

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 22, 2018**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 22, 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 L. 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: Braun, Chailland, Moore, Rehklau, Shiverdecker, Simmons, Stone, and Vaughn. Also present were: Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer; Dennis Houchins, Planning & Protective Services Director; Russell Sing, Fire Training Officer; Clay Caswell, Parks & Recreation Director; 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: April DeTienne, Marilyn Turner, Nanette Ward, Larry Dudley, Lillie Spicer, Darla Pritchard, Dana Jennings, Dave Anderson, Sherry Anderson, and Judy Lawrence.

**INVOCATION:**

Invocation was given by Pastor Williamson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led 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.

Mayor Benton noted the need to amend tonight's agenda by adding the following items under New Business: Item B. Bluff Street Dollars; Item C. Streetlights for Bluff Street; and Item D. Wage Discussion for Police/Fire.

Motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Simmons accordingly. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

**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 April 24, 2018.
- b. Approval of the Council Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2018.
- c. Acceptance of the Director of Administration Report for April.

- d. Approval of a request from David Beaver for the Annual Independence Day Parade on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.
  - i. The request has been reviewed and approved Chief Myers.

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

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

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

Holschlag stated there were three months of sales tax recorded, and numbers are in-line with this period in 2017. Councilman Simmons stated he believed the current sales tax revenues were low and asked for clarification. Holschlag explained that sales tax runs approximately one to two months behind and explained the Missouri Department of Revenue has had significant delays for months.

Following review, motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to accept the Financial Report for the month of April 2018 as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Downtown Grant Application update.

Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer, explained he had recently held a joint meeting with representatives from The Brick District, Historic Preservation Commission, City Council, Administration, Callaway Chamber of Commerce, and Burns & McDonnell to gather information needed to write the grant. Bruemmer stated there was little productivity or common direction amongst the group.

The aforementioned group decided to recommend pursuing a planning grant to allow for additional time to find common ground and establish the scope of the proposed project. Bruemmer and Bill Johnson, Director of Administration, stated the planning grant will be the first steps in compiling information for a construction grant, and will provide cost savings in the second portion of the grant application. Bruemmer also noted that getting a planning grant will also aid in the city's chances to receive a construction grant in the future.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. April Detienne will be present to discuss drug abuse awareness within the community.

DeTienne provided folders of information for the council to review regarding drug abuse awareness and the assistance she provides to those battling addiction. DeTienne stated she was previous addicted to drugs and has been sober for more than three and a half years. This experience has led her to advocate on behalf of others and has sparked her interest in creating a group to address this issue within the community.

DeTienne expressed concerns with a local establishment she believes is a public nuisance and, in her opinion, allows illegal activity on-site. She believes the business should not be in operation, and stated the proposed group would be willing to discuss this issue further with the council in the future.

- b. Bluff Street Dollars

Bruemmer stated the State of Missouri opened bids for the MoDOT Business 54 project on May 18, 2018. Bruemmer stated he had used previous state bid numbers to create the original estimate, but with cost increases for petroleum and a tight project timeframe (5 months from start to finish), the low bid was higher than the city's estimate by approximately \$300,000.00.

At this time, the state is requesting an answer as to if the city of Fulton is willing to proceed with the higher cost. Holschlag stated the general fund could accommodate the increased expense and still remain healthy.

Following some discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Braun and seconded by Councilman Vaughn to authorize the city to cut a check to move forward with the increased costs. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

c. Streetlights for Bluff Street

Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities, provided pictures of various styles of streetlights for the Bluff Street project, noting the city will be purchasing 27 poles. Dunlap stated the city could opt to continue the steel decorative poles used near the roundabout, or could use a cheaper fiberglass pole. Dunlap estimated the fiberglass poles and lighting to be approximately \$1,145.00 all-in, and the decorative steel poles and lighting to be approximately \$3,103.00 all-in.

Councilman Stone stated he would prefer to keep the decorative lighting, and with the new roadwork, he feels it is important to keep the lighting for continuity.

Councilman Moore asked if either option had outlets for holiday decorations. Dunlap stated there are no outlets on either option, and the poles would need to be outfitted at the time of purchase. Dunlap added that the city has never opted to add the outlets. Much discussion followed.

Motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Chailland to proceed with purchasing the fiberglass poles for the project. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one member (Stone) opposed.

d. Wage Discussion for Police/Fire.

Michelle Maupin, Human Resources Director stated that there are nine employees within the Police and Fire Departments who are currently making less than new employees hired within their department. Maupin stated the discrepancy comes from the change in the city's minimum wage, and the possibility of a 10% raise once employees complete their probation.

Maupin estimated a cost of \$8,000.00 annually to raise these aforementioned nine employees ahead of the new employees. Councilman Vaughn stated he believes the city needs to investigate a different pay structure, and Councilwoman Rehklau is in agreement.

Following some discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Moore to approve the additional \$8,000.00 annually to compensate these employees. Motion carried with seven members of the council voting in favor, and one member (Rehklau) opposed.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Councilman Moore asked Chief Myers if he was aware of the concerns Ms. DeTienne raised earlier in the

meeting. Chief Myers stated he is aware of the concerns and issues. Councilman Moore recommended that Ms. DeTienne be invited to the next Human Rights Commission meeting.

Councilman Stone stated he recently attended the tenant forum hosted by the CMCA and felt it was very beneficial.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution No. 3309 was presented by Councilman Vaughn

- a. Resolution No. 3309: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute a Contract with Missouri Petroleum Products Co. LLC of St. Louis, Missouri, and to sign all necessary documents in relation to said contract for the purpose of providing aggregate sealcoat services at an estimated cost of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00).

Motion was offered by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilman Chailland to adopt Resolution No. 3309 at tonight's council meeting.

Councilman Simmons asked for an explanation on the selection of this stretch of roadway. Bruemmer stated the roadway is structurally sound and heavily used, and he believes this measure would preserve and extend the life of the roadway.

Councilman Vaughn stated Log Cabin Road was in poor condition. Bruemmer will look into this.

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

**ORDINANCES:**

**FIRST READING**

Bill No. 1501 was presented for First Reading by Councilman Moore.

- a. Bill No. 1501: An Ordinance amending Chapter 110, Traffic & Vehicles. Section 110-340, Parking on Certain Streets Prohibited or Limited. Fulton City Code, by prohibiting Stopping, Standing, and Parking on a portion of Hickman Avenue and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to place Bill No. 1501 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

**THIRD READING**

Bill No. 1500 was presented for Third Reading by Councilman Shiverdecker.

- a. Bill No. 1500: An Ordinance repealing Chapter 46, Environment, of the Code of the City of Fulton, Missouri, enacting a new Chapter in lieu thereof, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Moore to place Bill No. 1500 for Final Passage at tonight's meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor.

Roll call vote of the members of the council was as follows: Chailland, YES; Moore, YES; Rehkla, YES; Shiverdecker, YES; Simmons, YES; Stone, YES; Vaughn, Yes; Braun, YES. Bill No. 1500, 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 held Tuesday, June 12, 2018. A Work Session will commence at 6:30 p.m. with Regular Session to follow at 7:00 p.m.
  
- b. The Annual MML Elected Officials Training will be held June 7 & 8, 2018 in Columbia, Missouri. Councilmembers who wish to attend must RSVP with the City Clerk no later than May 22, 2018.

**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 Councilwoman Rehkla to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the council voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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LeRoy D. Benton, Mayor

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Courtney L. Crowson, MRCC  
City Clerk