

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 9, 2018

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 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 7:32 p.m. Roll call was taken by the City Clerk, and members of the council present were: Gray, Moore, Rehklau, Shiverdecker, Stone, Vaughn, West, and Chailland. Also present were: Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer; Les Hudson, Planning & Protective Services Director; Kevin Coffelt, Fire Chief; J.C. Miller, Solid Waste Manager; Robert Boone, Assistant Director of Administration; Michelle Maupin, Human Resources Director; Pastor Bruce Williamson; Jenny Gray of THE FULTON SUN; Mike Haldeman and Darin Wernig, Audio/Video; and visitors John Braun, Dan & Judy Healy, and Anne Johnson.

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.

There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

The following items were distributed to each member of the City Council for review and study as a part of their council packet. Mayor Benton presented each item and stated the council may choose to remove any item from the Consent Agenda for discussion at this time.

- a. Re-Appointment of Thomas Clapp to the Human Rights Commission.
- b. Appointment of Jeremy Washington to the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- c. Re-Appointment of Joan Berry-Morris to the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- d. Re-Appointment of Willis Linneman to the Public Utility Board.

Motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman West to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business for consideration at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Rental Property Inspection discussion.

During the Work Session/Town Hall earlier in the evening, the Council spoke directly with landlords, tenants, and constituents regarding proposed rental property inspections. The City of Fulton has been in contact with the City of Moberly and provided copies of Moberly's inspection guidelines and form.

Kevin Coffelt, Fire Chief, stated he had contacted the Fire Chief of Moberly as the Moberly Fire Department is responsible for conducting each inspection. Coffelt stated he was informed Moberly conducted more than 800 inspections last year, many of which were re-inspections, and had to hire a day shift inspection to meet the demand.

Councilman Moore asked that Coffelt make contact with Moberly's Fire Chief again to clarify whether or not he feels the inspections have been beneficial, issues they commonly run into, and the hours that inspections are available. Coffelt will follow up with Moberly's Chief and inform the council of his findings.

Councilman West stated that he initially brought up the proposition of rental inspections as his son has had issues with a local landlord that went unresolved for months. Councilman West said he is no longer sure that inspections are a solution and believes the inspections would likely add a significant burden upon city staff. Councilman West stated he is in favor of supplying rental tenants a copy of the landlord-tenant bill of rights established by the State of Missouri when tenants sign in for utilities.

Much discussion followed. Councilwoman Rehklau suggested giving landlords the opportunity to volunteer to have their properties inspected and "certified". Councilman Vaughn stated he is in favor of keeping the dialogue going but not necessarily in the form of any ordinance – a sentiment echoed by other members of the council.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilman West asked that the stoplight at Route O and Wood Street be checked as he feels it is operating inconsistently.

Councilwoman Gray expressed concerns regarding the Smart Grid system and stated she does not believe the city has the money to hire additional inspectors to accommodate the proposed rental inspections discussed earlier in the meeting.

Councilman Vaughn asked for an update regarding a home on Sixth Street. Les Hudson, Planning & Protective Services Director stated he provided a probable cause statement to the City Prosecuting Attorney and has been asked to revise it.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 3298 was presented by Councilman West.

- a. Resolution No. 3298: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri to sign all necessary documents in relation to the HDR Engineering Professional Services Amendment No. Four (4) pertaining to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project in the amount of not to exceed Sixty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$67,450.00) and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Chailland to adopt Resolution No. 3298 at tonight's meeting, Bill Johnson, Director of Administration, stated this agreement is similar to an extension done a few months ago to cover the cost of engineering services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Payment for these services will be withheld from final payment to the contractor for the project.

Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

ORDINANCES:

SECOND READING

Bill No. 1492 was presented for Second Reading by Councilman Shiverdecker.

- a. Bill No. 1492: An Ordinance allowing the "Show Me Green Sales Tax Holiday" to apply to the local sales taxes of the City of Fulton, Missouri, between April 19, 2018, and April 25, 2018.

Motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Vaughn to place Bill No. 1492 for Third Reading at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

Bill No. 1492 was presented for Third Reading by Councilman Shiverdecker.

Motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Moore to place Bill No. 1492 for Final Passage at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

Roll call vote of the members of the council was as follows: Moore, YES; Rehklau, YES; Shiverdecker, YES; Stone, YES; Vaughn, YES; West, YES; Chailland, YES; Gray, YES. Bill No. 1492, having received the affirmative vote of eight members of the council, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

Bill No. 1493 was presented for Second Reading by Councilman Stone.

- b. Bill No. 1493: An Ordinance allowing the "Back to School Sales Tax Holiday" to apply to the local sales taxes of the City of Fulton, Missouri, between August 3, 2018 and August 5, 2018.

Motion was offered by Councilman Stone and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to place Bill No. 1493 for Third Reading at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

Bill No. 1493 was presented for Third Reading by Councilman Stone.

Motion was offered by Councilman Stone and seconded by Councilman Moore to place Bill No. 1493 for Final Passage at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

Roll call vote of the members of the council was as follows: Rehklau, YES; Shiverdecker, YES; Stone, YES; Vaughn, YES; West, YES; Chailland, YES; Gray, YES; Moore, YES. Bill No. 1493, having received the affirmative vote of eight members of the council, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

Bill No. 1494 was presented for Second Reading by Councilman Moore.

- c. Bill No. 1494: An Ordinance adopting the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the standard for Incident Management by the City of Fulton, Missouri, and incorporating said adoption into the Code of the City of Fulton, Missouri.

Motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to place Bill No. 1494 for Third Reading at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

Bill No. 1494 was presented for Third Reading by Councilman Moore.

Motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Vaughn to place Bill No. 1494 for Final Passage at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

Roll call vote of the members of the council was as follows: Shiverdecker, YES; Stone, YES; Vaughn, YES; West, YES; Chailland, YES; Gray, YES; Moore, YES; Rehkla, YES. Bill No. 1494, having received the affirmative vote of eight members of the council, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

Bill No. 1495 was presented for Second Reading by Councilwoman Rehkla.

- d. Bill No. 1495: An Ordinance designating an authorized signer to execute digital contracts with the Missouri Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Rehkla and seconded by Councilman Moore to place Bill No. 1495 for Third Reading at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

Bill No. 1495 was presented for Third Reading by Councilwoman Rehkla.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Rehkla and seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1495 for Final Passage at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

Roll call vote of the members of the council was as follows: Stone, YES; Vaughn, YES; West, YES; Chailland, YES; Gray, YES; Moore, YES; Rehkla, YES; Shiverdecker, YES. Bill No. 1495, having received the affirmative vote of eight members of the council, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next meeting of the City Council will be Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- b. The City of Boonville will hold the next MML Central Division meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. Councilmembers who are interested in attending must RSVP with the City Clerk by Tuesday, January 9th.
- c. The Callaway Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be held Thursday, January 25, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. Councilmembers who are interested in attending must RSVP with the City Clerk by Tuesday, January 9th.
- d. The MML Annual Legislative Conference will be held February 13 & 14 in Jefferson City. Councilmembers who are interested in attending must RSVP with the City Clerk by Tuesday, January 23rd.

Mayor Benton asked for a couple councilmembers to attend a meeting at the EOC with him on January 16, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Councilman West and Councilman Stone will attend.

Councilman West stated he will not file for re-election so that he may pursue another opportunity within his church. Councilman West stated, "I have enjoyed my time on the council, and I am happy to serve in any capacity".

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 eight members of the council voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

LeRoy D. Benton, Mayor

Courtney L. Crowson, City Clerk