

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

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, July 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; Marissa Peneston, Deputy Clerk; and William Ladwig, Police Chief. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Myers at 6:36 p.m. Roll call was noted by the Deputy Clerk, and members of the Council present were: Bill Hinchie; Brad Leuther; Lauren Nelson; Mary Rehkla; Jeff Stone; Bob Washington; and Mike West. Alan Combs 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 Superintendent; Sam Shults, Assistant Director of Administration; Russell Sing, Fire Chief; and Jordan Lewis, Audio/Video. Also present were Tamara Tateosian, Jamey and Monica Martin, Emily O'Leary, and Clint Smith.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Williamson.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS.

There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

- a. City Council Minutes for June 25, 2024.
- b. City Council Minutes for July 9, 2024.
- c. Chamber of Commerce: Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference – September 18, 2024.
- d. Reappointment of Carl Brauner to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term.
- e. Appointment of Mary Holloway to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term.
- f. Reappointment of Tom Clapp to the Human Rights Commission for a three-year term.
- g. Appointment of Heather Hesel to the Personnel Board for a three-year term.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (IF ANY)

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Stone to move Item H to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Combs).

- h. Appointment of Valerie Sebacher to the Park Board for a three-year term.

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE JUNE DOA REPORT.

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

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE JUNE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to approve the June Financial Statement.

Chief Financial Officer Dougherty provided an overview of the financial statement noting that sales tax and use tax are both up in percentages after five months in comparison to 2023.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Council meeting schedule amendments.
 - i. Cancellation of September 24th meeting.
 - ii. Cancellation of December 24th meeting.

Director Doyle explained that the Missouri Municipal League Conference is the week before which would hinder staff from being able to prepare council packets for the September 24th council meeting. The September 24th meeting also interferes with the MPUA conference that Mayor Myers, Deputy Mayor Nelson, Director Doyle, and Superintendent of Utilities Dunlap, will be attending. December 24th is Christmas Eve.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie Seconded by Councilman West to cancel both the September 24th and December 24th Council meetings.

Councilman Stone stated in past years the council meeting in December has been moved to the third Tuesday and asked if that would need to be done this year. Mayor Myers commented that the meeting has been moved to get the budget approved, but he does not see that being an issue this year and for now, the council meeting will stay the second Tuesday as regularly scheduled.

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

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilman Hinchie: Informed everyone of the upcoming Public Safety Commission Meeting that will be held Thursday, July 25th at 5:15 p.m.

Councilman West: Shared that he will be attending the Human Rights Commission Meeting on Monday, July 29th. He also noted that this is the best financial statement he has seen in all his years on the council and wanted to thank CFO Dougherty and his staff for all their hard work.

Councilwoman Rehkla: Mentioned she had no concerns at this time.

Councilman Stone: Reported that the Historic Preservation continues to work toward creating a strategic plan that includes improving communication and education with the public. He then called Tamara Tateosian from the Callaway Chamber of Commerce to share about the Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference. Tamara Tateosian gave a brief report on what the conference will entail and shared there will be about 150-200 guests in our community for this event.

Councilman Leuther: Reported the lightening project at the airport is underway, and asked that citizens please use extra patience while the work is being completed.

Councilman Combs: Absent.

Councilman Washington: Shared that the Park Board met on July 11th, in the meeting it was reported that the swimming pool has not experienced any leaks this season and Tanglewood Golf Course is doing very well. He also shared that Tanglewood will be hosting a Jr. Golf Clinic for children interested in golf and that there will be a movie showing in Memorial Park on August 1st. Finally, he noted that a decision has been made not to pursue putting a fence up near the splash pad.

Councilwoman Nelson: Announced that the Public Utility Board met earlier this week and there is an exciting opportunity to become shared power partners with other Missouri Cities and MPOA. The Utility Board would recommend moving forward with researching this project because the market is very volatile. She invited Superintendent of Utilities Dunlap up and he shared that this is an exciting project to be a part of because it is a group of communities coming together to solve a problem about the lack of power in our area. Nelson praised Dunlap for his diligent work and for bringing this opportunity to Fulton.

Mayor Myers: Echoed Nelson's praises of Superintendent Dunlap for his outstanding work, and asked for a motion to support this project.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie Seconded by Councilman West to support the continuation of researching this utility project and continuing to work with MPOA. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Combs).

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:

Bill No. 1714: Amended: Grand Avenue Enactment of Stop Sign

An Ordinance amending Section 110-283, Stop Signs and Yield Signs. Fulton City Code, by removing certain yield signs, enacting stop signs in their place, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Leuther and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1714 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Combs).

Bill No. 1715: Amended: Parking on St. Louis Avenue Prohibited or Limited

An Ordinance amending Chapter 110, Traffic & Vehicles. Section 110-340, Parking on certain Streets Prohibited or Limited. Fulton City Code, by Prohibiting Stopping, Standing, and Parking on portions of St. Louis Avenue, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1715 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting.

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

Bill No. 1716: Amended: Parking on Monroe & W. 13th Street Prohibited or Limited

An Ordinance amending Chapter 110, Traffic & Vehicles. Section 110-340, Parking on certain Streets Prohibited or Limited. Fulton City Code, by Prohibiting Stopping, Standing, and Parking on portions of Monroe Street, West Thirteenth Street, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Washington and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to place Bill No. 1716 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Combs).

Bill No. 1717: Amended: Fifth Street Enactment of Stop Sign

An Ordinance amending Section 110-283, Stop Signs and Yield Signs. Fulton City Code, by enacting a new stop sign, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman West to place Bill No. 1717 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting.

Councilman West inquired about why an additional stop sign is needed in this area. Discussion followed and City Engineer, Bruemmer explained that this is a high-traffic area near the State Hospital, and making it a four-way stop would be beneficial to help slow down the traffic. Bruemmer said that he could reach out to the State Hospital before the next meeting.

Mayor Myers called for a Roll call vote of the members of the Council as follows:

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| Councilman Combs – Absent | Councilwoman Rehkla – No |
| Councilman Hinchie – Yes | Councilman Stone – No |
| Councilman Leather – Yes | Councilman Washington – No |
| Councilwoman Nelson – Yes | Councilman West – No |

Bill No. 1717 failed.

Bill No. 1718: FAA Agreement to Provide Flight Inspection of Runway 18/36

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of The City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute all necessary Documents in relation to Agreement AJF-ON-AAC-24-AC-006523 with the Federal Aviation Administration, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1718 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 City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, August 13 2024, at 7:00 p.m. with a work session scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Myers said there was no need for an executive session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilman West to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Combs).



Steve F. Myers
Mayor


Kathie Ratliff
City Clerk