

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 24, 2015

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 24, 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 Cannell; Chailland; Moore; Pace; Rehklau; Shiverdecker; Vaughn; and West. 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; Clay Caswell, Parks & Recreation Director; Jerry Sorte, Assistant Director of Administration; Samantha Bedsworth, Purchasing Agent; Pastor Bruce Williamson; Lawrence Loftus; Tim Loftus; 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.

Tim Loftus, a member of Boy Scout Troop 50, said he was attending this evening's council meeting as he was working on his Community Service Badge.

MINUTES:

The council meeting minutes for January 27th, 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 27th, 2015 be approved as presented. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor.

The council meeting minutes for February 10th, 2015 were presented for approval at this council meeting.

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Motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Chailland that council meeting minutes for February 10th, 2015 be approved as presented. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor.

FINANCIALS:

Financials for January 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 9% at year end (2014) and ahead of last year totals for 2013.

After some discussion and review, motion was offered by Councilman Cannell and seconded by Councilman West to accept the Financial Statements for the month of January as presented. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION REPORT FOR JANUARY:

The Director of Administration Report for January 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 Cannell to accept the Director of Administration Report for January as presented. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Vaughn announced that the Kingdom Supper is scheduled for the same night as our March 24th meeting and asked that the council meeting be re-scheduled.

Upon some discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilman West to reschedule the second meeting in March to Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Update on the Animal Shelter.

Les Hudson, Code Enforcement, said the furnaces are installed; working on the thermostats for the floor heat today; doors being trimmed; the ceilings are in, painting is done and the gates are ready to hang.

- b) Update on the new Warehouse Facility.

Greg Hayes, City Engineer, said the contractors are hoping for better weather as not much has been able to be accomplished since the last council meeting.

- c) Report from Richard Vaughn, council liaison, to the Utility Board meeting held on Monday, February 23rd.

Councilman Vaughn said the Utility Board met and discussed the new Warehouse Facilities. The footings are poured but are experiencing many weather delays; the Sewer Plant is waiting for final approval from the DNR; IT department is making changes in our software, and the gas meters have not been received yet. Darrell reported there is an oil leak on the back section at the turbine plant and there are three options to repair it. Option one, fix on site for approximately \$10,300; Option two, Take off the rear part and send it to the factory for repair at an approximate cost of \$15,200; or send the entire engineer to the factory at an approximate cost of \$26,000.

- d) Report from Clay Caswell, Parks & Recreation Director, on the Park Board meeting held on Tuesday, February 24th.

Clay Caswell, Parks & Recreation Director, said the Board was developing a Ten Year Master Plan. They have drafted a Survey for citizen input on what they want from the city parks and it is now on the P & R Web Page.

- e) Report from Richard Vaughn, council liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission meeting held on Tuesday, February 24th.

Councilman Vaughn said the commission received an update on the Brick District Social Events scheduled for this year, i.e. the Farmer's Market opens on May 1st.

ORDINANCES:

Councilman Vaughn presented and read Bill No. 1416 for First Reading.

Bill No. 1416 - An Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 1379-14 Establishing Sewer Rates in the City of Fulton, Missouri in its entirety and Enacting a new ordinance Establishing Sewer Rates in the City of Fulton in lieu thereof, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilwoman Pace-Snook to place Bill No. 1416 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor.

Councilman Moore presented and read Bill No. 1417.

Bill No. 1417 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 17. Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article VI. Stopping, Standing and Parking, Division One (1) generally, Section 17-260 Parking on Certain Streets Prohibited or Limited, Fulton City Code, by adding an Additional Street and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to place Bill No. 1417 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor.

Councilman Cannell presented and read Bill No. 1418.

Bill No. 1418 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 110 Traffic and Vehicles, Section 110-248. Speed Limits, Paragraph (3) of the Code of Fulton, Missouri, by Changing the Speed Limit on Canterbury Drive, McNeal Lane, Essex and Miller Streets from 30 MPH to 20 MPR, and establishing an effective date.

Councilmembers discussed the proposed speed limit change and felt that 20 MPH was too slow for said streets.

Upon much discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilman Cannell to amend this proposed Bill No. 1418 by reducing the speed to 25 MPH. Motion was offered by Councilman

Cannell and seconded by Councilman Moore to place Bill No. 1418 AS AMENDED for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor.

Councilman Shiverdecker presented and read Bill No. 1419.

Bill No. 1419 - An Ordinance Allowing the "Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday" to apply to the Local Sales Taxes of the City of Fulton, Missouri, between April 19th and April 25th, 2015.

Motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Vaughn to place Bill No. 1419 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor.

Councilman Chailland presented and read Bill No. 1420.

Bill No. 1420 - An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, to Declare a tract of land located in the City of Fulton, County of Callaway, State of Missouri, to be Surplus Property, Authorizing its sale, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilman Vaughn to place Bill No. 1420 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor.

APPOINTMENTS:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Benton announced that there will be an Open House on Tuesday, March 10th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Citizens will be able to receive updates on current City projects, meet with Mayor Benton, Bill Johnson, city council members, and department heads. This Open House will be held prior to the regularly scheduled city council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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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 Chailland and seconded by Councilman Vaughn to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

LeRoy D. Benton, Mayor

Carolyn L. Laswell, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk

