

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2014

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in regular session on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 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, Police Chief. 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; Shiverdecker; and West. Absent were Councilmembers Rehklau and Vaughn. Also present were Matt Harline, Assistant Director of Administration; 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 and Recreation Director; Samantha Bedsworth, Purchasing Agent; J. C. Miller, Solid Waste Manager; Pastor Bruce Williamson; Andrew Ravelo; Bruce Hackmann; Linda Hutchison; Virginia M. McCoskrie; Marcia Lamons; Matt Gowin; Claudia Star; Philip Stublely; Bryant Liddle; David Beaver; Garry Vaught; Brian Warren; Danielle Warren; Raven Sundahl; Melody Seiger; Pam Phelps; Chrisy Dobbs; Anne Johnson; Heather Martin Dean Asher, Reporter for THE FULTON SUN; and Jeremy Polston and Darin Wernig, Audio/Video.

INVOCATION:

Invocation was given by Pastor Bruce 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. There were none.

MINUTES:

The council meeting minutes for February 25, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion was offered by Councilman Cannell and seconded by Councilman West that council meeting minutes for February 25th, 2014 be approved as presented. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor and two members (Rehklau and Vaughn) absent.

The council meeting minutes for March 11th, 2014 were presented for approval.

Motion was offered by Councilman Cannell and seconded by Councilman West that council meeting minutes for March 11th, 2014 be approved as presented. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor and two members (Rehklau and Vaughn) absent.

FINANCIALS:

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

After some discussion and review, motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Chailland to accept the Financial Statements for the month of February as presented. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor and two members (Rehklau and Vaughn) absent.

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY:

The Director of Administration Report for February 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 Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Moore to accept the Director of Administration Report for February as presented. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor and two members (Rehklau and Vaughn) absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Bruce Hackmann will address the proposed Brick District Downtown Plan.

Bruce referred to the hand-out that was included in the council packet on their recommendations for the Downtown Plan. There are four main keys to their proposal.

1. Decorative benches placed in the downtown area.
2. Decorative Trashcans placed throughout the district.
3. Street signs and banners that identify the Brick District and improve the aesthetics.
4. An Outdoor, Public Patio section on the upper level of Nichols Parking Lot that will not only allow outdoor seating for restaurants, but will serve as a stage for various events on Court and Nichols streets by creating an amphitheatre for concerts, outdoor movies, or other activities.

A copy of the Downtown Improvement Plan is incorporated into these minutes.

Bruce Hackmann said this plan could be broken up into different stages for the monies to be given.

The council asked the members of the Brick District Committee, what were their three top priorities. Garry Vaught said Benches, Banners and Trash Cans would be a great start in the beautification plan.

The council asked for this item of discussion to be placed on a council agenda for next month.

- b) Permission needed on the request received from Kappa Delta Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta, Westminster College, for a 5K Run to be held on Saturday, April 12th at 10:00 a.m. This race will be held on the Stinson Creek Trail and specified streets in Fulton.

After some discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilman Cannel to grant this request as received. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor and two members (Rehklau and Vaughn) absent.

- c) David Beaver to address the council on the July 4th Parade.

David Beaver requested permission to hold a July 4th celebration Parade at 11:00 a.m. on the holiday. The committee will work with the police on the parade route and the Grand Marshal's will be Korean War Veterans.

Motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to grant permission as requested. Motion carried with

six members of the council voting in favor and two members (Rehklau and Vaughn) absent.

- d) Permission needed on the request received from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Melody Seiger, representing the Foundation, requested permission to hold a Fulton Community Out of the Darkness Walk on Saturday, September 27th at 11:00 a.m.

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

- e) Roof on the Rock Barn.

Mayor Benton said the City has received a proposal on the Rock Barn and property. However, before any proposals can be officially accepted, the Rock Barn has to be declared surplus property by the City.

After some discussion, the administration will draft an ordinance declaring the Rock Barn Surplus Property, to be presented at the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

The estimated cost to fix the roof is \$1,000 for materials.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer, spoke with the council regarding Credit Card Options (a hand-out in the council packet).

She explained the two options from Vendor A and Vendor B. The proposals were for both online bill payments and face to face transactions.

After some discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilman Cannel to have the administration draft a resolution to accept the option of Vendor B. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor and two members (Rehklau and Vaughn) absent.

- b) Update by Les Hudson, on the Historic Preservation Commission

meeting held on Tuesday, March 18th.

The commission discussed the placing of the historical markers on Stinson Creek. The first completed historical sign made by Sunrise Sign Company, was on display at this meeting. A public installation ceremony will be held on May 20th at noon at Memorial Park by the commission.

Updates were given on the Brick District and the Rock Barn with no real new news being known at this time.

The commission still agrees to review the current Historic Preservation Ordinance and discuss revisions at the April meeting.

Dale Lewis and Les Hudson are planning on attending the 2014 Missouri CLG Forum.

c) Update on the Splash-pad.

Clay Caswell, Parks & Recreation Director, referred to a hand-out that was included in the council packet.

The presented package includes the Splash Pad with six above ground spray features and fifteen in-ground spray features, various adapters, a water de-chlorination system and installation, for \$184,657.00

After much discussion, a final plan will be put together and a resolution will be brought back to the council for approval.

d) An Update from Greg Hayes, City Engineer, on the Airport Manager position at the Airport.

Greg Hayes said he would be putting out a proposal for the Airport Manager position, to the general public, due on April 30th. He will bring those results to the council thereafter.

Mayor Benton recessed the council at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 3209 was presented by Councilman Chailland.

RESOLUTION 3209 - a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, to renew a Contract with the Housing Authority of the City of Fulton, Missouri for the provision of Supplemental Police Services (Copy is included in the official Resolution Book).

Motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilman West to adopt Resolution 3209 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor and two members (Rehklau and Vaughn) absent.

ORDINANCES:

Bill No. 1401 was presented for Second Reading by Councilman Shiverdecker.

BILL NO. 1401 - An Ordinance declaring City Property to be Surplus Property, Authorizing its Sale, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Moore to place Bill No. 1401 for third reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried by six members of the council voting in favor and two members (Rehklau and Vaughn) absent.

Upon reviewing the list of articles for the Surplus Property sale, due to the lack of quantity of items, the council recommended there not be a city auction this year.

APPOINTMENTS:

There were no appointments to be presented by Mayor Benton at this council meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a) Open House of the Sewer Plant on Saturday, April 5th from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

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- b) Election Day on Tuesday, April 8th.
- c) City-wide Clean-Sweep on Saturday, April 12th.
- d) Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 1st at 6:30 a.m. in the Senior Center.

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 West to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, two councilmembers (Rehklau and Vaughn) absent, and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

LeRoy D. Benton, Mayor

Carolyn L. Laswell, CMC/MRCC