

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES  
REGULAR SESSION  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 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 Dall Hedges, Assistant 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, Bill Hinchie, Brad Leuther, Lauren Nelson, Mary Rehkla, Jeff Stone, Bob Washington, and Mike West.

Staff 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 were Fulton Sun Editor Emily O'Leary, Josephine Garner, and other guests.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Williamson.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS.**

There were none.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

- a) City Council Meeting Minutes: December 10, 2024 & January 14, 2025
- b) Appointment of Linda Gubera to the Tourism Board for a three-year term.
- c) Reappointment of Andrea Ravelo to the Tourism Board for a three-year term.

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson, to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING CITY ENGINEER KYLE BRUEMMER.**

There was none.

**PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE DECEMBER DOA REPORT.**

Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla, to approve the DOA Report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE DECEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT.**

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson, to approve the December Financial Statement as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS.**

There was none.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Councilman Hinchie expressed appreciation for Kyle Bruemmer's service and noted that the Public Safety Committee's next meeting is scheduled for February 27.

Councilman West highlighted Human Rights Commission activities, including a successful Celia celebration and upcoming events like a poster contest and Juneteenth planning. He also suggested discussing facility fee waivers at a future meeting.

Councilman Stone shared his appreciation for Kyle Bruemmer's mentorship and emphasized his role in educating council members about city projects.

Councilman Leuther raised concerns regarding snow removal issues at the airport and suggested expanding the city's security camera initiatives.

Councilman Combs reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting was postponed. He also requested updates on sidewalk snow removal and suggested improvements for city council email accessibility on the website.

Councilman Washington discussed the Park Board's recommendation to eliminate facility fee waivers and provided an update on the Carver Park basketball court replacement project.

Councilwoman Nelson commended city staff for securing natural gas at reasonable prices to avoid excessive costs during winter.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

There were none.

**ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:**

**Bill No. 1739: Nichols Street Bridge Replacement Project**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to sign all necessary documents in relation to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission OFF System Bridge Program Agreement to fund the replacement of the Nichols Street Bridge (Bridge Number 1555004) in Fulton, Missouri, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to move Bill 1739 to second reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**Bill No. 1740: Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute all necessary documents related to an Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement for Project 24-040A-1 with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for airfield maintenance and drainage improvements at the Elton Hensley Memorial Airport, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilman Stone to move Bill 1740 to second reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

**Bill No. 1741: Append Fulton City Code Chapter 46 - Environment.**

An Ordinance appending Fulton City Code Chapter 46 – Environment, by adding Article IV, Construction Site Runoff, and Article V, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilman Stone to move Bill 1741 to second reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

Council members raised concerns about the scope of the bill and potential impacts on homeowners.

Motion passed with five council members in favor of advancement and three opposed (Rehklau, Stone, and West).

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The next City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Myers called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Leuther motioned, Councilwoman Nelson Seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:23p.m. with all council persons in favor.

  
Kathie Ratliff, City Clerk

  
Steve P. Myers, Mayor