

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 13, 2015**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 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: Chailland, Moore, Rehklau, Shiverdecker, Vaughn, West, and Cannell. Absent was councilmember Pace-Snook. Also present were Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer; Les Hudson, Planning & Protective Services Director; Dean Buffington, Fire Chief; J.C. Miller, Solid Waste Manager; Jerry Sorte, Assistant Director of Administration; Samantha Bedsworth, Purchasing Agent; Michelle Maupin, Human Resources Director, Todd Gray, Beverly Gray, William Meyer; 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. A digital timer was administered and monitored by the City Clerk.

Todd Gray, Vice President of the Firefighters Union, addressed the Council in support of the Fire Department and with concerns over his department's pay.

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

William Meyer spoke on behalf of the firefighters and reported his concerns with equipment issues. Meyer stated that he plans to run for mayor in the future.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a) Update on the new Warehouse Facility.

Bill Johnson, Director of Administration, informed the council that the final two buildings of the complex are nearing completion, and some buildings may be turned over to the city around November 1, 2015.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Garry Vaught was present on behalf of the Brick District to request permission to hold the Downtown Trick or Treating on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Vaught had spoken with Police Chief Myers prior to the meeting and requested to have Court St. from 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Streets closed for the event.

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

- b) Discussion was held on proposed Electric Rates. Director of Administration, Bill Johnson, stated that over the last five years, the City's wholesale cost has increased by 40%, but an electric rate increase has not been implemented since 2008. Proposed increases have been included in the 2016 Budget Draft, however, estimates are preliminary and will be further discussed at the October 20<sup>th</sup> Budget Work Session. The Clerk will prepare an Ordinance for the next regularly scheduled council meeting.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution No. 3244 was presented by Councilman Vaughn for approval.

Resolution No. 3244 – 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 Wastewater Treatment Plant improvements in the main bid of \$8,875,592.00, to sign all necessary relating documents, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilman Moore to approve the Resolution as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Pace-Snook) absent.

**ORDINANCES:**

**FIRST READING**

Bill No. 1432 was presented for First Reading by Councilman Shiverdecker.

Bill No. 1432 – An Ordinance for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of Fulton, Missouri, during the next General Municipal Election date of April 5, 2016, the question of whether to impose a sales tax of one-half of one percent for storm water control and local parks and recreation.

Motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Moore to place Bill No. 1432 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with seven members voting in favor, and one councilmember (Pace-Snook) absent.

Bill No. 1433 was presented for First Reading by Councilwoman Rehlau.

Bill No. 1433 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute a contract in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) between the City of Fulton, Missouri, and the Collector and County Commissioners of Callaway County, Missouri, relating to the collection of taxes, with the contract period commencing upon approval through June, 2019.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Rehlau and seconded by Councilman Cannell to place Bill No. 1433 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Pace-Snook) absent.

### **SECOND READING**

Bill No. 1431 was presented for Second 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 Councilman Moore to place Bill No. 1431 for Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Pace-Snook) absent.

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

Motion was offered by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilman Moore to place Bill No. 1431 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Pace-Snook) absent.

Roll call vote of the members of the council were as follows: Moore, yes; Rehkla, yes; Shiverdecker, yes; Vaughn, yes; West, yes; Cannell, yes; Chailland, yes. Bill No. 1431, having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the council, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The City Clerk announced the City of Fulton will be recognized as a "Purple Heart City" at the next regularly scheduled council meeting, and extended a formal invitation to the community with an emphasis on veterans, Purple Heart recipients, and military families to attend.

### **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 Vaughn to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Pace-Snook) absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

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LeRoy D. Benton  
Mayor

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Courtney Crowson  
City Clerk