

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 27, 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.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilman Combs requested discussion on the consent agenda item, so it was removed.

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

- a. Appointment of Sara Beth McIntire-Clapp to the Human Rights and Community Relations Commission for an open seat partial term set to expire in July, 2026.

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to appoint Sara Beth McIntire-Clapp to the Human Rights and Community Relations Commission for the open seat partial term set to expire in July, 2026.

Councilman Combs opened a discussion regarding the appointment of spouses or family members to boards and commissions. The consensus was that willingness to serve is the key requirement. Councilman Washington reminded members to abstain from voting on matters involving spouses, while Councilman Stone encouraged members to discuss this with staff if they feel underrepresented due to family involvement.

Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehkla).

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

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

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

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was none.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was none.

### **COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Councilman Hinchie discussed the upcoming installation of a new four-way stop at the intersection of Wood Street and Highway Z, expressing gratitude for the efforts of Kyle, Ladwig, and Doyle.

Councilwoman Sebacher had no specific concerns to report.

Councilman Stone provided an update on the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) meeting, highlighting discussions on two grants. One grant is aimed at completing a historic survey for properties over 50 years old, which have not been conducted since 1979. Stone emphasized the value of this survey and mentioned the need for a strategic plan for the HPC that aligns with the city's plan for the upcoming year. He also expressed appreciation for city representatives who spoke at the Kiwanis group meeting.

Councilman Leuther reported no recent Airport Advisory Board meetings and mentioned the upcoming meeting on March 5. He raised concerns about the 10th Street stoplight turning red regardless of the presence of people, potentially causing traffic flow issues.

Councilman Combs informed that the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) did not have a meeting this month. He emphasized his belief for the use of a comprehensive planning and zoning map instead of individual changes. He also inquired about event forms.

Councilman Washington shared updates from the Park Board meeting, which focused on Carver Park and private golf cart fees at Tanglewood. He mentioned discussions on Legends openings for smaller holidays and expressed need for development in the Crestwood Street area, particularly regarding sewers and gutters.

Councilwoman Nelson provided many updates. She thanked the utility department for their work during extreme cold temperatures. She appreciated the effectiveness of the utility plan during the challenging weather. Nelson mentioned attending the Coal Plant tour, NAACP meeting, and encouraged citizen participation in NAACP meetings as the city's local organization works to expand membership. She also promoted the Knights of Columbus fish fry Fridays.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

#### **Resolution 3523-24: Ratification of Approval of Actions Related to the Recreational Trails Grant Program**

A Resolution ratifying the application and signing of all documents pertaining to the application for the Recreational Trails Grant Program issued through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and establishing and effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Sebacher to adopt Resolution 3523-24 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Rehklau).

#### **Resolution 3524-24: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, to make application and sign all necessary documents in relation to the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program issued through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and establishing and effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Leuther and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to adopt Resolution 3524-24 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Rehklau).

**Resolution 3525-24: Agreement with Flock Group, Inc.**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, to enter into an agreement with the Flock Group, Inc. of Atlanta, Georgia, for the acquisition of cameras and related services for crime reduction for the City of Fulton Police Department, and establishing and effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Combs and Seconded by Councilwoman Sebacher to adopt Resolution 3525-24 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Rehklau).

**Resolution 3526-24: Resolution to the Missouri General Assembly**

A Resolution composed on behalf of the City of Fulton, strongly encouraging senators and representatives of the Missouri General Assembly to reject and oppose any proposed legislation aimed at eliminate the taxation of retail sales on food.

Motion was made by Councilman Washington and Seconded by Councilman Combs to adopt Resolution 3526-24 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with five members of the Council voting in favor, two members opposed (Hinchie, Stone), and one member absent (Rehklau).

The City Clerk requested a roll call vote of the members of the Council for clarity. It was as follows:

Councilman Combs – Yes	Councilwoman Rehklau – Absent
Councilman Hinchie – <b>No</b>	Councilwoman Sebacher – Yes
Councilman Leuther – Yes	Councilman Stone – No
Councilwoman Nelson - Yes	Councilman Washington - Yes

Resolution 3526-24 having received the affirmative vote of five members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR SECOND READING:**

**Bill No 1704: Surplus Property 405 East First (1<sup>st</sup>) 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 (1<sup>st</sup>) Street in Fulton, Missouri, to be surplus property, authorizing its distribution, and establishing and effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Leuther and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to move Bill No. 1704 to Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, one member opposed (Stone), and one member absent (Rehklau).

Councilman Stone asked whether there were discussions surrounding caveats or requirements related to the purchase of surplus property. Director of Administration Doyle clarified that, at present, there are no stipulations in effect. She suggested that if the council desires, the city can certainly establish a baseline policy addressing when such regulations should be implemented and which stipulations are deemed appropriate.

Motion was made by Councilman Leuther and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1704 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:

Councilman Combs – Yes  
Councilman Hinchie – Yes  
Councilman Leuther – **Yes**  
Councilwoman Nelson – Yes

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

Bill No. 1704 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Myers said there was a need to enter Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3), to discuss or deal with lease, purchase, or sale of real estate.

Motion was offered by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilman Leuther to enter Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.3.

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

Councilman Combs – Yes  
Councilman Hinchie – Yes  
Councilman Leuther – Yes  
Councilwoman Nelson – **Yes**

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

The Council agreed to a short break and exited to the Executive Conference Room at 7:22 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The next scheduled Council meeting will be held on March 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The work session will begin at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the council exited Executive Session. Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson for adjournment at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklaue).



Steve F. Myers  
Mayor



Kathie Ratliff  
City Clerk