

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 23, 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 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; Valerie Sebacher; Jeff Stone; and Bob Washington. Mary Rehkla was absent.

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 and Jeremy Polston 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.

PROCLAMATION FOR THE RETIREMENT OF CRAIG STUBBLEFIELD.

Mayor Myers, Superintendent of Utilities Dunlap, and City Engineer Bruemmer came together to honor Craig Stubblefield's retirement. Dunlap said "he was doing his job right and you didn't even know he did it. Craig had everything running seamlessly." Bruemmer expressed gratitude to Craig, acknowledging his achievements and highlighting his significant impact on the employees of the City of Fulton.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of November 28, 2023.
- b. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of December 12, 2023.
- c. Appointment of Dall Hedges to the Public Safety Commission. First term to expire July 2025 to build staggered succeeding terms.
- d. Appointment of Russ Sing to the Public Safety Commission. First term to expire July 2026 to build staggered succeeding terms.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Sebacher and Seconded by Councilman Stone to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehkla).

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (IF ANY)

There were none.

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE DECEMBER DOA REPORT.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilwoman Sebacher to approve the December Financial Statement. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehkla).

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE DECEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to approve the December Financial Statement. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklau).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilman Hinchie expressed appreciation for CFO Dougherty and his staff, praising their effective budget work. He commended the police and fire departments for their exceptional service to the public and thanked Dunlap and his team for their efforts during the cold weather.

Councilwoman Sebacher conveyed gratitude to the park for its festive Christmas season and the joyful atmosphere. She also extended congratulations to the firefighters on their promotions.

Councilman Stone reported on the recent Historic Preservation Commission meeting, highlighting the nomination of Middle River School for the National Register. He expressed thanks for the support received during his wife's recovery.

Councilman Leuther provided an update on the Airport Advisory Board, commending the safety measures taken during city shutdowns. He expressed appreciation for the utility department contributions and the city's resilience.

Councilman Combs discussed the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, suggesting a review of the comprehensive plan to streamline zoning in the city. He proposed keeping Legends Rec-Plex open on smaller holidays.

Councilman Washington shared news from the park board meeting, emphasizing positive developments such as grants for Carver Park and plans for informative signage. He acknowledged the Park Board's dedication to the community and expressed gratitude for the warming center that was open during the cold spell.

Councilwoman Nelson thanked various departments for their efficient collaboration during a challenging week. She also raised a concern about the fence at the splashpad in Memorial Park with summer approaching.

Mayor Myers thanked all departments for their work during the recent weather challenges, noting Dunlap and Doyle's outstanding efforts.

Director of Administration Doyle echoed thanks to staff and citizens, appreciating their efforts in conserving energy during the cold snap.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 3519-24: Local Records Disposition

A Resolution authorizing the destruction of city records that have met retention requirements in accordance with RSMO Chapter 109 and applicable State Retention Schedules.

Motion was made by Councilman Washington and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to adopt Resolution 3519-24 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Rehklau).

Resolution 3520-24: 2023 Financial Statement Audit Agreement

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to sign all necessary documents in relation to an agreement with Williams-Keepers LLC, of Columbia, Missouri, to provide the 2023 Financial Statement Audit and related services, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilman Stone to adopt Resolution 3520-24 at tonight’s council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Rehklau).

Resolution 3521-24: IAFF 2945 Agreement Amendment

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to sign all necessary documents needed to amend the existing agreement with the Fulton Professional Firefighters Local 2945, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Sebacher and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to adopt Resolution 3521-24 at tonight’s council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Rehklau).

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:

Bill No 1704: Surplus Property 405 East First (1st) Street

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to declare a tract of land located at 405 East First (1st) Street in Fulton, Missouri, to be surplus property, authorizing its distribution, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Leather and Seconded by Councilwoman Sebacher to place Bill No. 1704 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Rehklau).

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR SECOND 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 Transportation Commission Transportation Alternatives Program Agreement regarding Federal Project No. TAP-2700(512), and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to move Bill No. 1703 to Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Rehklau).

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to place Bill No. 1703 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Rehklau).

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

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

Bill No. 1703 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

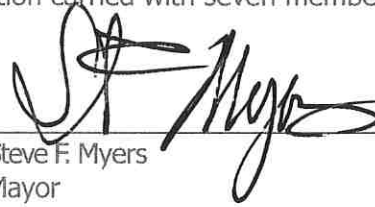
There was none.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The next scheduled Council meeting will be held on February 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The work session will begin at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Sebacher for adjournment at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklau).



Steve F. Myers
Mayor



Kathie Ratliff
City Clerk