road, just south of Willow Creek Subdivision (Willow Creek South) in Fulton, Missouri, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1683 for Final Passage at this Council meeting.

Motion failed with three members of the Council voting in favor, five members opposed (Combs, Hinchie, Nelson, Rehklau, and Sebacher).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. with the Work Session to begin at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Deputy Mayor Sebacher said there was a need to enter Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1)(3), discuss or deal with legal actions, causes of action, or litigation and to discuss hiring, firing, disciplining, or promotion of an employee of a public governmental body.

Motion was offered by Councilman Stone and seconded by Councilman Hinchie to enter Executive Session.

Roll call vote of the members of the Council was as follows: Rehklau, YES; Sebacher, YES; Stone, YES; Washington, YES; Combs, YES; Hinchie, YES; Leather, YES; and Nelson, YES. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

The Council exited to the Executive Conference Room and entered Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

The Council reentered the Council Chambers at 8:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to adjourn. With eight members of the Council voting in favor the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Steve F. Myers
Mayor



Kathie Ratliff
City Clerk