

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 18 E. 4th Street.

Present and presiding were: Deputy Mayor Lauren EH Nelson; Sam Shults, Assistant Director of Administration; Kathie Ratliff, City Clerk; and William Ladwig, Police Chief. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Nelson at 7:05 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, Jeff Stone, Bob Washington, and Mike West. Councilwoman Rehklau, Mayor Myers, and Director Doyle were absent from this meeting.

Also present were: Dustin Dougherty, Chief Financial Officer; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Sharlene McArtor, Parks & Recreation Superintendent; Russ Sing, Fire Chief; and Jordan Lewis, Audio/Video. Also present was Fulton Sun Editor Emily O'Leary, Raphael Sternadori MU Journalism Student, and other guests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Williamson.

PROCLAMATIONS (2)

- a. Honoring retired Water Department Supervisor David Martin.
- b. Hunger in Action Month.

A proclamation honoring Dave Martin for his more than 23 years of service to the City of Fulton was presented in recognition of his retirement on September 9.

Additionally, Stephanie Rademan, Director of SERVE, INC, accepted a proclamation designating September as Hunger in Action Month for Callaway County. She spoke on the ongoing issues of food insecurity within the county.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS.

There were none.

PUBLIC HEARING (1).

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

- c. To hear the request for the proposed rezoning of a tract of land located at 1735 Business 54 South, Fulton, Missouri, from its current zoning of R-1 Residential to its requested zoning of C-2 Commercial.

Deputy Mayor Nelson declared the hearing for the request for the proposed rezoning of a tract of land located at 1735 Business 54 South, Fulton, Missouri, from its current zoning of R-1 Residential to its requested zoning of C-2 Commercial open at 7:15 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.

With first call, John Pautz of 12706 Byers Road, Grandview, MO, responded. Pautz stated that he owns the property and is interested in establishing a "doctor's office" or similar business that would not detract from the

surrounding homes but rather fit in with the neighborhood. He emphasized that he understands the value of the area homes and wants to build something that could generate passive income. He also mentioned that he is familiar with the area, having a home there since 1993, and his goal is to complement the neighborhood, not diminish its appeal.

With no other respondents for the last two calls, Deputy Mayor Nelson declared the hearing closed at 7:18 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. City Council Minutes for August 27, 2024.
- b. MU/DBRL Raptors in the Park Event – September 14th 2 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- c. Westminster College Homecoming Parade – September 19th – 6:30 p.m.
- d. Central Bank Customer Appreciation Event – October 17th 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Motion was 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).

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilman Hinchie: Reported that the Public Safety Committee (PSC) held a productive meeting on 8/24. He had no concerns to share.

Councilman West: Shared that the Human Rights Commission (HRC) has not met since the last meeting, but will be present at the October 8 council meeting to present the Jane Bierdeman-Fike award. He also thanked the street department for their swift response to a large pothole concern.

Councilman Stone: Announced that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will meet on 9/16 at 1:00 p.m., marking the first meeting in a while with a full quorum. He also noted vandalism at Hockaday Park involving paint.

Councilman Leuther: Mentioned that no Airport Advisory Board meeting has occurred since the last. He shared a concern regarding leaning poles near on Business 54. Superintendent Dunlap stated that they are data lines, and the vendor has been contacted.

Councilman Combs: Reported on the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) meeting and tonight's discussion. He expressed concerns about public safety and right-of-way issues for pedestrians and cyclists. He suggested public education regarding parking on the wrong side of the road and other issues. Councilman Hinchie stated that this would be added to the PSC agenda.

Councilman Washington: A constituent expressed concern about the brownfield area. Regarding Carver School, he noted that there are plans to restart the project soon, possibly with some progress by fall.

Councilwoman Nelson: Stated that the Public Utilities Board (PUB) has not met since the last meeting but confirmed that the incremental rate increase, which is supported by the PUB is up for a second reading at this council meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 3551: Storm Water Detention Project

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute all necessary documents in relation to a contract with M&M Landscaping and Construction, LLC from Eugene, Missouri, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilman Stone to approve Resolution 3551 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklau).

Resolution 3552: Wastewater Treatment Plant Preliminary Design-Build Agreement

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute all necessary documents in relation to the City of Fulton's Wastewater Treatment Plant preliminary design-build agreement with Burns & McDonnell, of Kansas City, Missouri.

Motion was made by Councilman Combs and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to adopt Resolution 3552 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklau).

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:

Bill No. 1726: 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 Councilman Washington and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to move Bill No. 1726 to Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting.

Police Chief Ladwig expressed support, believing this would be beneficial. He mentioned they conduct many traffic stops and doesn't think it would disrupt traffic flow. He also noted significant pedestrian traffic in the area and believes this change would improve safety at the intersection.

Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, one opposed (West), and one absent (Rehklau).

Bill No. 1727: Rezoning 1735 Business 54 South

An Ordinance reclassifying, under the Zoning Code, a tract of land located at 1735 Business 54 South from its present zoning designation R-1 Residential to C-2 Commercial in Fulton, Missouri, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilman Stone to move Bill No. 1727 to Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklau).

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR SECOND READING:

Bill No. 1723: Amended: Parking on Westminster 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 Westminster Avenue, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilman Leuther to move Bill No. 1723 to Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklau).

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilman West to place Bill No. 1723 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklau).

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

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

Councilwoman Rehklaue – Absent
Councilman Stone – Yes
Councilman Washington – No
Councilman West – Yes

Bill No. 1723 having received the affirmative vote of six members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

Bill No. 1724: Crosswalk & Traffic Signal Project Contract with Meyer Electric

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute all necessary documents in relation to a contract with Meyer Electric upon approval from the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Transportation Alternatives Program Agreement regarding federal project no. TAP-2700(511), and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Leather and Seconded by Councilman Stone to move Bill No. 1724 to Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklaue).

Motion was made by Councilman Leather and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to place Bill No. 1724 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklaue).

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

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

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

Bill No. 1724 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

Bill No. 1725: Annual Incremental Rate Increases for Utility Services (Amended)

An Ordinance establishing annual incremental rate increases for the City of Fulton utility services based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilman Stone to move Bill No. 1725 to Third Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklaue).

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR THIRD READING:

Bill No. 1722: Willow Creek South Plat One - Final

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to approve the Final Plat for Willow Creek South Plat One.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilman Leuther to place Bill No. 1722 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one 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 Rehklau – **Absent**
Councilman Stone– Yes
Councilman Washington – Yes
Councilman West – Yes

Bill No. 1722 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, October 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

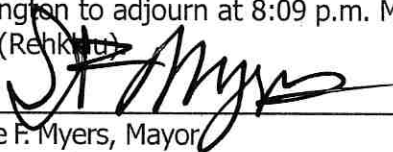
There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Deputy Mayor Nelson called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilman Washington to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklau).



Kathie Ratliff, City Clerk



Steve F. Myers, Mayor