

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2024**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 25, 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 6:28 p.m. Roll call was noted by the City Clerk, and members of the Council present were: Alan Combs; Bill Hinchie; Lauren Nelson; Mary Rehklau; Jeff Stone; Bob Washington; and Mike West. Brad Leather was absent.

Also present were: Kyle Bruemmer, City Engineer; Russ Sing, Fire Chief; Dustin Dougherty, Chief Financial Officer; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; and Jordan Lewis, Audio/Video.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Williamson.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS.

There were none.

PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Myers stated there would be a public hearing at tonight's meeting to consider the following:

- a. For the purpose of considering the re-classification of a tract of land located at 101-103 E. 10th Street, Fulton, Missouri, from its present zoning designation R-1 Residential to R-3 Residential.

Mayor Myers declared the hearing open at 6:30 p.m.

There were three calls for anyone wishing to speak in opposition of the matter being considered. No one responded. Next, there were three calls for anyone wishing to speak in favor of the matter being considered.

Sam Doerhoff, owner of 101-103 E. 10th Street property, responded during the first call to stated that his interest is to have the property rezoned to the correct designation.

There were no further respondents and Mayor Myers declared the public hearing closed at 6:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) City Council Minutes for May 28, 2024.
- b) City Council Minutes for June 11, 2024.
- c) Callaway County Crop Hunger Walk – Sunday, October 13, 2024.
- d) Appointment of David McDaniel to the Board of Adjustment for an unexpired term to expire July 2027.
- e) Appointment of Caryn Klick to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term.
- f) Reappointment of Larry Doyle to the Park Board for a three-year term.
- g) Appointment of Renee Graham to the Park Board for a three-year term.
- h) Appointment of Kathy Omohundro to the Park Board for a three-year term.
- i) Reappointment of Don Masek to the Personnel Board for a three-year term.
- j) Reappointment of Lewis Beaty to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a four-year term.

- k) Reappointment of Mike Eibel to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a four-year term.
- l) Appointment of Todd Gray to the Public Safety Commission for a two-year term.
- m) Reappointment of Richard Vaughn to the Public Utility Board for a four-year term.

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

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAY DOA REPORT.

Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to approve the May DOA Report. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Leuther).

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE MAY FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Washington and Seconded by Councilman West to approve the May Financial Statement.

Chief Financial Officer Dougherty provided an overview of the financial statement.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation and acceptance of the 2023 City of Fulton Audit.

Kristen Brown from Williams-Keepers, LLC presented the Summary Report of the 2023 audit findings. She reviewed the annual comprehensive financial report, noting that all financial statements are clean and explained their contents. Highlights from the audit included a \$3 million decrease in liabilities due to reduced debt and a \$7 million increase in revenues from taxes, a panhandle award, and grants. The report also included a single audit due to \$1.3 million in federal expenditures, mostly related to TAP grants, with no instances of weakness or non-compliance.

She stated that in the letter to the Mayor and the City Council, it's noted no unusual transactions were found, and disclosures were neutral, consistent, and clear. The city staff fully cooperated, and there were no disagreements with management on accounting matters. However, a suggestion was made regarding internal control in the garage and health insurance fund.

Director Doyle praised the positive experience working with Williams-Keepers and commended the finance team for their efforts. She mentioned that requested changes will be implemented and the council will see significant improvements.

Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to accept the 2023 City of Fulton Audit report. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Leuther).

Presentation of the 2024 Capital Budget.

Director Doyle emphasized that in the past, the Capital Budget was often referred to as a wish list, but that perspective has changed. She clarified that it's now viewed as a strategic plan rather than an expectation of guaranteed funds. When preparing the operational budget, it serves as a blueprint, offering a more strategic approach than before. Doyle's goal is to have the budget completed by the first meeting in November.

The Mayor highlighted that department heads and supervisors now have the opportunity to contribute information to both the capital and operating budgets, a privilege they did not previously have.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilman Hinchie had no concerns but noted the upcoming Public Safety Commission meeting on Thursday.

Councilman West reported no issues or concerns.

Councilwoman Rehklau mentioned constituents experiencing difficulty hearing the livestream at home.

Councilman Stone was absent from the Historic Preservation Commission meeting on the 12th but highlighted the HPC briefly. City Engineer Bruemmer provided an update that a group from KSTATE is developing options based on the brownfield visioning information. Stone thanked the city staff for a smooth street fair experience as both a vendor and citizen.

Councilman Combs reported that the P&Z meeting has not occurred since the last update and had no concerns.

Councilman Washington noted that the Park Board has not met and reported no concerns.

Deputy Mayor Nelson discussed various issues, echoing Stone's comments on the street fair. She mentioned minor communication issues that were swiftly resolved. She also mentioned preparations for the Public Utility Board meeting, focusing on potential updates to the trash can policy and plans for incremental utility rate changes to avoid sudden increases for citizens. She stated the state auditor office's CPI is where they will seek guidance for adjustments.

The Mayor recognized Deputy Mayor Nelson for her recent 5k win during the street fair.

Director Doyle introduced editor Emily O'Leary, commending her for effectively highlighting city news at the Fulton Sun.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 3547: MPUA Mutual Aid Agreement

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to sign all necessary documents in relation to a Mutual Aid Agreement with Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA).

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Washington to adopt Resolution 3547 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Leuther).

ORDINANCE PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:

Bill No. 1713: Rezone 101-103 East 10th Street

An Ordinance reclassifying, under the zoning code, a tract of land located at 101-103 East 10th Street in Fulton, Missouri, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to move Bill No. 1713 to Second Reading at next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Leuther).

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FINAL READINGS:

Bill No. 1711: Surplus Property 818 Vine Street

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to declare a tract of land located at 818 Vine Street in Fulton, Missouri, to be surplus property, authorizing its distribution, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to move Bill No. 1711 to Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Leuther).

Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1711 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Leuther).

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

Councilman Combs – Yes	Councilwoman Rehkla – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Yes	Councilman Stone– Yes
Councilman Leuther – Absent	Councilman Washington – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson – Yes	Councilman West – Yes

Bill No. 1711 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

Bill No. 1712: Append Public Nuisance Ordinance

An Ordinance appending Chapter 46, Environment, Article II, Sec. 32 Public Nuisances., of the Fulton City Code, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to move Bill No. 1712 to Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Leuther).

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1712 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Leuther).

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

Councilman Combs – Yes	Councilwoman Rehkla – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Yes	Councilman Stone– Yes
Councilman Leuther – Absent	Councilman Washington – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson – Yes	Councilman West – Yes

Bill No. 1712 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 July 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Myers said there was no Executive Session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman West to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Leuther).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve F. Myers", written over a horizontal line.

Steve F. Myers
Mayor

Kathie Ratliff by Marissa Peniston
Kathie Ratliff
City Clerk