

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 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 7:30 p.m. Roll call was taken by the City Clerk, and members of the council present were: Chailland; Moore; Pace-Snook; Rehklau; Vaughn; West; and Cannell. Absent was Councilman Shiverdecker. Also present were Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer; Les Hudson, Planning & Protective Services Director; Clay Caswell, Parks & Recreation Director; J.C. Miller, Solid Waste Manager; Rob Barnes, Assistant Director of Administration; Samantha Bedsworth, Purchasing Agent; Michelle Maupin, Human Resources Director; Kevin Coffelt, Interim Fire Chief; Rick Gohring, Amy Lowe, Eric Baker, John & Jerrie Bell, Melissa Cassidy, Sherry Feltner, Gregory Landers, Kim Sessler, Steve Sessler, Shawn Pettigrew, Mike Segerson, Scott Meislin, Beverly Gray; Taylor Malotki, reporter for THE FULTON SUN; Pastor Bruce Williamson; Mike Haldeman and Darin Wernig, Audio/Video.

**INVOCATION:**

Invocation was given by Pastor Williamson.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Benton said there would be one Public Hearing at tonight's council meeting.

- a. To consider the proposed rezoning of the tract of land known as 208 NE 8<sup>th</sup> St., 811 N. Bluff St., and 813 N. Bluff St., Fulton, Missouri, from its present zoning classification of R-2 Residential District to C-1 Central Business District.

Mayor Benton declared this hearing open at 7:32 p.m. There were three calls for anyone wishing to speak in opposition of the matter being considered.

First Call: Is there anyone present who wishes to speak in opposition of this proposed matter? There were none.

Second Call: Is there anyone present who wishes to speak in opposition of this proposed matter? There were none.

Third and Final Call: Is there anyone present who wishes to speak in opposition of this proposed matter? There were none.

There were three calls for anyone wishing to speak in favor of the matter being considered.

First Call: Is there anyone present who wishes to speak in favor of this proposed matter? Mike Segerson, property owner of 811 N. Bluff St. addressed the council and expressed his support for the rezoning. Segerson said he appreciated the council and had enjoyed living in Fulton.

Second Call: Is there anyone present who wishes to speak in favor of this proposed matter? There were none.

Third and Final Call: Is there anyone present who wishes to speak in favor of this proposed matter? There were none. Mayor Benton declared this Public Hearing closed at 7:35 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, expressed her opposition to the proposed vegetation burn and disapproval of utilizing inmates from the work release program agreement between the city and FRDC. Gray stated she would prefer see her taxes used to pay certified professionals from the community.

Scott Meislin stated he would like additional information on the vegetation burn issue and believes the work release participants have done a great job on the signs and is in support of the City's efforts to complete these projects by utilizing the work release program.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Vegetation Burn allowance.

Mayor Benton reported the City Clerk had heard from 6 citizens since the previous meeting, and all of the recorded responses were opposed to the vegetation burn. Councilman Chailland requested that Interim Fire Chief, Kevin Coffelt come forward to address the issue.

Coffelt stated the Fulton Fire Department was also opposed to the burn allowance and encouraged citizens to utilize the compost areas instead.

JC Miller, Solid Waste Manager stated he had begun researching prices for vegetation bags and current estimates were 20,000 bags for roughly \$8,000.00. Miller stated he is also in favor of the dumpsters at the fire stations, and the city "tries to make it as convenient as possible for the customers".

Motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilman Vaughn to declare the vegetation burn issue dead and to expand drop off hours in the late fall instead. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Shiverdecker) absent.

Motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to move forward with the purchase of vegetation bags. This measure will go to bid and final approval will be pending on the final cost estimates. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, one councilmember (Vaughn) opposed, and one councilmember (Shiverdecker) absent.

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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Sherry Feltner of Fulton Medical Center's Relay for Life team was present to request permission to utilize the Stinson Creek Trail for a Color Run 5K.

Sherry noted that her original requested date of April 1, 2016, was incorrect, and should be April 2, 2016. Feltner also noted that the 5K would be confined solely to the trail and would not require any street closures.

After some discussion, motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to grant permission for the event as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Shiverdecker) absent.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Councilman West stated he would like to see an electronic packet in the future. Many other councilmembers shared this sentiment. A work session discussion will be held on this topic.

Councilman Moore brought forward a request from the Westminster Student Association to hold a Unity March on the last Saturday in February and verbally presented the route (Churchill up 7<sup>th</sup> St. to mid Brick District). Councilman West asked that all event requests follow the proper procedure and involve the Police Chief's review of the route.

Motion was offered by Councilman Cannell to allow this event to take place, but in the future all entities should go through the proper channels of request, review, and approval. Motion was seconded by Councilman West. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Shiverdecker) absent.

Councilman Cannell requested an update on the William Woods bridge repair. Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer, noted the east side of the railing had been repaired and the bridge was now open.

**ORDINANCES:**

Bill No. 1445 was presented for First Reading by Councilman Chailland.

- a. Bill No. 1445: An Ordinance re-classifying, under the Zoning Ordinance, certain land in the City of Fulton, Missouri, known as 208 NE. 8<sup>th</sup> St., 811 N. Bluff St., and 813 N. Bluff St., and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilman West to place Bill No. 1445 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Shiverdecker) absent.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Benton announced he would like to reappoint Rodney Latty to the Planning & Zoning Commission and Sara McDaniel of the YMCA (or her designee) as a non-voting member to the Park Board. Motion was offered by Councilman Cannell and seconded by Councilman Moore to accept the appointments as

presented. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Shiverdecker) absent.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Benton reported the Retail Coach would hold a meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. All councilmembers are invited to attend.

**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 Vaughn and seconded by Councilman Chailland to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Shiverdecker) absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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LeRoy D. Benton  
Mayor

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Courtney Crowson  
City Clerk