

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
July 28, 2015

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 28, 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-Snook; Rehklau; Shiverdecker; Vaughn; and West. Also present were Les Hudson, Code Enforcement; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer; Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer; Dean Buffington, Fire Chief; Michelle Maupin, Human Resources Director; Jerry Sorte, Assistant Director of Administration; J. C. Miller, Solid Waste Manager; Pastor Bruce Williamson; Jessica Stone, 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. There were none.

**MINUTES:**

The council meeting minutes for June 23rd, 2015 were presented for approval at this council meeting.

It was noted that on page four, paragraph one, sentence one, should be amended to read "the sales tax for 2015....."

Motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau that council meeting minutes for June 23rd, 2015 be approved as amended. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor.

The council minutes for July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 were presented for approval.

Motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilwoman Pace-Snook that council meeting minutes for July 14th,

2015 be approved as presented. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor.

**FINANCIALS:**

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

Kathy Holschlag said there are five months of sales tax collections and the city is down 2% compared to the same period of time in 2014.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a) Update on the new Warehouse Facility.

Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer, said the Administration building is coming along quite nicely. They are painting, running wiring, and hanging drop ceilings

The Call-out building is pretty well completed.

In the Municipal Garage building, the wiring is about 60% completed, it is under roof, insulated and the doors are on.

In the Utility building, the wiring is about 20-25% completed.

The structure is being built for the City Warehouse building.

At the present time, the contractors are pouring concrete for the bays in the Solid Waste building.

b) Update on Storm Water.

Kyle stated that DNR inspected the city in the middle of June for our MS4 permit and found the city non-compliant under the Stormwater Management Plan. The city needs to work on testing Stinson Creek to

see if the stormwater is the cause. The city has a deadline of August 7<sup>th</sup> to report back to DNR.

c) Update on the Vine Street Bridge Project

Kyle said the pre-bid meeting was held on July 20<sup>th</sup> and five contractors were interested in this design build project. The Bid opening will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> on this thirty foot long project with best design and construction thereof, using the existing support structure and widening the bridge.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Discussion of the Capital Budget for 2016 presented at the last council meeting.

Councilman West asked for this discussion to be re-scheduled for the next council work session to allow for more time to review the Budget. Permission was given by Mayor Benton.

- b) Update from Clay Caswell, P & R Director, on the Park Board meeting held on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Clay went over the proposed Strategic Plan given to the council at this council meeting.

He said the City has made some major improvements to many facilities since 2005, such as the Scout Cabin, Baseball Fields, and various playgrounds. In addition, the City has added several new Park Shelters and renovated Memorial Baseball Field into a multi-purpose City Park.

Clay said the department had an on-line survey which proved to be very informative and successful.

Clay reviewed the Master Plan Highlights with the council which was included in the Strategic Plan.

After much discussion, it was discussed for a Parks & Recreation and Stormwater ½ cent Sales Tax be placed on the April 2016 ballot.

Mayor Benton said he was going to appoint a citizen committee to help educate the public on this issue and he was planning a council retreat

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and asked the council to review dates that would work for them and they would discuss these proposed dates at the next council meeting.

c) Update from Steve Moore, council liaison, on the Traffic Commission meeting held on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Traffic Commission discussed the traffic flow in front of Bartley Elementary School. The interim city engineer is going to call MoDot about redoing the shoulder in front of the school and will report back next month. Also discussed was the part of State Highway C that is eroding away and he will discuss this with MoDot as well.

Also discussed was the speed limit changes on all residential and subdivision roads to 25 miles per hour. A cost on replacing all the signs throughout the city will be done and reported back to the council.

The commission made a recommendation to the council to remove the two stop signs on 10<sup>th</sup> Street at that intersection of 10<sup>th</sup> and Nichols Streets.

**DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION REPORT FOR JUNE:**

The Director of Administration Report for June 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.

J. C. Miller, Solid Waste Manager, said the extra pick-up policy is working out well.

Upon review, motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Vaughn to accept the Director of Administration Report for June as presented. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

No announcements were made at this council meeting.

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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 Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman West to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with all eight members of the council voting in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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LeRoy D. Benton, Mayor

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Carolyn L. Laswell, CMC/MRCC  
City Clerk