

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 18 E. 4th Street.

Present and presiding were: Mayor Steve F. Myers; Courtney L. Doyle, Director of Administration; Kathie Ratliff, City Clerk; and William Ladwig, Police Chief. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Myers at 7:00p.m. Roll call was noted by the City Clerk, and members of the Council present were: Alan Combs; Bill Hinchie; Brad Leather; Lauren Nelson; Mary Rehkla; Valerie Sebacher; Jeff Stone; and Bob Washington.

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

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:

- a. Appointment of William "Bill" Nigus to the Public Safety Commission. First term to expire July 2026 to build staggered succeeding terms.
- b. Re-appointment of Carolyn Laswell as an alternate on the Board of Adjustment for an open seat partial term to expire in July, 2026.
- c. Morels & Microbrews Festival

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Sebacher to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FEBRUARY DOA REPORT.

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to approve the February DOA Report. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FEBRUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to approve the February Financial Statement.

Chief Financial Officer Dougherty provided an overview of the financial statement. Councilman Leather observed that everything appears to be on the rise. Dougherty explained that in previous years, principal payments weren't included in the budget, whereas they are this year, providing a clearer picture. Director of Administration Doyle added that sometimes it's necessary to allocate heavier costs upfront, leading to larger amounts in the early part of the year.

Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (IF ANY)

There were none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilman Hinchie reminded everyone to be mindful of running children on Easter Sunday, especially with the upcoming nice weather.

Councilwoman Sebacher had no particular concerns but emphasized the importance of voting to make voices heard.

Councilwoman Rehkla had nothing to share at the moment.

Councilman Stone reported on the recent Historic Preservation Commission meeting. He expressed gratitude to the Parks and Recreation staff for hosting a tour of facilities.

Councilman Leuther had no concerns to address.

Councilman Combs also had no concerns to mention.

Councilman Washington provided updates from the Park Board meeting regarding plans for Carver Park, the walking trail presented by Clay, and golf cart fees.

Councilwoman Nelson echoed the importance of voting in the April election. She encouraged residents to attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting to hear from their council candidates and stressed the significance of maintaining the capital improvement tax.

Mayor Myers emphasized the importance of the upcoming election and urged citizens to exercise their right to vote. He commended the council for their work on significant projects.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 3530: Firehouse Subs Grant for the Fulton Fire Department

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, to sign all necessary documents in relation to the Firehouse Subs Foundation Grant to assist in the procurement of seven sets of bunker gear for the City of Fulton Fire Department to use for high-school student firefighter training courses, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to adopt Resolution 3530 at tonight’s council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Resolution 3531: SAFER Grant for the Fulton Fire Department

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, to sign all necessary documents in relation to the Fiscal Year 2023 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant, Funding Opportunity Number DHS-23-GPD-083-00-99, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Sebacher and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to adopt Resolution 3531

at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Resolution 3532: Stormwater Maintenance Agreement Form

A Resolution to approve the City of Fulton's Maintenance Agreement form to ensure perpetual maintenance of stormwater management improvements which shall be executed by the city and the applicant.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rehklau and Seconded by Councilman Stone to adopt Resolution 3532 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:

Bill No. 1707: Schedule of Fees and Charges Amended

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance Number 1636-23 "Schedule of Fees and Charges" for the City of Fulton, Missouri; enacting a new Ordinance "Establishing Schedule of Fees and Charges" in lieu thereof, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilwoman Sebacher to place Bill No. 1707 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 READINGS:

Bill No. 1705: Rezoning 303 Claymine Drive

An Ordinance reclassifying, under the zoning code, a tract of land located at 303 Claymine Drive in Fulton, Missouri, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Leather and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to move Bill No. 1705 to Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Motion was made by Councilman Leather and Seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1705 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Roll call vote of the members of the Council was as follows:

Councilman Combs – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – **Yes**
Councilman Leather – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson - Yes

Councilwoman Rehklau – Yes
Councilwoman Sebacher – Yes
Councilman Stone – Yes
Councilman Washington - Yes

Bill No. 1705 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

Bill No. 1706: Rezoning 707 W. Chestnut Street

An Ordinance reclassifying, under the zoning code, a tract of land located at 707 W. Chestnut Street in Fulton, Missouri, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Washington and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to move Bill No. 1706 to Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Motion was made by Councilman Washington and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to place Bill No. 1706 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Roll call vote of the members of the Council was as follows:

Councilman Combs – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Yes
Councilman Leather – **Yes**
Councilwoman Nelson - Yes

Councilwoman Rehklaue – Yes
Councilwoman Sebacher – Yes
Councilman Stone – Yes
Councilman Washington - Yes

Bill No. 1706 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The next scheduled Council meeting will be held on April 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Myers said there was a need to enter Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1), to discuss or deal with legal actions, causes of action, or litigation.

Motion was offered by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to enter Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.1.

Roll call vote of the members of the Council was as follows:

Councilman Combs – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Yes
Councilman Leather – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson - **Yes**

Councilwoman Rehklaue – Yes
Councilwoman Sebacher – Yes
Councilman Stone – Yes
Councilman Washington - Yes

The Council exited to the Executive Conference Room at 7:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilman Stone to exit Executive Session and adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.



Kathie Ratliff
City Clerk



Steve F. Myers
Mayor