

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 23, 2018**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 23, 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 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken by the City Clerk, and members of the council present were: Chailland, Gray, Moore, Shiverdecker, Stone, Vaughn, and West. Absent was Councilwoman Rehklau. 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; JC 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: Larry Jones, Linda Rootes, Susan West, John Braun, and Noah Braun.

**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.

Larry Jones, 307 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, offered to gather volunteers from the community to demolish derelict, condemned properties, and stated he would need to utilize city equipment for the demolitions. Councilman Stone directed Mr. Jones to meet with the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding this issue.

**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. Approval of the Council Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2017.
- b. Approval of the Council Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2018.
- c. Acceptance of the Director of Administration Report for December.
- d. Re-Appointment of LeWanda Jackson to the Human Rights Commission.
- e. Re-Appointment of Craig Snethen to the Park Board.
- f. Re-Appointment of Royce Anderson to the Park Board.
- g. Re-Appointment of Shane Clines to the Park Board.
- h. Appointment of Pat Kelley to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman West to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one member (Rehklau) absent.

**PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:**

The Financial Report for the month of December 2018 was presented for acceptance, and Chief Financial Officer, Kathy Holschlag was present to answer any questions from the council.

Holschlag stated eleven months of sales tax collections have been recorded and are roughly three percent ahead of this period in 2016. An overview of revenues and expenditures was provided.

Councilman West noted the Golf Course revenues are down and believes expenses must be cut to cover operating costs.

Following review, motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Stone to accept the Financial Report for the month of December 2017 as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one member (Rehklau) absent.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Wastewater Treatment Plant update.

Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer, stated the contractors are currently working on draining and cleaning the outer ditch and diffusers have been installed. Bruemmer said the contractors hope to have both lanes of oxidation ditch tested and operational by mid-February.

Bill Johnson, Director of Administration, stated the project should be completed in February, and a 30-45 day test period will commence following completion. Mayor Benton also noted the project expenditures are lower than originally expected.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. House Demolition discussion.

Mayor Benton stated a group of councilmembers and city staff met with City Attorney, Tom Riley regarding the city's ordinance and demolition process. The current ordinance will see minor modifications to define a clear condemnation and demolition process for derelict properties. Once Riley has re-written the ordinance, it will be reviewed by city staff and presented to the council for consideration. From there, Riley will assist the city to ensure compliance to the new ordinance and process.

- b. EOC meeting discussion.

Councilmember Stone stated the EOC currently receives \$400,000.00 from landline telephone taxes, and as the number of landlines continue to decrease, so does the revenue stream. In approximately 4-5 years, the county faces depleting the remaining funds and operating in the negative.

Councilman West stated many municipalities and county taxing entities expressed interest in a sales tax to fund emergency operations. Some discussion followed.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Councilman Moore stated he is not in favor of sending Mr. Jones to the Planning & Zoning Commission and believes he should have and utilize his own equipment in order to pursue his plan to gather volunteers to demolish derelict houses.

Councilman Vaughn asked for an update regarding a house on Sixth Street. Les Hudson, Planning & Protective Services Director stated the proposed ordinance discussed earlier will give the city some teeth in dealing with issues of this nature.

Councilman Vaughn also asked for an update on the Landfill Native Pollinators Project with the Department of Natural Resources and Department of Conservation. Johnson stated that the process will move forward in Spring 2018.

Councilwoman Gray asked about a house at the corner of Tennyson and Business 54 South. Fire Chief, Kevin Coffelt stated his department uses the house as a search & rescue training space at this time.

Councilwoman Gray also stated she had received concerns about sidewalks on Vine Street. Mayor Benton stated the Engineering Department will take a look at this situation.

Councilman Stone invited the his fellow councilmembers and city staff to attend the Chamber After Hours on February 6, 2018 at the new SSM Urgent Care location in town.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

There were no Resolutions presented for consideration at this meeting.

**ORDINANCES:**

There were no Ordinances presented for consideration at this meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The Callaway Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be held Thursday, January 25, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. for Councilmembers and Department Heads who have registered to attend.
- b. The next meeting of the City Council will be Tuesday, February 13, 2018. A Work Session will be held at 6:30 p.m. with a Regular Session following at 7:00 p.m.
- c. 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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**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 member (Rehklau) absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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LeRoy D. Benton, Mayor

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Courtney L. Crowson, City Clerk