

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 12, 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 6:32 p.m. Roll call was noted by the City Clerk, and members of the Council present were: Bill Hinchie, Lauren Nelson, Mary Rehkla, Jeff Stone, Bob Washington, and Mike West. Alan Combs and Brad Leather were absent.

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; Bree West, Administrative Analyst; and Jordan Lewis, Audio/Video. Also present were Chamber of Commerce Director Tamara Tateosian, Fulton Sun Editor Emily O'Leary, 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 Meeting Minutes October 8, 2024
- b. City Council Meeting Minutes October 22, 2024
- c. Super Sam Foundation Turkey Trot – November 23 from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- d. Appointment of Rodney Latty to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a partial four-year term to expire in June 2027.

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

**NEW BUSINESS.**

Director Doyle acknowledged Police Chief Ladwig was selected as the recipient of the Jack McBride Community Service Award.

Callaway County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tamara Tateosian provided her year-end report. She highlighted the success of the first conference held in Fulton in September, noting that conference visitors enjoyed the event and had the opportunity to explore Fulton's businesses and community. Tateosian also discussed several key initiatives, including Junior Leadership, the groundbreaking ceremony at Carver, chamber activities, economic development efforts, and the plans for the Sensory Park class project, which will be installed in Memorial Park as part of Leadership Callaway. She also mentioned the recognition of Brianna Kliethermes and herself with the Award of Excellence from the CCMC for the Local Lemon project.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Councilman Hinchie reported that the Public Safety Commission met on October 24th, where they discussed issues related to speeding and stop signs. He had no further concerns to report.

Councilman West said that the Human Rights Commission had not met since the last City Council meeting, and he had no concerns to share. He did express appreciation for the repaving of Westminster.

Councilwoman Rehkla noted that the Public Safety Commission is scheduled to meet again on November 21st, and she had no concerns to report.

Councilman Stone wished a Happy Veterans Day to city employees who have served in the military. He had no concerns to share and mentioned that the Historic Preservation Commission will not be meeting in November or December.

Councilman Washington reported that the next Park Board meeting will be in January, and he had no concerns to share. He asked City Engineer Kyle Bruemmer for an update on the CDBG demolition project, to which Kyle responded that they are waiting for final approval from the state, but the contractor is ready to proceed. Lastly, he spoke about Chief Ladwig, describing him as humble and genuine and praised FPD officers for how they represent the entire community of Fulton. Chief Ladwig thanked him, but gave full recognition to his staff for their hard work and dedication.

Director Doyle introduced Bree West, the new Administrative Analyst for the City of Fulton, and welcomed her back.

Mayor Myers reported that he attended the N.A.A.C.P. Freedom Fund banquet and provided a recap of the event.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

### **Resolution 3558: DNR Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program**

A resolution of the City of Fulton, Missouri, authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to make application with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program for Financial Assistance with the Missouri Clean Water Law (Chapter 644, RSMo.), and Establishing an Effective Date.

Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to adopt Resolution 3558 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Combs, Leuther).

### **Resolution 3559: SLCGP Cybersecurity Grant**

A resolution of the City of Fulton, Missouri, authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to make application and sign all necessary documents in relation to the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) issued through the Missouri Department of Public Safety and the Office of Homeland Security, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilman West to adopt Resolution 3559 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Combs, Leuther).

### **Resolution 3560: Contract with the Chamber of Commerce**

A resolution of the City of Fulton, Missouri, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to enter into an agreement with the Callaway Chamber of Commerce of Fulton, Missouri, for services to be rendered in 2025, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rehklau and Seconded by Councilman Stone to adopt Resolution 3560 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Combs, Leather).

**ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:**

**Bill No. 1733: Schedule of Fees and Charges ("Rate Book") 2025**

An Ordinance adopting an official Schedule of Fees and Charges for the City of Fulton, Missouri, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025.

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to move Bill No. 1733 to Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Combs, Leather).

**Bill No. 1734: Purchasing Policy: Repeal and Enact Section 2-362**

An Ordinance repealing Article VI, Section 2-362, "Competitive Bidding," of the Fulton City Code, and enacting new legislation under Article VI, Section 2-362, "Purchasing Policy," of the Fulton City Code, in lieu thereof.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Stone to move Bill No. 1734 to Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Combs, Leather).

**Bill No. 1735: Repeal Article VI - Section 2-367 through 2-369 of the City Code**

An Ordinance repealing Sections 2-367 through 2-369 of the City Code of Fulton, Missouri.

Motion was made by Councilman Washington and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to move Bill No. 1735 to Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Combs, Leather).

**Bill No. 1736: EOC 2025-2026 Service Agreement**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute an agreement with Callaway County, Missouri, to provide public emergency communications operations services for the City of Fulton for 2025 and 2026.

Motion was made by Councilman Washington and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to move Bill No. 1736 to Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Combs, Leather).

**ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR SECOND READING:**

**No. 1732: Budget Amendment 2024**

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 Rehklau and Seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1732 for Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Combs, Leather).

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rehklau and Seconded by Councilman West to place Bill No. 1732 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Combs, Leather).

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

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

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

Bill No. 1732 having received the affirmative vote of six members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR THIRD 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 place Bill No. 1728 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Combs, Leather).

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

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

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

Bill No. 1728 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, December 10, 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 West and Seconded by Councilman Washington to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Combs, Leather).

  
Kathie Ratliff, City Clerk

  
Steve F. Myers, Mayor