

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 18 E. 4th Street.

Present and presiding were: Mayor Steve F. Myers; Courtney L. Doyle, Int. Director of Administration; Kathie Ratliff, City Clerk; and William Ladwig, Police Chief. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Myers at 6:30 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 Rehklau; Valerie Sebacher; Jeff Stone; and Bob Washington.

Also present were: Dustin Dougherty, Chief Financial Officer; Kyle Bruemmer, City Engineer; Clay Caswell, Parks & Recreation Director; Todd Gray, Fulton Fire Department; Michael Shine, Audio/Video; and visitors.

**INVOCATION:**

Invocation was given by Rev. Williamson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Williamson.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE FULTON KIWANIS CLUB.**

Mayor Myers recognized the Kiwanis Club of Fulton, Missouri in celebration of their 100 years of commitment to "Serving the Children of the World."

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS.**

There were none.

**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 August 22, 2023
- b. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of September 5, 2023

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

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (IF ANY):**

There were none.

**PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUGUST DOA REPORT.**

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

**PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUGUST FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was none.

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Amanda Schultz of Williams-Keepers, LLC, was in house to share the final presentation of the 2022 City of Fulton Audit report.

Ms. Schultz confirmed the audit's completion and commented on the final note. She confirmed the financial statements were fair, with a final adjustment due to an incorrect billing error in 2022, which was refunded in 2023.

Motion was offered by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to approve the financial audit as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chloe Schwinke, a Fulton High School Student Council member requested permission for the annual Fulton High School Homecoming Parade to be held Friday, October 13th, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Brick District.

Motion was offered by Councilman Combs and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to approve the request as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Marcia Lamons, on behalf of Central Bank, requested permission for a street closure in order to host an outdoor Customer Appreciation Day on Thursday September 28, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Motion was offered by Councilman Leather and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to approve the request as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Garry Vaught, on behalf of the Brick District, requested permission for Halloween Trick-or-Treating, on Tuesday, 10/31, 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the Brick District.

He went on to say that this event has grown bigger every year since it started in the 1980s. He said that in 2022, 1,700 pieces of candy were given out at each stop. They want to make the area bigger this year by closing off 5th Street in front of the Courthouse.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to approve the request as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Councilwoman Nelson said the Public Utility Board wants to discuss rates with the Council. Sikeston SPP sales are good, she remarked.

Councilman Washington stated that a person requested a trash cost waiver for house demolition. He inquired if all ARPA funds was spent and who determined how they were spent. He also talked about his first Park Board meeting as a liaison. Doyle, Interim Director of Administration, stated they are examining 2024 trash fees and have allotted all ARPA funding. Doyle said the Council made ARPA funding selections when the budget was adopted.

The Planning & Zoning Commission authorized Willow Creek Plat 6 earlier that evening, according to Councilman Combs. He had no other concerns.

The effort on Business 54 is appreciated by Councilman Leuther, from sidewalk safety to appearance. He also thanked Chief Ladwig for the ride-along. It expanded his understanding of community engagement. He also praised city personnel for showing ongoing learning opportunities in the DOA report.

Councilman Stone shared that the Historic Preservation Commission met on 20th to discuss historic property surveys, housing needs assessments, kiln property, and condemned properties. Councilman Stone also shared a citizen concern that addressed specific parked cars on Glenstone.

Councilwoman Rehklau shared concerns about trees near electric lines with winter coming soon.

Councilwoman Sebacher stated she had no concerns to share.

Councilman Hinchie expressed that the street and water tower both look great. He had no further concerns to share.

Mayor Myers said he appreciated the fly-in breakfast and fire house event.

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## **RESOLUTIONS:**

### **Resolution No. 3512: WORKSTUDY AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM WOODS UNIV.**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute an Agreement with William Woods University, permitting the city to participate in a federally funded student work-study program through William Woods University in Fulton, Missouri.

Councilman Washington and Councilman Stone both recused their self from the vote on this Resolution. Councilman Washington stated he is a part-time employee of the University. Councilman Stone shared that he has an employment agreement with WWU.

Motion was offered by Councilman Leuther and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to adopt Resolution No. 3512 at tonight's Council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two members recused (Washington & Stone).

## **ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:**

### **Bill No. 1688: Establishment of the City of Fulton Public Safety Commission**

An Ordinance establishing the Public Safety Commission of the City of Fulton.

Motion was offered by Councilman Leuther and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1688 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

**Bill No. 1689: MoDOT State Block Grant Agreement Amendment #1**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute all necessary documents in relation to the Missouri Department of Transportation Commission for an Amendment to State Block Grant Agreement regarding Airport Runway Lighting Project Number 23-040A-1, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Washington and Seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1689 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

**Bill No. 1690: Meyer Electric Contract for Runway 18-36 Edge Lighting**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri to execute all necessary documents in relation to a contract with Meyer Electric Company, Inc. of Jefferson City, Missouri, regarding Airport Runway 18-36 Lighting State Project Number 23-040A-1, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to place Bill No. 1690 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

**Bill No. 1691: Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly Supplemental Agreement Runway 18-36**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri to execute all necessary documents in relation to the Aviation Project Consultant Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for Construction Services by Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly, Inc. (CMT) regarding Airport Runway Lighting Project Number 23-040A-1.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Sebacher and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to place Bill No. 1691 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

**ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:**

**Bill No. 1687: Willow Creek Subdivision Plat Six**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to approve Plat Six for the Willow Creek Subdivision.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1687 for Third Reading at this Council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1687 for Final Passage at this Council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Roll call vote of the members of the Council was as follows: Leuther, YES; Nelson, YES; Rehkla, YES; Sebacher, YES; Stone, YES; Washington, YES; Combs, YES; and Hinchie, YES.

Bill No. 1687 having received the affirmative vote of eight members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was none.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The next scheduled Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Motion was offered by Councilwoman Nelson and seconded by Councilman Leuther to adjourn. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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Steve F. Myers  
Mayor

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Kathie Ratliff  
City Clerk