

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 18 E. 4th Street.

Present and presiding were: Steve F. Myers, Mayor; 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 7:00 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, Mary Rehklau, Jeff Stone, Bob Washington, and Mike West.

Also present were: Kyle Bruemmer, City Engineer; Dustin Dougherty, Chief Financial Officer; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Sharlene McArtor, Parks & Recreation Superintendent; Sam Shults, Assistant Director of Administration; 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.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS.

There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. City Council Minutes for September 10, 2024.
- b. Callaway County Humane Society 5K Run: October 26 at 9 a.m.
- c. Brick District Downtown Trick or Treating Event: October 31 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- d. Brick District Holiday Open House: November 8, 2024 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilman Leuther to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS.

Members of the City of Fulton Human Rights Commission—Tom Clapp, Adrienne Lindsey, Mary Holloway, and Sara Beth McIntire-Clapp—were present to posthumously present the Jane Bierdeman-Fike award to Sherry McBride-Brown. Tom Clapp spoke about the significance of the award and shared highlights of Sherry's life and accomplishments, describing her as a shining example of someone who quietly helped countless people in her community.

Sherry's sister accepted the award, expressing heartfelt thanks to the commission, the council, and everyone involved in honoring Sherry. She shared that Sherry's unwavering faith in God inspired her to help many in the community. As one of five siblings, Sherry stayed closely connected with her family, and her sister's words beautifully conveyed the love she had for them and others.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilman Hinchie shared updates from the recent Public Service Commission (PSC) meeting and shared no concerns.

Councilman West noted that although he was unable to attend the recent Human Rights Commission (HRC) meeting, he was pleased with the JBF presentation and believes there are many deserving people in the community. He also expressed no concerns.

Councilwoman Rehkla expressed no concerns and hoped those in attendance would enjoy the meeting.

Councilman Stone reported that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) met last month and welcomed two new members. He shared that the Community Task Force hosted a landlord and tenant meeting, where City Engineer Bruemmer presented updates on city housing activities. He also highlighted that it's city cleanup week, commending both the citizens for their efforts in keeping the city clean and the city workers for their hard work during this week.

Councilman Leather mentioned that there were no updates from the airport advisory board. He suggested a work session focused on community revitalization, offering several ideas for improvements.

Councilman Combs reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) hasn't met since the last meeting and had no concerns.

Councilman Washington had no concerns to share tonight.

Councilwoman Nelson shared that the Public Utilities Board (PUB) has not met since the last meeting but thanked the citizens for their mindful efforts during trash pickup week.

The Mayor shared that three linemen traveled to Florida to assist with the storm response through the Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA), and Superintendent of Utilities Dunlap provided an update.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 3553: Step Into Swim Grant

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, to make application and sign all necessary documents in relation to the Step Into Swim Grant to provide scholarships for swim lessons in the winter months.

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to adopt Resolution 3553 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Resolution 3554: CDBG Residential Demolition Project – 2021-DM-05

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute all necessary documents in relation to a contract with Mid-Missouri Earth Movers, LLC, from Jefferson City, Missouri, for the demolition and asbestos abatement of thirty-six residential properties, located within the city limits of Fulton, Missouri, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Leather and Seconded by Councilman Stone to adopt Resolution 3554 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Resolution 3555: School Resource Officer Agreement

A Resolution authorizing the City of Fulton to enter into an agreement between the City of Fulton and the Fulton Public School District for the purpose of establishing a cooperative relationship to provide one (1) School Resource Officer on the school campuses during the 2024-2025 school year, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Combs and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to adopt Resolution 3555 at tonight's council meeting.

Councilman West asked if one School Resource Officer (SRO) would be enough. The Chief noted that Fulton is the only school district in the county without an SRO, and he's looking forward to the change. Chief Ladwig

expressed gratitude and enthusiasm for this new venture and stated that this is a great opportunity to build positive relationships, potentially leading to the need for more officers in the future.

Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Resolution 3556: Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, to make application and sign all necessary documents in relation to the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant for the removal and relaying of the golf cart paths at Tanglewood Golf Course, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Washington and Seconded by Councilman Stone to adopt Resolution 3556 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Resolution 3557: Westminster Avenue Pavement Repair

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, to sign all necessary documents in relation to a Contract with Christensen Construction Company of Kingdom City, Missouri, for Westminster Avenue Pavement Repair COF 24-07.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Leather to adopt Resolution 3553 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:

Bill No. 1728: 2025 Budget

An Ordinance adopting an official Budget and Capital Improvement Program and appropriating the funds of the City for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to move Bill No. 1728 to Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting.

Chief Financial Officer Dougherty provided a high-level overview of the budget presented at tonight's meeting. He emphasized that it represents a conservative yet realistic approach for 2025.

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

Bill No. 1729: Easement Vacated

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor, on Behalf of the City of Fulton, to Sign all necessary documents to Vacate all Right, Title, and Interest therein of an area of easements located in Block One Hundred of the City of Fulton, Missouri, in favor of Aldi, Inc. of Fulton, Missouri.

Motion was made by Councilman Combs and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to move Bill No. 1729 to Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting.

Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Bill No. 1730: Amended: Parking on Wood Street Prohibited or Limited

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 110, Traffic & Vehicles, Section 110-340, Parking on Certain Streets Prohibited or Limited, of the Fulton City Code, to prevent traffic impediments near the Fulton Early Childhood Center by Prohibiting Stopping, Standing, and Parking on either side of Wood Street, beginning 500 feet North of Westwood Avenue and continuing North for a distance of 1,180 feet, including a penalty of a \$50.00 fine plus court costs for each violation, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilman Stone to move Bill No. 1730 to Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting.

There was significant discussion regarding the safety of people traversing the area. Flashing signs and signage will be installed to enhance safety. Councilman West invited the other council members to visit the area during dismissal time to better understand the situation. Councilwoman Nelson expressed appreciation for the school district's commitment to collaborate on this issue and their acknowledgment of the concerns.

Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Bill No. 1731: Speed Limit Reduction on Claymine Drive

An Ordinance amending Chapter 110 Traffic & Vehicles, Sec. 110-248. Speed Limits, Paragraph (3) of the Code of the City of Fulton, Missouri, by Lowering the Speed Limit on Claymine Drive to Twenty (20) Miles per Hour, and Establishing an Effective Date.

Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilman Stone to move Bill No. 1731 to Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting.

Motion carried with five members of the Council voting in favor, three opposed (Rehklau, Washington, & West).

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR SECOND 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 Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Motion was made by Councilman Washington and Seconded by Councilman Leuther to place Bill No. 1726 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

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

Councilman Combs – Yes	Councilwoman Rehklau – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Yes	Councilman Stone– Yes
Councilman Leuther – Yes	Councilman Washington – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson – Yes	Councilman West – Yes

Bill No. 1726 having received the affirmative vote of eight members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

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 Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman West to move Bill No. 1727 to Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1727 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

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 – Yes	Councilman Washington – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson – Yes	Councilman West – Yes

Bill No. 1727 having received the affirmative vote of eight members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR THIRD READING:

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

An Ordinance establishing an annual incremental utility rate increase, combined with an additional percentage adjustment (not to exceed 5% or fall below 0%) based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) of Missouri, as calculated by the Missouri State Tax Commission, for City of Fulton utility services

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1725 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one opposed (Washington).

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

Councilman Combs – No	Councilwoman Rehkla – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Yes	Councilman Stone– Yes
Councilman Leuther – Yes	Councilman Washington – No
Councilwoman Nelson – Yes	Councilman West – Yes

Bill No. 1725 having received the affirmative vote of six members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The next City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

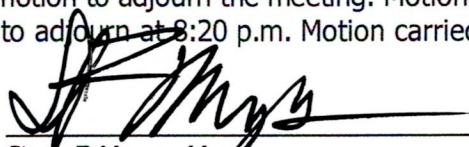
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mayor Myers called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Councilman Leuther and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.


Kathie Ratliff, City Clerk


Steve F. Myers, Mayor