

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2015**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 27, 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 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken by the City Clerk, and members of the council present were: Chailland, Moore, Pace-Snook, Rehklau, Shiverdecker, Vaughn, and West. Absent was councilmember Cannell. 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, Paul & Becky Weeks; Frances Vaughn; Larry Underwood; Dennis Byler; David Hosenfelt; Charles Williams; Jeremy Gall; Bret Robertson; Daniel Blackburn; Madison Doyle; Larry Doyle; Beverly Gray; Scott Peterson, a handful of Fulton Firefighter Supporters; Pastor Bruce Williamson; Jessica Stone, reporter for THE FULTON SUN; Mike Haldeman and Darin Wernig, Audio/Video.

INVOCATION:

Invocation was given by Pastor Williamson.

PRESENTATION OF "PURPLE HEART CITY" PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Benton asked Paul Weeks, representative from the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and representatives from the local VFW Post and American Legion to come forward for the presentation of the Proclamation declaring the City of Fulton as a "Purple Heart City". The Mayor addressed the many Veterans and Purple Heart recipients thanking them for their service and dedication. Following the presentation, Paul Weeks presented the Mayor and City of Fulton with a commemorative plaque designating the City as a "Purple Heart City". Mayor Benton stated the plaque would be placed at City Hall for a period of time before traveling on to the VFW Facility.

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.

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

Scott Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer of the Firefighters Union, thanked the Council for the opportunity to attend the Budget Work Session held October 20, 2015.

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 29TH AND OCTOBER 13, 2015:

The Council Meeting minutes for September 29, 2015 were presented for approval.

Motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to approve the council meeting minutes for September 29, 2015 as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Cannell) absent.

The Council Meeting minutes for October 13, 2015 were presented for approval.

Motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Chailland to approve the council meeting minutes for October 13, 2015 as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Cannell) absent.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

Financials for the month of September 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 West and seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to approve the Financial Report for the month of September as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Cannell) absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) Update on the new Warehouse Facility.

Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer, informed the council that the first walk-through of the Call-Out building would take place Friday, October 30, 2015, and additional buildings would be scheduled for walk-throughs during the month of November.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) 2016 City of Fulton Operating Capital Budget Discussion

Jerry Sorte, Assistant Director of Administration was present to review and discuss the proposed budget presented to council for review. Sorte noted that the First Reading of the proposed budget would take place in conjunction with the Public Hearing scheduled for the November 10, 2015 Council Meeting.

Sorte also noted that the proposed Electric Rate Increase had been incorporated into the current proposed budget numbers and the rates are "well within and under market numbers". Sorte informed the council that according to the rate chart, the average household user of 1,000kwh would see a roughly \$5.00 increase on monthly electric charges.

Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer, and Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities, were also present to discuss the proposed electric rate increase and budget impact. Holschlag noted that revenues from the last five years have remained flat, while the cost of purchased power increased roughly 40% between 2010 and 2014, with a nearly 51% increase in cost between 2011 and 2014.

Dunlap noted that the last Electric Rate increase was implemented in 2008, and national electric cost averages have seen an increase due to federal regulations on emissions.

Much discussion followed.

Councilman Chailland requested a brief intermission. Mayor Benton dismissed the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Following a brief intermission, the Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING

Bill No. 1434 was presented for First Reading by Councilman Vaughn.

Bill No. 1434 – An Ordinance repealing Ordinance Number 1218-08 establishing Electric Rates of the City of Fulton, Missouri, enacting a new ordinance, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilman Moore to place Bill No. 1434 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with seven members voting in favor, and one councilmember (Cannell) absent.

Bill No. 1435 was presented for First Reading by Councilwoman Pace-Snook.

Bill No. 1435 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to sign all necessary documents in relation to the Missouri Public Utility Alliance Mutual Aid Program Agreement between the City of Fulton, Missouri, and the M.P.U.A.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Pace-Snook and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to place Bill No. 1435 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with seven members voting in favor, and one councilmember (Cannell) absent.

Bill No. 1436 was presented for First Reading by Councilman Vaughn.

Bill No. 1436 – An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$13,000,000 Principal Amount of Sewerage System Revenue Bonds (State of Missouri – Direct Loan Program) Series 2015 of the City of Fulton, Missouri, for the purpose of extending and improving the City's Sewerage System; prescribing the form and details of the bonds and agreements made by the City to facilitate and protect their payment and prescribing other related matters.

Motion was offered by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilman Moore to place Bill No. 1436 for Second Reading at the next regularly scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with seven members voting in favor, and one councilmember (Cannell) absent.

SECOND READING

Bill No. 1432 was presented for Second 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 West to place Bill No. 1432 for Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Cannell) absent.

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

Motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilwoman Pace-Snook to place Bill No. 1432 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Cannell) absent.

Roll call vote of the members of the council were as follows: Chailland, YES; Moore, YES; Pace-Snook, YES; Rehklau, YES; Shiverdecker, YES; Vaughn, YES; West, YES. Bill No. 1432, having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the council, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

Bill No. 1433 was presented for Second Reading by Councilwoman Rehklau.

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 Rehklau and seconded by Councilwoman Pace-Snook to place Bill No. 1433 for Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Cannell) absent.

Bill No. 1433 was presented for Third Reading by Councilwoman Rehklau.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Rehklau and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to place Bill No. 1433 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Cannell) absent.

Roll call vote of the members of the council were as follows: Moore, YES; Pace-Snook, YES; Rehklau, YES; Shiverdecker, YES; Vaughn, YES; West, YES; Chailland, YES. Bill No. 1433, having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the council, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION:

The Director of Administration Report for September 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 Moore requested an update on the Vine Street Bridge project. Interim City Engineer, Kyle Bruemmer reported that the engineering company with Lehman Construction Company had recently submitted the final plans for the project, and Lehman anticipates a start date in mid-November.

Councilman West asked Parks & Recreation Director, Clay Caswell to elaborate on the "Festival of Lights" event noted in the report. Caswell informed the council that this year will mark the second annual event in Veteran's Park with the "Wish Tree" and lighted holiday features. Caswell expressed that the department plans to build upon the event each year in hopes to fill the park with donated lights and fixtures.

Motion was made by Councilman West and seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to accept the Report of the Director of Administration for September as presented. Motion carried with seven councilmembers voting in favor and one councilmember (Cannell) absent.

BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETING REPORTS:

a. The Historic Preservation Commission report was given by Councilman Vaughn. The Commission discussed the upcoming Trick-Or-Treat and Holiday Open House events to be held in the Brick District.

b. The Public Utility Board report was deferred by Councilman Vaughn to Superintendent of Utilities, Darrell Dunlap. Councilman Vaughn was unable to attend the meeting. Dunlap informed the council that the electric rate increase and 2016 budget discussions previously held during this meeting had encompassed the majority of business discussed during the Public Utility Board Meeting. Dunlap noted the Utility Board had made formal recommendations to the council to accept the proposed Electric Rate Increase and the public utility portions of the 2016 Proposed Budget.

APPOINTMENTS:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Benton noted that the council typically meets once during the month of December and suggested the meeting be held December 15, 2015. Motion was made by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to approve the December meeting date as presented. Motion carried with seven members voting in favor and one councilmember (Cannell) absent.

The City Clerk informed the council that all members who were registered to attend the MML Regional Meeting in Odessa on October 28, 2015 should meet at City Hall no later than 3:50 p.m. that day.

Councilman Vaughn requested additional information on the M.P.U.A. Meeting to be held November 13, 2015. Mayor Benton suggested that the meeting might be beneficial in understanding alternative energy

forms and necessary agreements between the City and interested individuals. Mayor Benton asked any
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councilmembers who planned to attend to let him know as soon as possible.

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 Vaughn to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one councilmember (Cannell) absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

LeRoy D. Benton
Mayor

Courtney Crowson
City Clerk