

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
November 25, 2014

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 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; Moore; Pace-Snook; Rehklau; Shiverdecker; Vaughn; and West. Absent was Councilmember Chailland. Also present were Les Hudson, Code Enforcement; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer; Greg Hayes, City Engineer; Dean Buffington, Fire Chief; Michelle Frazee, Human Resources Director; Jerry Sorte, Assistant Director of Administration; Samantha Bedsworth, Purchasing Agent; J. C. Miller, Solid Waste Manager; Clay Caswell, Parks and Recreation Director; Patrick Payne; Matt Gowin; Patrick Bonnot; Pastor Bruce Williamson; Brittany Ruess, reporter for THE FULTON SUN; Mike Haldeman and Darin Wernig, Audio/Video.

**INVOCATION:**

Invocation was given by Pastor Williamson.

Mayor Benton said there was a need to amend this evening's meeting agenda by adding 9. Unfinished Business: h) Update on the Park Board meeting.

Motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to amend the agenda as requested by Mayor Benton. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor and one member (Chailland) absent.

**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 October 28th, 2014 were presented for approval at this council meeting.

Motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilwoman

Rehklau that council meeting minutes for October 28th, 2014 be approved as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor and one councilmember (Chailland) absent.

**FINANCIALS:**

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

Kathy Holschlag reported that sales tax revenues are 9% ahead of the same period last year.

After some discussion and review, motion was offered by Councilman Cannell and seconded by Councilman West to accept the Financial Statements for the month of October as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor and one councilmember (Chailland) absent.

**DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION REPORT FOR OCTOBER:**

The Director of Administration Report for October 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.

Upon review, motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to accept the Director of Administration Report for October as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor and one councilmember (Chailland) absent.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) Matt Gowin, President of the Fulton Area Chamber of Commerce will present their Annual Fund Request.

Matt Gowin gave an update on some of the projects they have undertaken and others that are in progress. He thanked the City for all their support and they would not be able to undertake some projects if they didn't have the city's funding.

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b) Patrick Bonnot, MIRMA presented the Safety Grant Awards.

The city received grant funds for two tazers and one car camera for the Police Department, a total of \$4,757.54. Steve Myers, Chief of Police, accepted this grant award.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a) Further Review of the proposed 2015 City Budget.

Councilman West asked the city to make a Salary Survey a priority in 2015.

b) Update on the Animal Shelter.

Les Hudson, Protection & Planning Director, said 90% of the Plumbing and 99.9% of the Electrical has been completed. All the framing is finished and they are now hanging sheet rock.

He told the citizens if they had not been out to the new Animal Shelter location, they need to do so. A lot of progress has been made in the past two weeks.

c) Update on the new Warehouse Facility.

Greg Hayes, City Engineer, said good progress is being made even tho weather was not favorable for outside work

d) Update on the Sewer Project.

Greg Hayes said the joints are leaking but the pipes are doing fine.

Greg said they had a pre-bid meeting today and the bid opening will be held in early December. The contractors said this project will be done in 180 days, so it would be done by next June 2015.

e) Update on the Smart Grid.

Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer, explained the reading and billing procedures. Citizen's portals will be available in 2015.

f) Report from Steve Moore, council liaison, on the Traffic Commission meeting held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Councilman Moore said the commission asked about the update of the Parking Ordinance and he told them the city clerk was working on this ordinance and the speed reduction on Canterbury Drive and McNeal Lane. The commission will receive both of these ordinances the first of the year.

The commission also discussed the William Woods Pedestrian Crossing. There is a need for pedestrian signs at three locations along the campus portion of 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The commission is recommending to the council for the elimination of parking along the south side of 12th Street from the RBC Residential Hall to the entrance of the Bartley Residential Hall. There was no action taken by the council at this meeting.

g) Update on a well being closed near Fulton.

Bill Johnson he was contacted about a well that will be closed just outside of town and the state said this well and the city wells share the same aquifer so it would be okay for the city to sponsor a grant that Gayla Dunn, City's Grant Writer, to make application.

h) Update on the Park Board meeting.

Clay Caswell, Parks Director, said the board met in October and November and they will be meeting monthly for awhile as they are working on a 10 Year Master Plan.

Councilman Vaughn asked that the military Golf Tournament be scheduled for 2015 and Clay will contact Councilwoman Rehklau and she will assist in the application process with Wal-Mart.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Rehklau and seconded by Councilman Vaughn to take Resolution 3228 off the table at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, one member (Moore) voting against, and one member (Chailland) absent.

Councilwoman Rehklau presented and read Resolution 3228.

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RESOLUTION 3228 - A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to extend the current Agreement with the Fulton Area Chamber of Commerce, Fulton, Missouri, for services to be rendered in 2015, and establishing an effective date (Copy is included in the official Resolution Book).

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Rehklau and seconded by Councilwoman Pace-Snook to adopt Resolution 3228 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor and one member (Chailland) absent.

**ORDINANCES:**

Councilwoman Pace-Snook presented Bill No. 1413 for Second Reading.

Bill No. 1413 - An Ordinance Adopting an official Budget and Capital Improvement Program and Appropriating the funds of the City of Fulton, Missouri, for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 (Copy is included in the official Ordinance Book).

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Pace-Snook and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to place Bill No. 1413 for Third Reading at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor and one member (Chailland) absent.

Councilwoman Pace-Snook presented Bill No. 1413 for Third Reading.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Pace-Snook and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to place Bill No. 1413 for Final Passage at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor and one member (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. 1413 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the council and one member (Chailland) absent, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

Bill No. 1409 was presented for Third Reading by Councilman Vaughn.

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BILL NO. 1409 - An Ordinance Repealing Article IV of Ordinance No. 1286-10, Establishing Sewer Rates of the City of Fulton and enacting a new Article IV in lieu thereof and establishing an effective date (Copy is included in the official Ordinance Book).

Motion was offered by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilman Moore to place Bill No. 1409 for Final Passage at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor and one member (Chailland) absent.

Roll call vote of members of the council were as follows: Pace-Snook, yes; Rehklau, yes; Shiverdecker, yes; Vaughn, yes; West, yes; Cannell, yes; and Moore, yes. Bill No. 1409 having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the council and one member (Chailland) absent, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor Benton presented the following list of appointments to various boards and commissions to the council for approval.

New Appointment of Linda Davis to the Fulton Housing Authority.  
New Appointment of Chris Garrett to the Park Board.  
Re-appointment of Jane Hall to the Park Board.

Motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Vaughn to approve the appointments as presented by Mayor Benton. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor and one member (Chailland) absent.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Councilman Moore announced that A Breakfast with Santa will be held at the Senior Center on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

The City clerk announced that the election packets are ready for anyone who would like to run for councilman/councilwoman for Wards One, Two, Three or Four; City Prosecuting Attorney; and for the office of Mayor. These papers cannot be filed before December 17th. They can be picked up from the city clerk in her office at City Hall, Monday - Friday at

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8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**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 West and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, one member (Chailland) absent, and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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LeRoy D. Benton, Mayor

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Carolyn L. Laswell, CMC/MRCC  
City Clerk