

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES JANUARY 26, 2016

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 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; Courtney Crowson, City Clerk; and Steve Myers, Chief of Police. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Benton at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken by the City Clerk, and members of the council present were: Cannell; Chailland; Pace-Snook; Shiverdecker; and Vaughn. Absent were Councilmembers Moore, Rehklau, and West. Also present were Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer; Les Hudson, Planning & Protective Services Director; J.C. Miller, Solid Waste Manager; Rob Barnes, Assistant Director of Administration; Samantha Bedsworth, Purchasing Agent; Kevin Coffelt, Interim Fire Chief; Scott Meislin, Kim Sessler, Terra Adrian, Merit McLeod, Bruce Hackmann, Beverly Gray; Taylor Malottki, reporter for THE FULTON SUN; Pastor Bruce Williamson; Mike Haldeman and Darin Wernig, Audio/Video.

INVOCATION:

Invocation was given by Pastor Williamson.

Mayor Benton introduced Henry Bellagnome, a marketing character who was present in Councilmember West's seat. Scott Meislin came forward to thank the council for the opportunity to attend and have the gnome at the meeting and reported the gnome has created a unique opportunity for tourism and business promotion within Callaway County. Meislin "accompanies" the gnome to various businesses within the county and takes pictures for social media websites. Meislin invited the community and councilmembers to attend a one year anniversary for the gnome on March 10, 2016, in downtown Fulton from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Mayor Benton asked any attendees not listed on tonight's agenda, but whom wished to address the Council, to please come to the podium, state their name, address and area of concern, and to keep comments under five (5) minutes. A digital timer was administered and monitored by the City Clerk.

Beverly Gray, 112 W. Oliver, thanked the Street Department for their snow removal efforts and stated she was against the proposed vegetation burn allowance.

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 15, 2015, AND JANUARY 12, 2016:

The Council Meeting minutes for December 15, 2015, were presented for approval.

Motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilwoman Pace-Snook to approve the council meeting minutes for December 15, 2015, as presented. Motion carried with five members of the council voting in favor, and three councilmembers (Moore, Rehklau, West) absent.

The Council Meeting minutes for January 12, 2016, were presented for approval.

Motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Chailland to approve the council meeting minutes for January 12, 2016, as presented. Motion carried with five members of the

council voting in favor, and three councilmembers (Moore, Rehklau, West) absent.

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER:

Financials for the months of November and December were presented for approval, and Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer, was present to answer any questions from the council.

Holschlag also noted the final developer reimbursement was paid to Dollar General, and the City is appreciative to the county for their assistance in finalizing this process in 2015 with no overlap or proration in 2016.

Upon review, motion was offered by Councilman Cannell and seconded by Councilman Vaughn to approve the Financial Report for the months of November and December as presented. Motion carried with five members of the council voting in favor, and three councilmembers (Moore, Rehklau, West) absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Burn Committee update.

Mayor Benton reported the group had met and discussed many possible solutions to the vegetation burn issue. It was decided in the committee meeting to look into ordering yard waste bags and allowing a burn day in late October of 2016.

The council requested a report from Kevin Coffelt, Interim Fire Chief, and JC Miller, Solid Waste Manager, at the next meeting on cost estimates for bags and burn allowance ordinances.

Mayor Benton introduced Taylor Malottki as the reporter from The Fulton Sun who would attend council meetings and provide coverage.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion on the proposed Economic Development Retail Incentive Program.

Bruce Hackmann, Economic Development Director for the Callaway Chamber of Commerce was present to discuss the incentive. Hackmann reported the endeavor would benefit the community by filling vacant storefronts, increasing the number of businesses operating within the city, increasing sales tax revenues, and increasing the number of jobs within the city.

Hackmann noted new, sales-tax-generating businesses occupying a vacant or newly-constructed space would be required to apply for the incentive within 30 days of opening. Hackmann reviewed the process with the council as follows: A sales-tax generating business shall submit the application to the City of Fulton within 30 days of open. Following review by the designated City officials, the business may or may not be granted into the rebate program. If the business is approved, a 20% base deduction on electric will be granted. Businesses may receive the following additional deductions from their electric bill if they meet and maintain the required standards:

- 5% - Creation of 1-5 jobs OR
- 10% - Creation of 6+ jobs
- 10% - Expanded weekend hours (12 hour minimum)

The Chamber will be responsible for monitoring continued eligibility with the rebates not to exceed 40% of the monthly electric bill and not to exceed a period of more than 6 months from inclusion to the program. Qualified businesses will be required to pay the first month's bill in its entirety, and the electric rebates will be applied to the subsequent month's bill.

Motion was offered by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilman Cannell to approve the Economic Development Retail Incentive Program as presented. Motion carried with five members of the council voting in favor, and three councilmembers (Moore, Rehkla, West) absent.

- b. Request by Police Chief, Steve Myers, to destroy the following records pursuant to RSMo. 109.255:
 - i. 2003 & 2004 Accident Reports
 - ii. 2003 & 2004 Incident Reports
 - iii. 2011 & 2012 Traffic Profiling Data Entry Forms

After some discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to grant permission for the destruction of these records. Motion carried with five members of the council voting in favor, and three councilmembers (Moore, Rehkla, West) absent.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Mayor Benton announced this new topic on the meeting agenda. Time will now be provided for councilmembers to share their concerns and discuss matters not on the agenda.

Councilman Vaughn requested an update on the repair of FFD's ladder truck. JC Miller informed the council the truck had been delivered to Ohio and repairs should be completed within the next few weeks. Following completion, the truck will be delivered back to the City of Fulton.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 3249 was presented by Councilman Cannell.

- a. Resolution No. 3249 – A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to sign all necessary documents in relation to the State of Missouri Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to the reimbursement of funds to the City of Fulton, Missouri, for utilities, labor, and other resources relating to the construction project of the new Fulton State Hospital.

Bill Johnson reported an extensive amount of work has been done on this project, but the state is now requiring a Memorandum of Understanding prior to issuing reimbursement. Johnson noted the contract will allow for up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in reimbursements throughout the duration of the project before an additional contract will be necessary.

Motion was offered by Councilman Cannell and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to adopt Resolution No. 3249 as presented. Motion carried with five members of the council voting in favor, and three councilmembers, (Moore, Rehklau, West) absent.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION FOR DECEMBER:

The Director of Administration Report for December was presented to the council for review. Mayor Benton noted that any department heads at this meeting were available to answer questions from the council.

Upon review, motion was made by Councilman Cannell and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to accept the Report of the Director of Administration for December as presented. Motion carried with five councilmembers voting in favor, and three councilmembers (Moore, Rehklau, West) absent.

BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETING REPORTS:

- a. Councilman Moore was absent from this council meeting. No report was given on the Human Rights Commission meeting held January 13, 2016.
- b. Bill Johnson reported the Public Utility Board's recommendation to the city council for acceptance of the Economic Development Retail Incentive Program discussed and passed earlier in the meeting. The Public Utility Board met on Monday, January 25, 2016.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Benton said he did not have any appointments to be presented at this council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The City Clerk reminded registered attendees that the MML Central Division Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016, at the new Public Facilities Complex.

The Clerk also asked that any councilmembers planning to attend the Annual Legislative Conference on February 9-10, 2016, in Jefferson City, please speak with her following the meeting.

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 Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Cannell to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with five members of the council voting in favor, and three councilmembers (Moore, Rehklau, West) absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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LeRoy D. Benton
Mayor

Courtney Crowson
City Clerk