

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 24, 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 Dall Hedges, Assistant 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; Jeff Stone; and Bob Washington. Mary Rehklau and Valerie Sebacher were absent.

Also present were: Dustin Dougherty, Chief Financial Officer; Kyle Bruemmer, City Engineer; Clay Caswell, Parks & Recreation Director; Kevin Coffelt, Fire Chief; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Kala Young and Jeremy Polston, Audio/Video; and visitors.

**INVOCATION:**

Invocation was given by Rev. Williamson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Williamson.

**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 September 26, 2023
- b. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of October 10, 2023

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilman Leuther to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two members (Rehklau, Sebacher) absent.

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

There were none.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to approve the September DOA Report. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two members (Rehklau, Sebacher) absent.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilman Washington to approve the September Financial Statement. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two members (Rehklau, Sebacher) absent.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was none.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to amend the agenda to allow the addition of an item under New Business. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two members (Rehklau, Sebacher) absent.

Tim Howell, on behalf of Westminster College, requested permission to close Hickman Avenue from Blue Jay Field to West 7<sup>th</sup> Street from 9 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on October 28 for their Homecoming weekend football game and stadium dedication.

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to approve the request as presented.

Councilman Leuther asked who informs local emergency services when streets are closed for various events. Chief Coffelt shared that the Police Department notifies dispatch.

Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two members (Rehklau, Sebacher) absent.

Jody Paschal and Keli Tate requested approval for the annual Christmas Parade to be held on December 2, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. with the event route to stay the same as previous years. In addition, they requested that Market Street to Court be blocked off until 5:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to approve the request for the gala as written. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two members (Rehklau, Sebacher) absent.

Tamara Tateosian shared the final year-end report of the Chamber of Commerce.

## **COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Councilman Stone thanked those who worked on the 2nd Street retaining wall.

Councilman Leuther gave thanks for being a part of Leadership Callaway and shared appreciation for the Courtesy Car at the airport.

Councilman Combs updated the council on Planning and Zoning Commission discussion.

Councilman Washington invited everyone to the Fulton Branch NAACP support scholarship banquet.

Councilwoman Nelson thanked the city agencies that worked together to save the woman in the pipe. She thanked the Public Utility Board for attending the recent work session and for their hard work.

The Mayor thanked the Fulton Fire Department, city workers, Columbia teams, and surrounding communities for their rescue efforts.

Interim Director of Administration Doyle thanked and recognized staff for their efforts on the budget, personal development classes, utility restorations, patrols and the rescue.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

### **Resolution No. 3514: Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG)**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri to make application and sign all necessary documents to apply for a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant from the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

Motion was made by Councilman Leuther and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to adopt Resolution No. 3514 at tonight's Council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two members (Rehklau, Sebacher) absent.

**ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:**

**Bill No. 1692: Southwind Estates Subdivision Plat Seven**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to approve Plat Seven for the Southwind Estates Subdivision.

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to move Bill No. 1692 to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting for Second Reading. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two members (Rehklau, Sebacher) absent.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**


There was none.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The next scheduled Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Motion was made by Councilman Stone and seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to adjourn. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two members (Rehklau, Sebacher) absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

  
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Steve F. Myers  
Mayor  
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Kathie Ratliff  
City Clerk