

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 9, 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: Bill Hinchie; Brad Leuther; Lauren Nelson; Mary Rehkla; Valerie Sebacher; Jeff Stone; and Bob Washington. Alan Combs 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, Audio/Video; Doris Pirmantgen, Communications Coordinator; Marissa Peneston, Deputy City Clerk; and visitors.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Williamson.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of March 12, 2024.
- b. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of March 26, 2024.
- c. Wyatt's Wings Poker Run – April 20, 2024
- d. Fulton High School Prom Promenade – April 27, 2024

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

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

There were none.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 3533: Certification of Votes Casts**

A Resolution certifying the votes cast in the Municipal Election held on April 2, 2024 (Certified results will be a hand-out at the meeting.)

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to adopt Resolution 3533 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Combs).

**ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR SECOND AND FINAL 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 Councilwoman Sebacher to move Bill No. 1707 to Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Combs).

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Councilwoman Sebacher to place Bill No. 1707 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Combs).

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

Councilman Combs – Absent	Councilwoman Rehklaue – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – <b>Yes</b>	Councilwoman Sebacher – Yes
Councilman Leuther – Yes	Councilman Stone – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson - Yes	Councilman Washington - Yes

Bill No. 1707 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE SITTING COUNCIL:**

There being no further business to come before the present Council, Mayor Myers adjourned the sitting Council at 6:34 p.m.

**OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

City Clerk Kathie Ratliff administered the oath of office to the newly-elected Councilmembers.

First Ward: Mike West  
Second Ward: Mary Rehklaue  
Third Ward: Brad Leuther  
Fourth Ward: Bob Washington

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Myers at 6:40 p.m. Councilman West took his seat at the dais.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:**

There were none.

**ADOPTION OF COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURES:**

Mayor Myers stated that the proposed version of the Council Rules of Order and Procedures was before them and called for a Motion to adopt.

Motion was offered by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilman Stone to adopt the Rules of Order and Procedures as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Combs).

**ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:**

Mayor Myers called for nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing one-year term.

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilman Leuther to nominate Councilwoman Nelson as Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor called for a vote to the Motion on the floor. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Combs).

## **COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Certainly! Here's the rewritten version:

Councilman Hinchie had no concerns to address.

Councilman West expressed his contentment at being back and had no concerns to raise.

Councilman Rehklau reported no issues.

Councilman Stone shared updates from the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the upcoming meeting on April 17. He also expressed gratitude to the Solid Waste department for their cleanup efforts and extended thanks to the citizens.

Councilman Leuther reported no Airport Advisory Board meeting updates since the last report. He echoed Councilman Stone's gratitude and mentioned the recent YMCA banquet. Additionally, Leuther encouraged support for their pool project and proposed discussing youth initiatives in a future work session.

Councilman Combs was absent.

Councilman Washington had no concerns to share. He asked Parks & Recreation Director Caswell to give a quick review of information shared at the Park Board meeting. Caswell spoke of the removal of dead trees by park workers and ongoing efforts to develop a corporate membership plan. Washington also expressed appreciation for the voters in the 4th ward and thanked them for their support.

Myers requested City Engineer Kyle Bruemmer to provide details about the recent mailing. Bruemmer explained that the engineering department has initiated a survey to residents in a specific area to support a grant application for a storm tunnel replacement project. The survey, which is anonymous, is exclusively for the grant application process. It's important to note that the survey is not distributed to students. However, increasing the number of responses enhances the likelihood of securing the grant. This survey was developed by the Office of Economic Development and has no identifiable information. The project is estimated around 1.1 million and the hope is to lessen the storm tax dollar burden while efficiently utilizing grant funding.

Director Doyle expressed gratitude to the citizens for their participation in the election. She emphasized her passion for civic engagement and the importance of voting. Doyle thanked those who supported the city ballot initiative and commended everyone for their diligence in researching and understanding the issues. She expressed appreciation for the passage of the tax and highlighted the potential it offers to accomplish more with the allocated funds.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

### **Resolution 3534: In Appreciation of Valerie Sebacher**

A Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation to Valerie Sebacher for her 2 years of service as a City Councilmember was read in its entirety.

Motion was made by Councilman Leuther and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to adopt Resolution 3534 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Combs).

### **Resolution 3535: TAP Grant Sidewalk and Stormwater Improvements**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to file and sign all necessary documents in relation to an application for the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT) Transportation Alternatives Program Grant to make improvements on Business Highway 54 between Fulton High School and Meadowlark Lane.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded Councilman West to adopt Resolution 3535 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Combs).

**ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:**

**Bill No. 1708: Callaway County Collector Contract**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to sign all necessary documents in relation to a contract with the Collector and Commissioners of Callaway County, Missouri relating to the collection of taxes, with the contract period commencing July 1, 2024 through July 1, 2028.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilman Washington to place Bill No. 1708 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Combs).

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The next scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

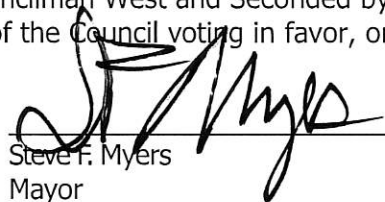
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Myers said there was not a need to enter Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie adjourn at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Combs).

  
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Kathie Ratliff  
City Clerk

  
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Steve F. Myers  
Mayor