

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 12, 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 6:35 p.m. Roll call was noted by the City Clerk, and members of the Council present were: Alan Combs, Brad Leuther; Lauren Nelson; Mary Rehkla; Valerie Sebacher; Jeff Stone; and Bob Washington. Bill Hinchie was absent.

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

Dave Hollabaugh, 8525 Pitcher Road, Fulton: Topic – Airport Hangar Rent and Fees  
Expressed concerns about proposed rate increases, questioning their excessiveness compared to similar locations, and the airport's subsidization of Parks and Rec, advocating for fair adjustments.

Dave Lorentz, 5179 Chandler Lane, Fulton: Topic – Airport Hangar Rent and Fees  
Emphasized the need to attract successful businesses and maintain affordable hangar rents, urging the city and county to prioritize revenue over business displacement.

Jennifer Delashumtt, 3405 County Road 328, Fulton: Topic – Airport Hangar Rent and Fees  
Shared her research on services, rates, and prices in other cities, raising the concern that current rates are higher than other areas.

Lance Campbell, 4601 Nathaniel Drive, Columbia: Topic – Airport Hangar Rent and Fees  
Expressed admiration for the airport and the facilities, shared concerns about the link between federal funding and airport activity, and encouraged careful consideration for decisions that will impact the airport's future.

Steve Wendling, 2012 Chapel Ridge Road, Columbia: Topic – Airport Hangar Rent and Fees  
Expressed gratitude for the city's airport improvements, opposes rate increase particularly for hobbyist aviators, and stated he believes that financial transparency for the advisory board will be available with the new administration, which he stated was not there several years prior.

Johnathan Adams, 4002 Iguana Drive, Columbia: Topic – Airport Hangar Rent and Fees  
Expressed interest in establishing a crop-dusting business in Fulton, but acknowledges the higher cost compared to other airport locations. He advocates for affordable land leases and asked the Council to address rates which will attract and retain businesses.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was none.

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There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Councilwoman Sebacher had no concerns to address.

Councilwoman Rehklaue thanked the visitors for their comments and for sharing their opinion.

Councilman Stone had no concerns. He stated Pastor Williamson does a great job serving the City Council.

Councilman Leuther stated there had not been an Airport Advisory Board meeting since the last. He shared his appreciation to the citizens who came and gave their opinion.

Councilman Combs stated that Planning & Zoning had not met again since the last time. He too shared appreciation for the pilots sharing their point of view.

Councilman Washington had no concerns to share.

Councilwoman Nelson stated the Public Utility Board had not met since the last council meeting and she had no concerns to share.

Mayor Myers thanked the people for coming and expressing their concerns. He stated that the city will gladly share the financial information they seek.

Int. Director of Administration Doyle echoed the opportunity for their input.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 3519: Callaway Chamber of Commerce Contract**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to enter into an agreement with the Callaway Chamber of Commerce of Fulton, Missouri, for services to be rendered in 2024, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Washington and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to adopt Resolution No. 3519 at tonight’s Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

**ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:**

**Bill No. 1703: TAP Grant Federal Project No. TAP-2700(512) Nichols Street**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute all necessary documents in relation to the Missouri Highways and Transpiration Commission Transportation Alternatives Program Agreement regarding Federal Project No. TAP-2700(512), and establishing and effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded Councilwoman Rehkla by to move Bill No. 1703 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

**ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:**

**Bill No. 1695: Extension of Capital Improvements Sales Tax**

An Ordinance providing for the continuation of the City's one-half cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax, and calling for an election on such tax to be held on April 2, 2024.

Motion was made by Councilman Combs and Seconded by Councilman Leather to place Bill No. 1695 for Third Reading at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

Motion was made by Councilman Combs and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1695 for Final Passage at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

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

Councilman Combs – Yes	Councilwoman Rehkla – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Absent	Councilwoman Sebacher – Yes
Councilman Leather – Yes	Councilman Stone – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson - Yes	Councilman Washington - Yes

Bill No. 1695 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**Bill No. 1696: Water Rates**

An Ordinance repealing Section 3 of Article IV of Ordinance Number 1285-10 (establishing water rates) of the City of Fulton, Missouri; enacting a new Section 3 of Article IV in lieu thereof, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Washington and Seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1696 for Third Reading at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

Motion was made by Councilman Washington and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1696 for Final Passage at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

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

Councilman Combs – Yes	Councilwoman Rehkla – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Absent	Councilwoman Sebacher – Yes
Councilman Leather – Yes	Councilman Stone – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson - Yes	Councilman Washington - Yes

Bill No. 1696 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**Bill No. 1697: Sewer Rates**

An Ordinance repealing Section 2 and Section 3 of Article IV of Ordinance Number 1379-14 (establishing sewer rates) of the City of Fulton, Missouri; enacting new Sections 2 and 3 of Article IV in lieu thereof, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilwoman Sebacher to place Bill No. 1697 for Third Reading at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilwoman Sebacher to place Bill No. 1697 for Final Passage at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

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

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| Councilman Combs – Yes      | Councilwoman Rehklaue – Yes |
| Councilman Hinchie – Absent | Councilwoman Sebacher – Yes |
| Councilman Leather – Yes    | Councilman Stone – Yes      |
| Councilwoman Nelson – Yes   | Councilman Washington - Yes |

Bill No. 1697 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**Bill No. 1698: Electric Rates: Residential**

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance Number 1489-19 (establishing electric rates) of the City of Fulton, Missouri; enacting a new Ordinance in lieu thereof, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Leather and Seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1698 for Third Reading at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

Motion was made by Councilman Leather and Seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1698 for Final Passage at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

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

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| Councilman Combs – Yes      | Councilwoman Rehklaue – Yes |
| Councilman Hinchie – Absent | Councilwoman Sebacher – Yes |
| Councilman Leather – Yes    | Councilman Stone – Yes      |
| Councilwoman Nelson - Yes   | Councilman Washington - Yes |

Bill No. 1698 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**Bill No. 1699: Electric Rates: Non-Residential**

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance Number 1404-15 (establishing electric rates) of the City of Fulton, Missouri; enacting a new Ordinance in lieu thereof, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehklaue to place Bill No. 1699 for Third Reading at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1699 for Final Passage at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

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

Councilman Combs – Yes	Councilwoman Rehklaue – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Absent	Councilwoman Sebacher – Yes
Councilman Leuther – Yes	Councilman Stone – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson - Yes	Councilman Washington - Yes

Bill No. 1699 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**Bill No. 1700: Southwind Estates Subdivision Plat Eight**

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

Motion was made by Councilwoman Sebacher and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehklaue to place Bill No. 1700 for Third Reading at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

Motion was made by Councilwoman Sebacher and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1700 for Final Passage at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

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

Councilman Combs – Yes	Councilwoman Rehklaue – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Absent	Councilwoman Sebacher – Yes
Councilman Leuther – Yes	Councilman Stone – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson - Yes	Councilman Washington - Yes

Bill No. 1700 received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**Bill No. 1701: Cemetery Inurnment Process**

An Ordinance repealing Sections 30-60 and 30-61, Cemetery Inurnment Process, of the Fulton City Code, and enacting new sections in lieu thereof, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Sebacher and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1701 for Third Reading at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

Motion was made by Councilwoman Sebacher and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1701 for Final Passage at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

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

Councilman Combs – Yes	Councilwoman Rehklaue – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Absent	Councilwoman Sebacher – Yes
Councilman Leuther – Yes	Councilman Stone – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson - Yes	Councilman Washington - Yes

Bill No. 1701 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**Bill No. 1702: Gas Rates**

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance Number 1606-22 (establishing gas rates) of the City of Fulton, Missouri; enacting a new Ordinance in lieu thereof, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rehklaue and Seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1702 for Third Reading at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rehklaue and Seconded by Councilwoman Sebacher to place Bill No. 1702 for Final Passage at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

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

Councilman Combs – Yes	Councilwoman Rehklaue – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Absent	Councilwoman Sebacher – Yes
Councilman Leuther – Yes	Councilman Stone – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson - Yes	Councilman Washington - Yes

Bill No. 1702 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**Bill No. 1693: 2024 Budget**

An Ordinance adopting an official Budget and Capital Improvement Program and appropriating the funds of the City for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rehklaue and Seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1693 for Final Passage at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

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

Councilman Combs – Yes	Councilwoman Rehklaue – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Absent	Councilwoman Sebacher – Yes
Councilman Leuther – Yes	Councilman Stone – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson - Yes	Councilman Washington - Yes

Bill No. 1693 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**Bill No. 1694: Establishing a Schedule of Fees and Charges ("Rate Book")**

An Ordinance to consolidate all City fees and charges into a comprehensive Schedule of Fees and Charges to ensure clarity and orderliness for City of Fulton staff and the citizens they serve.

Motion was made by Councilman Leuther and Seconded by Councilwoman Sebacher to amend Bill No. 1694 at this Council meeting by removing the airport fee increases. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

Councilman Washington stated to the Kingdom Pilots Association and visitors that airport fees will be reassessed this year to ensure alignment with other increases, promoting equal treatment for all.

Motion was made by Councilman Leuther and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1694 as amended for Final Passage at this Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie).

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

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| Councilman Combs – Yes      | Councilwoman Rehklaue – Yes |
| Councilman Hinchie – Absent | Councilwoman Sebacher – Yes |
| Councilman Leuther – Yes    | Councilman Stone – Yes      |
| Councilwoman Nelson - Yes   | Councilman Washington - Yes |

Bill No. 1694 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

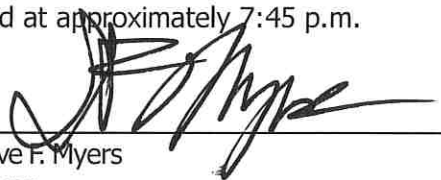
There was none. The Mayor announced an Executive Session would be held on December 19, 2023, to discuss personnel matters related to the appointment of the next Director of Administration.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The next scheduled Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and seconded by Councilwoman Sebacher to adjourn. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Hinchie). The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.




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Steve F. Myers  
Mayor




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Kathie Ratliff  
City Clerk