

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2016**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 22, 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; Moore; Pace-Snook; Rehklau; Shiverdecker; Vaughn; and West. Also present were Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer; Les Hudson, Planning & Protective Services Director; 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; Larry Doyle Jr., Nancy Hanson, Dale LaRue, Melissa Siegel, Sherry Poletto, Tamara Fitzpatrick, Mike Westerfield, Marty Martin-Forman, Kim Barnes, Anne Johnson, Beverly Gray, Melody Seiger, 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. A digital timer was administered and monitored by the City Clerk.

Beverly Gray, 112 W. Oliver, stated she would like more advertising for the upcoming Council Meet & Greet.

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 23, 2016, AND MARCH 8, 2016:

The Council Meeting minutes for February 23, 2016, were presented for approval.

Motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to approve the council meeting minutes for February 23, 2016, as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

The Council Meeting minutes for March 8, 2016, were presented for approval.

Motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to approve the council meeting minutes for March 8, 2016, as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY:

The Financial Report for the month of February 2016 was presented for acceptance, and Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer, was present to answer any questions from the council.

Holschlag stated the first month of 2016 sales tax had been recorded, and it was too early to begin a comparison to the 2015 numbers.

Upon review, motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Cannell to accept the Financial Report for the month of February 2016 as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Jeremy Polston, Building & Grounds Supervisor, provided an update on the Whiskey Wild Building (516 Market St.)

Polston presented a power point overview of the condition of the building and necessary repairs. Polston touched on roofing issues, loose and shifting bricks, and overall appearance of the building. He estimated approximately \$70,000.00 in repair costs, but noted this number could increase depending on the integrity of the structure. Polston also noted a verbal quote of roughly \$30,000.00 to remove or demolish the building, and reiterated the actual cost could vary.

The council requested firmer estimates on the lot value and repair or demolition costs, and will continue review of this situation before making a final decision.

- b. Tamara Fitzpatrick, Chamber Executive Director, provided an update on Chamber of Commerce activities.

Fitzpatrick highlighted some of the latest Chamber accomplishments including a unified social media presence, greater focus on member retention, prospective member packets, new Governmental Affairs and Healthcare committee formations, and a new website in the near future. Fitzpatrick also noted there had been three Electric Rider Applicants and twenty-one new Chamber members since the beginning of the year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Melody Seiger, local Chapter Chair of The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, was present to request use of Memorial Park on September 18, 2016 for the Out of Darkness Community Walk.

Seiger thanked the council and Police Department for their ongoing support of the event. Seiger also requested the Mayor to present a Proclamation for the event.

Following some discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Cannell and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to approve the requests as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

- b. Dale LaRue was present to request permission for a permit to hold the annual Fourth of July Fireworks display at the Fulton Country Club on Monday, July 4, 2016, and for continuation of partial funding by the City of Fulton.

LaRue informed the council the fees for the 49 shell fireworks display were the same as 2015

(\$2450.00). LaRue also noted the group has purchased the City-mandated insurance policy for the display.

After some discussion, motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to approve the request for permit and funding as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

- c. Anne Johnson, Executive Director of the Fulton Housing Authority, was present to discuss the proposed Contract for Supplemental Police Services between the Housing Authority and the City of Fulton.

Johnson thanked the council for the opportunity to continue the partnership between the Housing Authority and the City of Fulton. She reported a decrease in drug issues and increase in safety/security since the commencement of the program. Johnson also thanked Chief Myers and the Police Department for their dedication and ongoing assistance.

- d. Melissa Siegel and Nancy Hanson were present to request route approval for the iCan Bike Camp on May 7, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.

Hanson introduced herself to the council as the host of the upcoming iCan Bike Camp benefiting individuals with disabilities. The program assists these individuals in learning to ride a bike and is the only program of its kind currently in central Missouri. Siegel noted Chief Myers had reviewed the route and bikers would be able to take their time at difficult crossing points.

Following some discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Moore to approve the request as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilman Moore discussed yard regulations and asked for information to be placed in an upcoming City newsletter.

Councilman West expressed his concerns with the traffic signal at Bluff Street & St. Louis Ave and asked that the timer be reviewed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 3251 was presented by Councilwoman Pace-Snook.

- a. Resolution No. 3251 – A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute a contract with the Housing Authority of the City of Fulton, Missouri, for the provision of Supplemental Police Services.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Pace-Snook and seconded by Councilman Moore to adopt Resolution No. 3251 as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

ORDINANCES:

Following some discussion, Bill No. 1446 was declared dead by the council. The Show Me PACE program may be presented in the future for reconsideration as the council sees fit.

Bill No. 1447 was presented for First Reading by Councilman Chailland.

- a. Bill No. 1447: An Ordinance accepting the Osburn sanitary sewer improvements of Helm's Subdivision.

Motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilman Vaughn to place Bill No. 1447 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION FOR FEBRUARY:

The Director of Administration Report for February 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 offered by Councilman Cannell and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to accept the Report of the Director of Administration for February as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETING REPORTS:

- a. Councilman Moore, liaison to the Human Rights Commission, provided a brief overview of the meeting held February 29, 2016.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Benton brought forward the appointment of Jeff Stone to the Historic Preservation Commission. Upon review, motion was offered by Councilman Cannell and seconded by Councilman Moore to accept the appointment as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Election Day is Tuesday, April 5, 2016 (Polls open 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
- b. The 16th Annual Clean Sweep will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016. To register, please contact Parks & Recreation at 573-592-3190.
- c. A City Council Meet & Greet will be held March 31st at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Citizens are invited to meet with their councilmembers to ask questions and receive input.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Benton said there was a need for an Executive Session at this council meeting to discuss or deal with lease, purchase, or sale of real estate.

Motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Vaughn to enter Executive Session. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

Roll call of the members of the council were as follows: Chailland, PRESENT; Moore, PRESENT; Pace-Snook, PRESENT; Rehklau, PRESENT; Shiverdecker, PRESENT; Vaughn, PRESENT; West, PRESENT; and Cannell, PRESENT.

The council entered Executive Session at 7:43 p.m.

Motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Vaughn to exit Executive Session. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

The council exited Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

Roll call of the members of the council were as follows: Moore, PRESENT; Pace-Snook, PRESENT; Rehklau, PRESENT; Shiverdecker, PRESENT; Vaughn, PRESENT; West, PRESENT; Cannell, PRESENT; and Chailland, PRESENT.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Vaughn to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

LeRoy D. Benton
Mayor

Courtney Crowson
City Clerk