

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2015**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 29, 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; Courtney Crowson, 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, Moore, Pace-Snook, Rehklau, Shiverdecker, Vaughn, and West. Absent was Councilman Chailland. Also present were Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Les Hudson, Planning & Protective Services Director; Dean Buffington, Fire Chief; Clay Caswell, Parks & Recreation Director; J.C. Miller, Solid Waste Manager; Jerry Sorte, Assistant Director of Administration; Samantha Bedsworth, Purchasing Agent; Michelle Maupin, Human Resources Director, Linda Boshers, Leah Norvell, Debbie LaRue, Ally Wingert, Beverly Gray, Reshonda Mobley, John Metcalf, Todd Gray; Numerous supporters of the Fulton Fire Department; 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 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.

Todd Gray, Vice President of the Firefighters Union, addressed the Council in support of the Fire Department, concerns over his department's pay, and gave a synopsis of 2014 negotiation dates.

Beverly Gray addressed the Council in support of the Fire Department.

Reshonda Mobley addressed the Council in support of the Fire Department, with equipment concerns, and with concerns in relation to the Fire Chief.

John Metcalf addressed the council in support of the Fire Department and thanked the department for their attempts to save his home following a recent house fire.

**PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 25<sup>TH</sup> AND SEPTEMBER 8, 2015:**

The Council Meeting minutes for August 25, 2015 were presented for approval.

Motion was offered by Councilman Cannell and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to approve the council meeting minutes for August 25, 2015 as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Chailland) absent.

The Council Meeting minutes for September 8, 2015 were presented for approval.

Motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Cannell to approve the council City

meeting minutes for September 8, 2015 as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Chailland) absent.

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:**

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

Upon review, motion was offered by Councilman Cannell and seconded by Councilman West to approve the Financial Report for the month of August as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Chailland) absent.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) Update on the new Warehouse Facility.

Bill Johnson, Director of Administration informed the council that roughly one-half of the asphalt has been laid around the buildings and all exterior metal and tin has been applied to the last two buildings in the complex. Construction is moving slightly ahead of schedule in spite of recent weather conditions.

- b) Update on Smart Grid

Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities reported that some progress has been made with USSI. Currently, he has established a goal to get electric through the billing process prior to importing the gas and water data.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Linda Boshers, Event Leadership Manager for the 2016 Relay For Life of Callaway County, was present to request permission to hold the annual event at Callaway Electric on June 4, 2016 and to "Paint the Town Purple" again this year.

After some discussion, motion was made by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to approve the event and "Paint the Town Purple" requests. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Chailland) absent.

- b) Leah Norvell, Tri Beta President, was present to request approval for the "Run for Your Life 5K" event to be held October 24, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Norvell had previously discussed the route and plans with both Police Chief Myers and the Parks & Recreation Department.

Motion was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman West to approve the event request as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Chailland) absent.

- c) Debbie LaRue of the Brick District Board and Ally Wingert of the Westminster Homecoming Committee were present to request permission to hold the Westminster Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally on October 14, 2015.

Motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to approve the event

request as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Chailland) absent.

- d) John Dismer, Commander, Military Order of the Purple Heart, submitted a formal request for the City of Fulton to be named a "Purple Heart City". City Clerk, Courtney Crowson, spoke on behalf of Mr. Dismer in his absence. Crowson reported that the designation would be a one-time event with no estimated cost to the City. The City Clerk will be responsible for drafting the appropriate Proclamation, and representatives from the MOPH will present a plaque upon approval from the Council.

After some discussion, motion was made by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilman West to approve the request as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Chailland) absent.

- e) City Council discussed submitting a ½ cent sales tax benefitting Storm Water and Parks & Recreation for the April 2016 general municipal election. A Public Safety Property Tax levy was also discussed, but many councilmembers expressed concern over submitting multiple tax issues during one election period. Councilman Cannell expressed interest in hearing from Public Safety leaders in the future to gauge interest in the possible property tax levy.

After some discussion, motion was made by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman West to direct the Clerk in drafting an ordinance to place the Storm Water/Parks & Recreation Sales Tax issue on the April 2016 ballot. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Chailland) absent.

## **ORDINANCES:**

### **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

Bill No. 1430 was presented in its entirety for First Reading by Councilman West.

Bill No. 1430 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute Amendment Two to Ordinance 1366-14, executing an agreement between the City of Fulton, Missouri, and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission State Block Grant Agreement providing funding for the construction activities needed to rehabilitate Runway 06-24 at Elton Hensley Memorial Airport, for a total project construction cost to the City of Fulton, Missouri, in the amount not to exceed two hundred eight thousand five hundred thirteen dollars (\$208,513), and to sign all necessary documents in relation to the aforementioned agreement. (Title-only included here)

Motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to place Bill No. 1430 for Second Reading at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members voting in favor, and one councilmember (Chailland) absent.

Bill No. 1430 was presented in its entirety for Second Reading by Councilman West.

Motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Cannell to place Bill No. 1430 for

Third Reading at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members voting in favor, and one councilmember (Chailland) absent.

Bill No. 1430 was presented in its entirety for Third Reading by Councilman West.

Motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to place Bill No. 1430 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Chailland) absent.

Roll call vote of members of the council were as follows: Moore, yes; Pace-Snook, yes; Rehklau, yes; Shiverdecker, yes; Vaughn, yes; West, yes; and Cannell, yes. Bill No. 1430, having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the council, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

#### **FIRST READING**

Bill No. 1431 was presented for First Reading by Councilman Vaughn.

BILL NO. 1431 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to sign all necessary documents in relation to the 2015 State of Missouri Sewerage System Revenue Bonds Direct Loan Program.

Motion was offered by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilwoman Pace-Snook to place Bill No. 1431 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Chailland) absent.

#### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION:**

The Director of Administration Report for August 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.

Councilman West noted that an Engineering report had not been present in past months, and would like to see information from the department in the future.

Councilman West addressed Fire Department equipment concerns with Fire Chief, Dean Buffington. Buffington stated that numerous repairs have been made or attempted on current equipment, and he believes some safety situations could be better managed with newer equipment. Buffington reported that the cost to replace Ladder 8 with a custom truck would vary from \$750,000 (used) to \$1,000,000 (new), but noted that while Ladder 8 runs roughly 120-140 calls per year, it is utilized in 20 or fewer of those calls.

#### **BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETING REPORTS:**

- a) The Human Rights Commission report was given by Councilman Moore.

The commission made a recommendation to mandate street officers to wear body cameras while on-duty. Police Chief Myers stated that a request had been made in the 2016 Budget to purchase 7 body cameras in order for each officer to have one. Myers stated that his department's policy is to wear the cameras while on-duty, but it was not yet a policy mandated by the City.

The commission also made a recommendation to require occupancy permits for rental properties. Councilman Moore suggested a presentation from the City Health Inspector would be beneficial.

b) The Traffic Commission report was given by Councilman Moore.

Councilman Moore reported that MoDOT is actively monitoring the shoulder erosion on Hwy. C, and have stated that no continued erosion issues are present at this time.

c) The Park Board report was given by Parks & Recreation Director, Clay Caswell.

Caswell reported that discussion on the proposed ½ cent Storm Water/Parks & Recreation sales tax had continued, and the board is planning to form a committee to educate the community on possible benefits of the sales tax.

d) The Public Utility Board report was given by Councilman Vaughn.

Councilman Vaughn reported that bids had been opened for the Sewer Treatment Facility Improvements, and an update on the Smart Grid was given. Councilman Vaughn offered to answer any questions presented by the Council.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Benton thanked the firefighter supporters for attending the meeting and noted that salary issues would be addressed for all City of Fulton employees in the upcoming 2016 Budget construction. Mayor Benton stated that recent derogatory remarks were unacceptable, and hopes to see a more positive attitude and interaction from the group in the future.

Councilman West reiterated support for the Fulton Fire Department. He asked that personal attacks towards Administration staff and councilmembers be stopped and encouraged the supporters to "keep it professional".

**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 Moore and seconded by Councilman West to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Chailland) absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

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LeRoy D. Benton  
Mayor

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Courtney Crowson  
City Clerk