

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 11, 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 William Ladwig, Police Chief. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Myers at 7:02 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. Mary Rehklau was absent.

Staff present were: 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, Dave Hollabaugh, Ryan Delashmutt, Lance Campbell, and other guests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Williamson.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS.

David Hollabaugh (8525 Pitcher Road, Fulton), treasurer of the Kingdom Pilot Association, addressed concerns about Bill 1743 and proposed rent adjustments at the airport. He noted the city's commitment to prior discussions and raised concerns about the rental rate increase.

Lance Campbell (4601 Nathaniel Drive, Columbia) echoed concerns about airport rental rate increases and proposed a cap on CPI adjustments to prevent excessive increases.

Ryan Delashmutt (3405 County Road 328) questioned the reason for the proposed rate increase at the airport and called for reestablishing an advisory board for financial transparency.

CONSENT AGENDA.

- a. 2025 Morels and Microbrews – May 3, 2025
- b. Cancellation of the City Council meeting on March 11, 2025.

Motion by Councilman Hinchie seconded by Councilman Stone, to approve the consent agenda, including the cancellation of the March 11th Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklau).

NEW BUSINESS.

There was none.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilman Hinchie reported no recent Public Safety Commission meetings and no concerns at this time.

Councilman West provided updates from the Human Rights Commission, including a fair housing month essay contest and the upcoming Jane Bierderman-Fike award nominations.

Councilman Stone discussed Historic Preservation Commission efforts to promote local history and addressed misconceptions about its role as advisory rather than regulatory.

Councilman Leuther expressed appreciation for ongoing crosswalk improvement efforts and acknowledged the need for further snow removal enhancements.

Councilman Combs reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission had not met since the last council meeting and had no concerns.

Councilman Washington announced an upcoming Park Board meeting and shared community excitement over the progress of the Carver senior housing project.

Councilwoman Nelson commended Parks and Recreation staff for their efforts in maintaining safety and order at the Rec-Plex during busy times.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 3571: MoDOT's Highway Safety and Traffic Division Grant

A Resolution of the City of Fulton, Missouri, authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to file and sign all necessary documents in relation to an application for the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Highway Safety and Traffic Division Grant, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilman Stone to pass Resolution 3571 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklau).

Resolution 3572: Sikeston Contract Amendment

A Resolution of the City of Fulton, Missouri, authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to file and sign all necessary documents in relation to an application for the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Highway Safety and Traffic Division Grant, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to adopt Resolution 3572 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklau).

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:

No. 1742: Amend and Update City Code Provisions

An Ordinance repealing Sections of Chapter 2, Article IV, Division 1, of the Fulton City Code, updating residency requirements and property transfers procedures, and enacting new legislation in lieu thereof.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1742 for Second Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklau).

No. 1743: Schedule of Fees and Charges ("Rate Book") Amended Does not advance.

An Ordinance amending the 2025 Schedule of Fees and Charges for the City of Fulton, Missouri, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Washington to place Bill No. 1743 for Second Reading at this council meeting.

Proposed amendments for a 5% and later a 10% increase in airport fees both failed to pass.

The Mayor called for a voice and roll call vote on the main motion. Motion failed with four members of the Council voting in favor, three opposed (Combs, Leuther, and Stone), and one absent (Rehklau).

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR SECOND READING:

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 Stone to place Bill No. 1739 for Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklau).

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1739 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	Councilwoman Rehklau – Absent
Councilman Hinchie – Yes	Councilman Stone– Yes
Councilman Leuther – Yes	Councilman Washington – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson – Yes	Councilman West – Absent

Bill No. 1739 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

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 Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1740 for 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 Hinchie and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1740 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	Councilwoman Rehklau – Absent
Councilman Hinchie – Yes	Councilman Stone– Yes
Councilman Leuther – Yes	Councilman Washington – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson – Yes	Councilman West – Absent

Bill No. 1740 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

No. 1741: Append Fulton City Code Chapter 46 - Environment. Does not advance.

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 Leuther to deny advancement of Bill No. 1741. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Rehklau).

Director of Administration Doyle acknowledged the concerns surrounding this bill and stated that it will be brought back for a vote at a future meeting, as it is necessary to maintain the city's MS4 designation.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

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

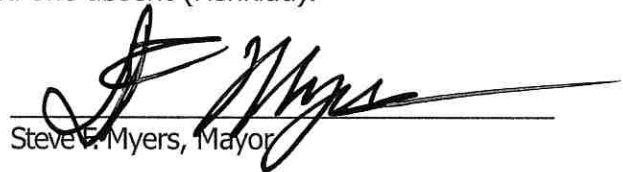
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Myers called for a motion to adjourn. Councilman Stone motioned, Councilwoman Nelson seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. with seven in favor and one absent (Rehklau).


Kathie Ratliff, City Clerk


Steve V. Myers, Mayor