

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
January 27, 2015

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 27, 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 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken by the City Clerk and members of the council present were Chailland; Moore; Rehklau; Vaughn; and West. Absent were Councilmembers Cannell, Pace-Snook; and Shiverdecker. Also present were Les Hudson, Code Enforcement; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer; Greg Hayes, City Engineer; Dean Buffington, Fire Chief; Michelle Frazee, Human Resources Director; Jerry Sorte, Assistant Director of Administration; Samantha Bedsworth, Purchasing Agent; J. C. Miller, Solid Waste Manager; Pastor Bruce Williamson; Brittany Ruess, reporter for THE FULTON SUN; Mike Haldeman and Darin Wernig, Audio/Video.

**INVOCATION:**

Invocation was given by Pastor Williamson.

Mayor Benton said there was a need to amend this evening's meeting agenda by adding 8. New Business: a) Possible Demolition Grant.

Motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to amend the agenda as requested by Mayor Benton. Motion carried with five members of the council voting in favor and three members (Cannell, Pace-Snook, and Shiverdecker) absent.

**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. There were none.

**MINUTES:**

The council meeting minutes for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 were presented for approval at this council meeting.

Motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilman Vaughn that council meeting minutes for December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 be approved

as presented. Motion carried with five members of the council voting in favor and three councilmembers (Cannell, Pace-Snook, and Shiverdecker) absent.

The council meeting minutes for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 were presented for approval at this council meeting.

Motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau that council meeting minutes for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 be approved as presented. Motion carried with five members of the council voting in favor and three councilmembers (Cannell, Pace-Snook, and Shiverdecker) absent.

**FINANCIALS:**

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

Kathy Holschlag reported that sales tax revenues are 10% ahead of the month of December from last year.

After some discussion and review, motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to accept the Financial Statements for the months of November and December as presented. Motion carried with five members of the council voting in favor and three councilmembers (Cannell, Pace-Snook, and Shiverdecker) absent.

**DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION REPORT FOR DECEMBER:**

The Director of Administration Report for December was presented to the council for review. Bill Johnson said he or any of the department heads at this meeting would answer any questions from the council.

Upon review, motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Chailland to accept the Director of Administration Report for December as presented. Motion carried with five members of the council voting in favor and three councilmembers (Cannell, Pace-Snook, and Shiverdecker) absent.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Possible Demolition Grant

Mayor Benton said there is a possibility that Fulton will apply for a Demolition Grant which is a CDBG type of grant. This would allow the city to receive some funding towards the demolition of homes that have been vacant for ten months or more.

Mayor Benton said there would be some Town Hall meetings on this and more information will be given at a later date.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a) Update on the Animal Shelter.

Les Hudson said painting is being done, the furnaces are installed, plumbing is in and all the electric has been installed. He invited anyone that hasn't been out to the new facility to do so.

b) Update on the new Warehouse Facility.

Greg Hayes, City Engineer, said the insulation has been received and they held a progress meeting last week. The contractors are done with the footings for the Administration building. The contractors said this project should be completed by the second week in November of this year.

c) Update on the Sewer Project.

Greg Hayes said the sewer relining is being done on Grand Street and is progressing nicely.

d) Update on the Smart Grid.

Darrell Dunlap said that 625 water meters have been installed and uploaded into the system.

e) Report from Steve Moore, council liaison, on the Traffic Commission meeting held on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Moore said the commission listened to Pat Payne, a

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visitor at this meeting. He had three items he brought before the commission for discussion.

Also discussed was the parking along Center Street near St. Louis Avenue. The commission is making a recommendation to the city council to extend the No Parking Zone 25 feet to the north of the entrance between the Presbyterian Manor and the First Presbyterian Church and to allow No Parking along the East side of Center Street, 300 feet North from the intersection of St. Louis Avenue.

The commission discussed the Traffic Flow on Business 54 South at Bartley School.

f) Report from Richard Vaughn, council liaison, to the Utility Board meeting held on Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Vaughn said they discussed the warehouse facilities and the progress thereof; the Sewer Plant Improvements; update on the Smart-Grid; update on the Animal Shelter; and an update on the Landfill.

The city received a MIRMA score of 92% out of 100 and was pleased with this score.

One of the turbines at the Power Plant is in trouble with an internal leak only when running. Pro-Energy will be here to inspect it in the week or so.

**ORDINANCES:**

Councilman Chailland presented and read Bill No. 1414 for First Reading.

Bill No. 1414 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to Execute Amendment One to Ordinance 1366-14, Executing an Agreement between the City and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission State Block Grant Agreement providing funding for the Design Activities needed to Rehabilitate Runway 06-24 at the Elton Hensley Memorial Airport, for a total Design Cost to the City of Fulton, in the amount not to exceed \$150,959.00 and establishing an effective date.

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Motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilman West to place Bill No. 1414 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with five members of the council voting in favor and three members (Cannell, Pace-Snook, and Shiverdecker) absent.

Councilman Vaughn presented and read Bill No. 1415.

Bill No. 1415 - An Ordinance Amending the Code of the City of Fulton, Missouri, Chapter 114 Utilities, Article IV. Sewers and Sewage Disposal, by Deleting Chapter 114 Utilities, Article IV. Sewers and Sewage Disposal in its entirety and Enacting a New Article IV. Sewers and Sewage Disposal, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilman Moore to place Bill No. 1415 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with five members of the council voting in favor and three members (Cannell, Pace-Snook, and Shiverdecker) absent.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Benton said he had no appointments to be presented at tonight's council meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Benton announced prior to the February 10<sup>th</sup> Work Session (5:30 p.m.), the council will be visiting the Kingdom Center for Women's Ministries on Jefferson Street.

At the February 10th Work Session, (6:30 p.m.), the council will review Codes with Les Hudson, Code Enforcement.

Councilman Vaughn announced the Kingdom of Callaway Historical Society Annual Trivia Night to be held at the Callaway Electric Cooperative Community Room on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to form a team, contact the Historical Society.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

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council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the council, motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilman West to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with five members of the council voting in favor, three members (Cannell, Pace-Snook, and Shiverdecker) absent, and the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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LeRoy D. Benton, Mayor

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Carolyn L. Laswell, CMC/MRCC  
City Clerk