

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Monday, April 14, 2025, 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 Dall Hedges, Deputy Chief of Police. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Myers at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was noted by the Clerk, and the following Council Members were present: Alan Combs, Bill Hinchie, Brad Leuther, Lauren Nelson, Mary Rehkla, Jeff Stone, Bob Washington, and Mike West.

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; Jordan Lewis, Audio/Video; Doris Pirmantgen, Communications Coordinator; and Marissa Peneston, Deputy City Clerk. Also present were Fulton Fire Department Staff, McKenna Baer and family, Luann Wilcox and family, Fulton Sun Editor Emily O'Leary, and other guests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Williamson.

RECOGNITION:

The City Council and Fulton Fire Department recognized Luann Wilcox and McKenna Baer for their heroic actions during a house fire on March 31, 2025. Ms. Wilcox used her vehicle to force open a garage door to help children escape, and Ms. Baer, a passerby, stopped to assist and stayed with the injured until EMS arrived. The Council presented proclamations to both women in appreciation of their bravery and selflessness.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 3577: Certification of Election Results

A Resolution certifying the votes cast in the Municipal Election held on April 8, 2025.

Motion was made by Councilman Leuther and seconded by Councilman Stone to adopt Resolution 3577 at this council meeting. Motion passed with all eight council members voting in favor.

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING:

Bill No. 1746: Rezoning – 720 State Highway O

An Ordinance reclassifying a tract of land located at 720 State Highway O in Fulton, Missouri, from its current zoning designation R-2 Residential to C-2 Commercial under the zoning code and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Rehkla to advance Bill No. 1746 to third reading. Motion carried.

Motion was then made by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Rehkla to place Bill No. 1746 for final passage.

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

Councilman Combs – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – **Yes**
Councilman Leuther – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson - Yes

Councilwoman Rehkla – Yes
Councilman Stone – Yes
Councilman Washington – Yes
Councilman West - Yes

Bill No. 1746 having received the affirmative vote of eight members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SITTING COUNCIL:

There being no further business to come before the present Council, Mayor Myers adjourned the sitting Council at 7:06 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICIALS:

City Clerk Kathie Ratliff administered the oath of office to the newly-elected Councilmembers.

First Ward: Bill Hinchie
Second Ward: Nancy Hanson
Third Ward: Alan Combs
Fourth Ward: Lauren EH Nelson

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Myers at 7:11 p.m. Councilwoman Hanson took her seat at the dais. Roll call was noted by the Clerk, and the following Council Members were present: Alan Combs, Nancy Hanson, Bill Hinchie, Brad Leuther, Lauren Nelson, Mary Rehkla, Bob Washington, and Mike West.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

There were none.

ADOPTION OF COUNCIL RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURES:

Mayor Myers stated that the proposed version of the Council Rules of Order and Procedures was before them and called for a Motion to adopt.

Motion was offered by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to adopt the Rules of Order and Procedures as presented. Motion carried with all members of the Council voting in favor.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

Mayor Myers stated that it was time to discuss the position of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing one-year term.

Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilman Nelson to elect Councilman Hinchie as Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor called for a vote to the Motion on the floor. Motion carried with all members of the Council voting in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

The following events were approved:

- a) YMCA Spring Chicken – May 3
- b) Wyatt’s Wings – May 10
- c) Fulton High School Senior Car Parade – May 16
- d) Fulton Street Fair – June 20 & 21

Motion was made by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Hinchie to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:**Reappointment of Brittany Duke as City Prosecuting Attorney**

Mayor Myers noted that Ms. Duke could not attend the meeting and would be sworn in later in the week if reappointed.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to reappoint Brittany Duke as City Prosecuting Attorney.

Deputy Chief Dall Hedges stated that Ms. Duke has worked well with law enforcement and performs her duties professionally.

Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilman Hinchie praised the Callaway County Public Library's Celia event and expressed thanks to city staff for their spring cleanup work. He commended residents for participating and being respectful with curbside salvage. He also acknowledged the value of those who help recycle and reduce landfill use. Announced the next Public Safety Commission meeting on Thursday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m., and invited residents to contact their council representative with any safety concerns.

Councilman West reported that the Human Rights Commission was unable to meet due to lack of quorum. There were no entries in the Fair Housing Poster Contest despite the committee's outreach efforts. The Commission is discussing Juneteenth and the Jane Bierdermann-Fike award. He thanked Jeff Stone for his eight years of service and welcomed Councilwoman Hanson to the council.

Councilwoman Rehklau thanked everyone for participating in spring cleanup and welcomed Councilwoman Hanson to the council.

Councilwoman Hanson shared that she was happy to be here and excited to serve.

Councilman Leuther welcomed Councilwoman Hanson and thanked Councilman Stone for his service. Encouraged continued efforts to improve curb appeal in Fulton and suggested involving local organizations like garden clubs. He also noted concerns about pedestrian safety at flashing crosswalks after a close call involving his family, and encouraged further public education or enforcement.

Councilman Combs reported no Planning & Zoning meetings since the last council session. He welcomed Councilwoman Hanson and expressed appreciation for Councilman Stone's mentorship and service during their time together on the council.

Councilman Washington welcomed the new councilmember and thanked Councilman Stone. He reported receiving concerns about vehicles speeding and parking improperly near the dog park area. He and Councilwoman Nelson plan to visit the area to assess the situation. He noted that the next Park Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday.

Councilwoman Nelson welcomed Councilwoman Hanson and recognized both city staff and residents for a successful spring cleanup. Reminded the public to drive cautiously around crews working during cleanup week. Confirmed the next Public Utility Board meeting will be held Monday, April 28 at 1:00 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 3578: In Appreciation of Jeff Stone

A Resolution of Recognition and Appreciation to Jeffrey Stone for his 8 years of service as a City Councilmember was read in its entirety.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rehkla and Seconded by Councilman West to adopt Resolution 3578 at tonight's council meeting. Motion passed unanimously with multiple councilmembers offering their support for the resolution.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

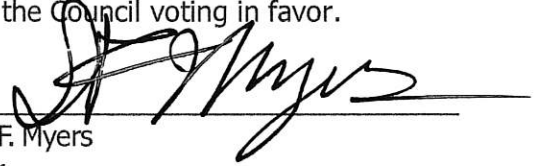
The next scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

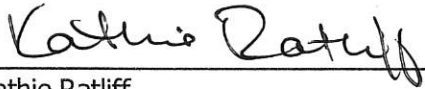
Mayor Myers said there was not a need to enter Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Motion was made by Councilwoman Hanson and Seconded by Councilman Leuther adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried with all members of the Council voting in favor.



Steve F. Myers
Mayor



Kathie Ratliff
City Clerk