

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

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 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 6:31 p.m. Roll call was noted by the City Clerk, and members of the Council present were: Alan Combs, Bill Hinchie, Brad Leather, Lauren Nelson, Jeff Stone, Bob Washington, and Mike West. Mary Rehklau was absent.

Also present were: Kyle Bruemmer, City Engineer; Dustin Dougherty, Chief Financial Officer; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Tara O'Shea, interim Parks & Recreation Director; Sam Shults, Assistant Director of Administration; Russ Sing, Fire Chief; and Jordan Lewis, Audio/Video. Also present were Scott Schwind, Dawn Yancey, Nathan Bowin, Jamey and Monica Martin, and Fulton Sun Editor Emily O'Leary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Williamson.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS.

Rev. Bruce Williamson, 1017 Mohawk, expressed his gratitude for the city's response after the large storm that occurred during the last meeting.

Chad McMeans of 54 Towing and Recovery, LLC, shared his concerns about not receiving calls from the City of Fulton Police Department when accidents occur.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman West to remove Item C from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklau). Item C was pulled for discussion.

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

- a. Fulton Public Schools Back to School Bash – August 9, 2024.
- b. Callaway County Family Fun Day – August 17, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Motion was the made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilman Leather to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklau), one recused (Nelson).

- c. Appointment of Michael Shinder to the Public Utility Board for a four-year term.

NEW BUSINESS

Scott Schwind and accompanying staff from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission were present to provide the Plant Review of operations, including an overview of public health and safety and the past year's operations. The review of Callaway's performance in 2023 concluded that the plant is operating safely.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilman Hinchie: The Public Safety Committee recently met and discussed several important topics, including the splash pad fence review, ditch maintenance, and angled parking on Court Street. He supported the Reverend's praise for the city employees' handling of the bad weather responses and encouraged respect for police when barricades are set in place for public safety.

Councilman West: Agreed with Hinchie. He shared a story about Yvette Thayer, a previous director of administration, who drowned due to high water crossing. He expressed concerns about stormwater and fireworks, asking if anything could be done to prevent flooding at the roundabout. He also suggested a work session on fireworks, noting many people were shooting them off outside the permitted times. The Mayor agreed this was worth discussing.

Councilwoman Rehkla: Absent.

Councilman Stone: Announced that the Historic Preservation Commission will meet on July 17 at 1 p.m. and welcomed anyone to attend. He thanked the city for their efforts during the storm and for the support during the parade. He also expressed condolences for the Assistant Fire Chief's death in Columbia.

Councilman Leuther: No advisory board meeting to report, but provided a manager update on the runway lighting project on runway 18-36. Airport Manager Easley said the project is progressing well and will be a great update to the airport facility. He also thanked everyone for their support during his family's journey.

Councilman Combs: The Planning & Zoning Commission has not met since the last meeting, but he thanked the crews for their hard work.

Councilman Washington: Announced that the Park Board meeting is on July 11. No other concerns.

Councilwoman Nelson: Stated that the Public Utility Board has not met since the last council meeting. She raised a concern about the lack of sidewalks in front of the High School. Kyle explained that the city did not receive funding for that project, so they will look into addressing it in the future.

Mayor Myers: Praised the city employees for their good work during the storm.

Director Doyle: Shared an update regarding the Panhandle lawsuit.

RESOLUTIONS:

There were none.

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR SECOND 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 Councilman Hinchie to move Bill No. 1713 to Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehkla).

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to place Bill No. 1713 to Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehkla).

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 – Yes
Councilman Stone – Yes
Councilman Washington – Yes
Councilman West – Yes

Bill No. 1713 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Myers said there was a need to enter an Executive Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3), to discuss the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body.

Motion was offered by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to enter Executive Session under RSMo 610.021.3.

Roll call vote of the members of the Council to enter executive session at 7:07 p.m. was as follows:

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

Councilwoman Rehklaue – Absent
Councilman Stone – Yes
Councilman Washington - Yes
Councilman West - Yes

There being no further business at 7:51 p.m., the council exited Executive Session. Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson.

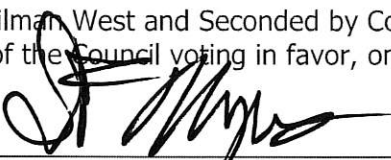
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Councilman Combs – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Yes
Councilman Leuther – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson - **Yes**

Councilwoman Rehklaue – Absent
Councilman Stone – Yes
Councilman Washington - Yes
Councilman West - Yes

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilman Combs to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklaue).



Steve F. Myers, Mayor



Kathie Ratliff, City Clerk