

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 22, 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 6:30 p.m. Roll call was noted by the City Clerk, and members of the Council present were: Alan Combs; Lauren Nelson; Mary Rehkla; Jeff Stone; Bob Washington; and Mike West. Bill Hinchie and Brad Leather were absent.

Also present were: Dustin Dougherty, Chief Financial Officer; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Sharlene McArtor, Parks & Recreation Superintendent; Sam Shults, Assistant Director of Administration; Russell Sing, Fire Chief; and Jordan Lewis, Audio/Video; and guests. City Engineer Kyle Bruemmer was absent.

**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 presenting for consideration the adoption of the proposed 2025 City of Fulton Budget and Three-Year Capital Program.

Mayor Myers declared the hearing for the purpose of presenting for consideration the adoption of the proposed 2025 City of Fulton Budget and Three-Year Capital Program, open at 6:32 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. No one responded.

Mayor Myers declared the hearing closed at 6:34 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Hinchie and Leather).

- a. Lighted Christmas Parade – December 6 from 6:00—8:00 p.m.
- b. Annual Christmas Parade – December 7 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
- c. Appointment of Lindsey Pace-Snook to the Park Board for a three-year term.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (IF ANY)**

There was none.

## **PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SEPTEMBER DOA REPORT.**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Stone to approve the September DOA Report. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Hinchie and Leuther).

## **PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson, Seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to approve the September Financial Statement. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Hinchie and Leuther).

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was none.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was none.

## **COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Hinchie was absent.

Councilman West noted that the Human Rights Commission (HRC) has not met since the last council meeting. However, they are planning an event on December 21 remembering Celia, so he encouraged everyone to stay tuned for more details.

Councilwoman Rehklau expressed her appreciation for the "Saturday Spotlight" feature on Facebook.

Councilman Stone shared that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) recently met, although he was unable to attend. He's been following the reconstruction of the column on 2nd Street, which he believes will complement the existing one. Director Doyle added that she will keep the council updated on the project's progress and anticipated completion date.

Councilman Leuther was absent.

Councilman Combs reported that the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) meeting did not reach quorum as two members were absent. He had no further concerns to report.

Councilman Washington informed the council that the Park Board also lacked a quorum but held an informative discussion with those in attendance. He highlighted progress on the Carver School Project, mentioning that there's currently a lot of construction happening on site.

Councilwoman Nelson reported that the Public Utilities Board (PUB) hasn't met since the last council meeting. She raised a concern about parking on Arrow Street to which Director Doyle thanked her and said staff would address it.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

### **Resolution 3557: I-70 Natural Gas Bore (Project COF 24-10)**

A resolution of the City of Fulton, Missouri, authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute all necessary documents in relation to a contract with the lowest and most qualified bidder, for the installation of a high-pressure gas pipeline under interstate 70 near mile marker 124, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Stone to adopt Resolution 3557 at this council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Hinchie and Leuther).

**ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:**

**Bill No. 1732: Budget Amendment**

An Ordinance authorizing amendments to the City of Fulton Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024 as outlined by Article VIII, Financial Procedure, Section 8.8, Amendments After Adoption, Paragraph (C), Transfer of Appropriations, Fulton City Charter, and establishing and effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rehkla and Seconded by Councilman West to place Bill No. 1732 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Hinchie and Leuther).

**ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR SECOND 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 Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to move Bill No. 1728 to Third Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Hinchie and Leuther).

**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 Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Hinchie and Leuther).

Motion was made by Councilman Combs and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1729 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Hinchie and Leuther).

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

Councilman Combs – Yes	Councilwoman Rehkla – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – <b>Absent</b>	Councilman Stone– Yes
Councilman Leuther – Absent	Councilman Washington – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson – Yes	Councilman West – Yes

Bill No. 1729 having received the affirmative vote of six members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**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 Councilwoman Rehkla and Seconded by Councilman West to move Bill No. 1730 to Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Hinchie and Leuther).

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rehkla and Seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1730 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Hinchie and Leuther).

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

Councilman Combs – Yes	Councilwoman Rehkla – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Absent	Councilman Stone– Yes
Councilman Leuther – <b>Absent</b>	Councilman Washington – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson – Yes	Councilman West – Yes

Bill No. 1730 having received the affirmative vote of six members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**Bill 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 Councilwoman Nelson to move Bill No. 1731 to Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with five members of the Council voting in favor, one opposed (Washington), and two absent (Hinchie and Leuther).

Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to place Bill No. 1731 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion tied with four members of the Council voting in favor, two opposed (Washington and West), and two absent (Hinchie and Leuther).

**Clerk’s Note:** This vote was for final passage, so a roll call was required and given. Initially, the vote resulted in a tie, with four council members in favor and four (essentially) opposed. However, instead of calling for the roll call vote, Mayor Myers should have voted during the final voice vote to place the bill for Final Passage before calling for the roll call vote.

After reconvening from Executive Session, the council returned to the motion on the floor for Final Passage and prepared to conduct another roll call vote. Since the council was deadlocked, Mayor Myers cast a "yes" vote to break the tie, allowing the motion to proceed. Following this, Mayor Myers called for the official roll call vote to formally record each council member's stance, as the bill was still under consideration. It is important to note that, by procedure, the Mayor cannot break a tie during the roll call itself.

The roll call vote of the council members was as follows:

Councilman Combs – Yes	Councilwoman Rehkla – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Absent	Councilman Stone– Yes
Councilman Leuther – Absent	Councilman Washington – <b>No</b>
Councilwoman Nelson – Yes	Councilman West – No

Bill No. 1731 not having received the affirmative vote of five members of the Council dies in passing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Myers said the Council needs to enter in Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to enter in Executive Session pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021(3), to discuss or deal with legal actions, causes of action, or litigation.

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

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| Councilman Combs – Yes      | Councilwoman Rehkla – <b>Yes</b> |
| Councilman Hinchie – Absent | Councilman Stone– Yes            |
| Councilman Leather – Absent | Councilman Washington – Yes      |
| Councilwoman Nelson – Yes   | Councilman West – Yes            |


The council exited Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. A brief discussion followed regarding the Final Passage of Bill 1731. Council members then returned to their seats for the final vote as outlined.


**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The next City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Hinchie and Leather).

  
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 Kathie Ratliff  
 City Clerk

  
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 Steve F. Myers  
 Mayor