

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
August 11, 2015

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 11th, 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 7:30 p.m. Roll call was taken by the City Clerk and members of the council present were Cannell; Chailland; Moore; Pace-Snook; Rehklau; Shiverdecker; and West. Absent was Councilmember Vaughn. Also present were Les Hudson, Code Enforcement; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer; Dean Buffington, Fire Chief; Samantha Bedsworth, Purchasing Agent; Clay Caswell, Parks & Recreation Director; Michelle Maupin, Human Resources Director; Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer; Jerry Sorte, Assistant of the Director of Administration; J. C. Miller, Solid Waste Manager; Pastor Bruce Williamson; Scott Jones; Debbie LaRue; John Bell; Tom Harris; Gregory Cander; Steve Knowles; Irving Garbison; Stephen Bell; Randall Bell; Bart Houseworth; Joseph Mirth; William Harris; Scott Peterson; James Noah; Todd Gray; Merit McCloud; DeShawn Stallworth; Nicole Brown; 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Mayor Benton announced there will be **one (1)** Public Hearing on this evening's agenda to consider the following: To certify the rate of levy for property taxes for the 2015 tax year within the City of Fulton.

This hearing is now declared open at 7:34 p.m.

There were three calls issued for anyone wishing to speak in opposition of the matter being considered.

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First call, is there anyone present who wishes to speak in opposition of this proposed tax rate? There were none.

Second call, is there anyone present who wishes to speak in opposition of this proposed tax rate? There were none.

Third and final call, is there anyone present who wishes to speak in opposition of this proposed tax rate? There were none.

There will be three calls issued for anyone wishing to speak in favor of the matter being considered.

First call, is there anyone present who wishes to speak in favor of this proposed tax rate? There were none.

Second call, is there anyone present who wishes to speak in favor of this proposed tax rate? There were none.

Third and final call, is there anyone present who wishes to speak in favor of this proposed tax rate? There were none.

This Public Hearing was declared closed at 7:36 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Debbie LaRue and Scott Jones were present to request permission to close the street from the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> and Court Streets to the intersection of 5<sup>th</sup> and Court Streets for the Brick Blast Welcome Back Students, on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Scott Jones addressed the council by asking the council for permission to hold the Brick Blast in the downtown area.

After some discussion, motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Chailland to grant permission on the request. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor and one member (Vaughn) absent.

- b) Tom Harris and John Bell were present to request permission to hold the Autumn on the Bricks on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Discussion was held on authorizing the open container policy between 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Upon further discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to allow open container in the designated area as requested. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor and one member (Vaughn) absent.

Motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilwoman Pace-Snook to grant permission for this Autumn on the Bricks Proposal as requested. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor and one member (Vaughn) absent.

c) Discussion on the Proposed Fire Union Memorandum of Understanding.

The City committee consisting of Michelle Maupin, Human Resource Director; Jerry Sorte, Assistant Director of Administration; and Dean Buffington, Fire Chief; have been meeting with Todd Gray and Merit McCloud, Local 2945 Firefighter's Union representatives since November 2014.

Todd Gray thanked the committee for their time on this issue. He said that low salaries made for high turnovers in the department.

The Union is asking for a 9% raise across the board for all firefighters at this time.

Bill Johnson referred to a hand-out that was included in the council packet that gave an explanation of the amendments to the current Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Johnson made a recommendation that the council not approve the proposed Memorandum of Understanding later on the agenda of this council meeting.

d) Discussion on the Asphalt at the new Warehouse.

Bill Johnson and Kyle Bruemmer explained that contractors and other city personnel do not think that rock/gravel roads into the compound will hold up. The Administration is asking for a cost to lay asphalt in the compound and tentatively have an estimate of about \$300,000. Before the city proceeded any further on this project, they wanted this

information given to the council.

- e) Discussion of the proposed rate of levy for property taxes for the 2015 tax year within the City of Fulton.

Bill Johnson said the proposed rate is slightly higher than last year. The proposed 2015 tax levy is \$.5306 which would generate approximately \$540,824, which would be an increase of \$1,528 over last year (2014).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) Update on the new Warehouse Facility.

Kyle Bruemmer had given an update on the progress of the warehouse earlier in the meeting with the roads, etc.

- b) Market Street Parking Lot.

Bill Johnson referred to a map that was included in the council packet showing the installation of five new parking spots outside the former Police Station. The administration is requesting approval for these spots and to allow parking from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Motion was offered by Councilman Chailland and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to approve these five new parking spots as requested. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor and one member (Vaughn) absent.

Councilman Shiverdecker asked the Interim City Engineer about having No Parking on the East side of Hickman Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to the Water Crossing as previously discussed at a prior council meeting.

After some discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Moore to have an ordinance drafted to enforce this issue. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor and one member (Vaughn) absent.

Councilman West asked Police Chief Myers if our policemen are given training on how to deal with citizens with mental issues. Chief Myers answered, definitely yes.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution 3239 was presented for adoption by Councilwoman Rehklau.

RESOLUTION 3239 - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute a Contract with Lehman Construction Company, California, Missouri, for the Vine Street Bridge Project in the basic amount of \$218,258.00, and establishing an effective date (Copy is included in the official Resolution Book).

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Rehklau and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to adopt Resolution 3239 at this council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor and two councilmembers (Cannell and Vaughn) absent.

Resolution 3240 was presented for adoption by Councilman Moore.

RESOLUTION 3240 - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Local 2945 International Association of Firefighters and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to adopt Resolution 3240 at this council meeting. Motion FAILED with five members of the council voting against, one councilmember (Rehklau) voting in favor, and two members of the council (Cannell and Vaughn) absent.

**ORDINANCES:**

Bill No. 1427 was presented for First Reading by Councilman West.

BILL NO. 1427 - An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate and Levying Taxes for the calendar year 2015 on all taxable property in the City of Fulton, Missouri, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Moore to place Bill No. 1427 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with five members of the council voting in favor, one member (Shiverdecker) voting against; and two members of the council (Cannell and Vaughn) absent.

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**APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Benton presented the name of Brian Warren to be appointed to the Tourism Board for the council's approval.

Motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to approve this appointment as presented. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor and two members (Cannell and Vaughn) absent.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The city clerk asked the councilmembers to notify her if their spouses were attending the Missouri Municipal League Conference in September in Kansas City (LAST CALL).

Councilman Moore asked if the city could provide an individual site on the internet for Weed Complaints.

Tentatively scheduled is a City Facilities tour on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. More details and times will be given at the next council meeting.

**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 Councilwoman Rehkla to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, two members (Cannell and Vaughn) absent, and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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LeRoy D. Benton, Mayor

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Carolyn L. Laswell, CMC/MRCC  
City Clerk