

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 13, 2015

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 18 E. 4th Street. Present and presiding were LeRoy D. Benton Mayor; William R. Johnson, Director of Administration; Carolyn L. Laswell, City Clerk; and Steve Myers, Chief of Police. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Benton at 7:30 p.m. Roll call was taken by the City Clerk and members of the council present were Cannell; Chailland; Moore; Pace-Snook; Rehklau; Shiverdecker; Vaughn; and West. Also present were Les Hudson, Code Enforcement; Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer; Greg Hayes, City Engineer; Dean Buffington, Fire Chief; Jerry Sorte, Assistant Director of Administration; Michelle Frazee, Human Resources Director; J. C. Miller, Solid Waste Manager; Samantha Bedsworth, Purchasing Agent; Pastor Bruce Williamson; Ana M. Ravelo; Brittany Ruess, reporter for THE FULTON SUN; Mike Haldeman and Darin Wernig, Audio/Video.

INVOCATION:

Invocation was given by Pastor Williamson.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Mayor Benton asked if there was anyone present who wished to address the council that was not listed on tonight's agenda to please come to the podium and state their name, address and area of concern.

Ana M. Ravelo, owners of Lulu's Custard, a business in downtown Fulton, addressed the council by saying that 5th Street between Nichols and Court Street needs more lighting. It is very dark in that area in the evenings when their business is open. She emphasized that more lighting would also enhance this area in beautification.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Benton said there was a need to amend this evening's agenda by adding a 5. Unfinished Business g) Update on the Traffic Commission meeting.

Motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to approve this amendment as presented. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) Update on the Animal Shelter

Mayor Benton thanked Lowe Cannell and Richard Vaughn for all their work they have accomplished at the Animal Shelter.

Les Hudson said that one furnace has been hooked up. Four rooms are ready to be painted and one bathroom was hooked up today. Things are really beginning to shape up in the interior of this facility.

b) Update on the new Warehouse Facility.

Greg Hayes said the weather with extreme cold temperatures have slowed down the construction at this time. Hopefully, it will warm up so the contractors can get back to work.

Councilman Vaughn asked for cameras to be placed on site at a cost of approximately \$300.00.

After some discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilman West to have Administration look at time/lapse camera feed at the new warehouse facility site. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor.

c) Update on the Sewer Plant.

Greg Hayes said the sewer camera for the relining of sewers should be done by the end of January.

He said the Manhole rehab Pre-construction meeting will be held next Friday.

d) Update on Smart-Grid

Kathy Holschlag said there are six routes of water meters that can be read. This is an on-going project of receiving the meters, the installation of, and the ability of being able to be read by the software.

e) Update on the Airport Advisory Board meeting.

Councilman Chailland, council liaison to this board, gave this update. Also discussed was the report from the Columbia Regional Airport by Gene Allen; a Pavement Study; a proposal to build new hangars has been received but no action has been taken by the City on this proposal.

Daniel Harris was introduced to the Board as the new Airport Manager. He is currently an employee of the city in the Traffic Department. He will be at the airport for two hours every morning and evening.

There seems to be a problem with the lighting at the airport and J & R Engineering are working on this issue.

Greg Hayes discussed the widening of Runway 06-24 Rehabilitation Project with a pre-bid meeting and the opening of bids in August 2015.

Board members discussed the vacancy on the Airport Board and made a recommendation to the city council for final approval, of the proposed appointment of Nick Prinster.

After some discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilman West to approve the appointment of Nick Prinster to the Airport Advisory Board. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor.

f) Update on the Human Rights Commission meeting.

Steve Moore, council liaison, gave the update on this meeting. The Commission reviewed and discussed the upcoming Jane Bierdeman-Fike Humanitarian Award Program on Saturday, March 14th. The main speaker will be Reova Meredith, Director of the Kingdom Center for Women's Ministries.

The commission members discussed the location, food and ticket prices for this event.

The commission talked about the nomination process for the award. Citizens can pick up nomination forms at the Chamber of Commerce office and may also turn them in. The City's Public Information Officer will create a website for people to electronically submit a nomination on the Fulton webpage.

g) Update on the Traffic Commission meeting.

The board met and discussed their Budget Status and Expenses vs. Budget; Parking along Center Street near St. Louis Avenue; Update on the No Parking along 12th Street near William Woods University; and an update on the Mokane Sliding Slope.

Bill Johnson said the city uses inmates in various departments of the City and now would like to hire a supervisor to pick-up the inmates, assist in the supervision of, and transport them back to prison when their day is done. The money for salary (\$11-\$12 per hour) for this position is in the General Fund.

After some discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilman West to approve this request as presented. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Benton said he was going to the MML meeting in Sedalia on Wednesday, January 21st and if any councilmembers would like to go, please contact himself or the city clerk for reservations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Benton said there was no need for an Executive Session at this council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

LeRoy D. Benton, Mayor

Carolyn L. Laswell, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk