

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 8, 2016**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 8, 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; Laure Long, Deputy 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 Deputy City Clerk, and members of the council present were: Chailland; Moore; Pace-Snook; Shiverdecker; Vaughn; and Cannell. Absent were Councilmembers Rehklau and West. Also present were Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer; Todd Farley, Fire Chief; 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; Jan Schumacher, Danielle Pointer, Connie English, Scott Merslin, Todd Gray, James Noah, Kim Sessler, Garry Vaught, 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.

**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.

Scott Merslin, 803 St. Louis Road, stated he applauds the City for their monetary contributions to the Chamber of Commerce and Fulton Area Development Corporation, and expressed concern about wanting the Chamber of Commerce to obey the Missouri Sunshine Law. As a business owner, Mr. Merslin would like all business being conducted at the Chamber of Commerce to abide by the Missouri Sunshine Law. He would like to see their meetings be open to the public, see their voting, and how they are spending their money.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business to discuss at this meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Garry Vaught, on behalf of the Brick District, was present to request permission to hold the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Morels & Microbrews Festival on April 23, 2016.

Mr. Vaught stated the request is similar to the previous years. It would be a four hour event, with the 500 Block of Court Street being closed, and he would also like to request the use of picnic tables and street signs. Chief Myers expressed Mr. Vaught had permission from the Police Department for the event.

After some discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilman Cannell to approve the request as presented. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, and two councilmembers (Rehklau and West) absent.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Councilman Cannell mentioned the idea of moving the work session to after the City Council meeting, rather than before the meeting.

Councilman Vaughn spoke about an email from Matt Gowin discussing sales tax, and wanted to know if someone from the City responded to the email. Bill Johnson, Director of Administration, and Mayor Benton confirmed they spoke with him.

Mr. Vaughn also expressed some concern with the appearance of the Whiskey Wild building, and would like it to look a little more appealing. Mayor Benton stated he will have administration take a look at the building and get back with the Council on what it would take to update the building.

Some discussion followed on the PACE Program and on the barn fire in New Bloomfield.

Councilman Chailland noted that Councilman West is concerned with the demolition at 804 Bluff Street.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

There were no resolutions to be presented at this meeting.

**ORDINANCES:**

Bill No. 1446 was presented for First Reading by Councilman Vaughn.

- a. Bill No. 1446: An Ordinance to enable the City of Fulton, Missouri, to join Show Me PACE, pursuant to sections 67.2800 to 67.2835 RSMo., the "Property Assessment Clean Energy Act", and stating the terms under which the City will conduct activities as a member of such district.

Motion was offered by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilman Moore to place Bill No. 1446 for Second Reading at the next council meeting.

Motion was then offered by Councilman Cannell and seconded by Councilman Chailland to table the discussion until a later meeting. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, and two councilmembers (Rehklau & West) absent.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Benton announced the Humanitarian Banquet previously scheduled for March 12, 2016 has been rescheduled to a luncheon on April 1, 2016, in the Council Chambers from noon-1:00 p.m.

Mayor Benton reminded the Council about the IMGGA meeting on March 15, 2016 for those registered to attend.

Mayor Benton also announced the City Employee Picnic will be held on May 13, 2016, with more details to follow.

**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 Vaughn to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, and two councilmembers (Rehklau and West) absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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LeRoy D. Benton  
Mayor

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Laure Long  
Deputy City Clerk