

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2019**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 18 E. 4th Street. Present and presiding were: Mayor LeRoy D. Benton; 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, Moore, Rehklau, Simmons, Stone, and Vaughn. Absent were: Councilman Chailland and Councilman Shiverdecker. Also present were: Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer; Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer; Dennis Houchins, Planning & Protective Services Director; Kevin Coffelt, Fire Chief; Clay Caswell, Parks & Recreation Director; 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: Jasmine Ramirez, Anne Johnson, Valerie Sebacher, Carmen Brandt, Carolyn Gaines, Robert Childs, Lindsey Pace-Snook, Geri Williamson, Garry Vaught, Patrick Payne, Mike West, and Lowe Cannell.

INVOCATION:

Invocation was given by Pastor Williamson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor Williamson.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO PASTOR BRUCE WILLIAMSON FOR HIS YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE.

Mayor Benton presented Pastor Williamson with a plaque and coin on behalf of the City Council. Mayor Benton thanked Pastor Williamson for his many years of service and dedication to serving the City of Fulton. Pastor Williamson said he was honored to have the opportunity to provide the invocation before each meeting and thanked the Mayor and City Council for this gesture.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

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. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of February 26, 2019.
- b. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of March 12, 2019.
- c. Approval of the Director of Administration Report of February.
- d. Approval of a request from Kim Lorentz for the Super Sam Foundation 5K on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. in conjunction with the Morels & Microbrews Festival.
 - i. This event has been reviewed and approved by Chief Myers and will not require street closures. Police assistance may be needed.
- e. Acknowledgement of the following Board & Commission reports:

- i. Planning & Zoning Commission: 01/02/19
- ii. Historic Preservation Commission: 01/15/19 and 02/19/19
- iii. Public Utility Board: 01/28/19 and 02/25/19

Motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Vaughn to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, and two members (Chailland, Shiverdecker) absent.

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

The Financial Report for the month of February 2019 was presented for acceptance, and Chief Financial Officer, Kathy Holschlag was present to answer any questions from the council.

Holschlag stated the city has recognized the first month of sales tax, and there has been no revenue for off-street parking as there have been some lease cancellations. Councilman Stone asked if the cancellations were of concern, and Holschlag responded that it was not necessarily a concern, but affected the fund as no revenue was received.

Following some review, motion was offered by Councilman Braun and seconded by Councilman Vaughn to accept the Financial Report for February 2019, as presented. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, and two members (Chailland, Shiverdecker) absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business for consideration at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Garry Vaught, on behalf of the Brick District, will be present to request permission for the annual Morels & Microbrews Festival on Saturday, April 27, 2019 in downtown Fulton.
 - i. This event will require the closure of the 500 block of Court Street from 5:00 p.m. 04/26/19 to the end of the event along with the use of trash containers and electrical drops. Alcohol will be sold from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Vaught stated last year's weather was beautiful, and he believes 2019 will be another great year for the festival. Vaught thanked the council for the seven years of support for this event, and stated the money raised by the Morels & Microbrews festival alone is used to incentivize and assist new businesses to move into the Brick District and is also used to enhance the downtown area.

Vaught noted the only change to the annual event request is to shut down the 500 block of Court Street Friday evening. Vaught continued by saying that after he conferred with the owners of China Palace and Brooklyn Pizza, the group plans to keep the street open by setting up tents in parking spaces at the top and bottom of the block. Otherwise, the event request remains the same as previous years, and includes the sale of alcohol from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. in downtown Fulton.

Johnson noted the request also includes the use of a few electric drops and trash containers. Motion was offered by Councilman Vaughn and seconded by Councilman Braun to authorize the request, as presented. Councilwoman Rehklaue thanked Vaught for his efforts to put Fulton on the map. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, and two members (Chailland, Shiverdecker) absent.

- b. Council term limits and petition discussion.

Mayor Benton stated that this topic could be discussed further with the newly-elected mayor and council. Many members agreed this topic should be discussed at a future meeting.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilman Stone asked how the city plans to handle the excess cinders on the Memorial Park parking lot. Johnson stated once weather has cleared, the debris will be hauled off to the landfill.

Councilman Braun thanked street crews for their efforts to clean up the fallen rock along Business 54 South near Hockaday Park.

Councilman Vaughn asked for an update on the Street Sweeper. Bill Johnson, Director of Administration, stated he had approved a purchase order for the truck earlier in the day. Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer, stated the truck will go into service once the paperwork is completed and the trade-in has been picked up.

Councilman Vaughn stated he saw a Planning & Zoning Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019, but wasn't sure what the meeting was in regards to. Mayor Benton stated there are two rezoning requests for properties near the industrial park.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Benton stated Resolution No. 3333 is the city's signal of approval for the issuance of Governor Parson's bond issue to replace the Rocheport Interstate 70 Bridge, a measure that will be more efficient and a better solution than one final repair to the structure before it must be replaced. Mayor Benton and Johnson attended a meeting with other Central Missouri municipalities and learned of the dire economic hardship this could cause to local cities and the State of Missouri if the bridge is repaired rather than replaced. Johnson stated it is very important that municipalities, counties, businesses, and organizations contact their representatives to express support for the bond issue.

Resolution No. 3333 was presented for adoption by Councilman Braun.

- a. Resolution No. 3333: A Resolution urging the passage of Governor Parson's \$351 million bonding proposal to aid in the replacement of the Rocheport Interstate 70 Bridge, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Braun and seconded by Councilman Stone to adopt Resolution No. 3333 at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, and two members (Chailland, Shiverdecker) absent.

Resolution No. 3334 was presented for adoption by Councilman Stone.

- b. Resolution No. 3334: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute a Contract with the Housing Authority of the City of Fulton, Missouri, for the provision of supplemental police services.

Motion was offered by Councilman Stone and seconded by Councilman Moore to adopt Resolution No. 3334 at tonight's council meeting.

Councilman Vaughn asked why the payment amount from the Fulton Housing Authority is lower this year. Anne Johnson, Executive Director of the Fulton Housing Authority, stated the federal government has not yet established a budget for resource allocation, and the housing authority operates month to month. Mrs. Johnson stated this long-standing contract has been beneficial for both the housing authority and the police department.

Councilman Braun expressed concern with the city's increases in costs and annual raises in relation to the lower payment amount. Mrs. Johnson stated she received significantly less funding in 2018, and the payment amount was agreed upon amongst both entities. Chief Myers stated the housing authority lies within the city limits, so the department would already be required to respond and provide assistance without the contract. Chief Myers continued that the city is receiving \$30,000.00 for some additional services outlined in the proposed contract, and he believes this is beneficial to the city.

Following some discussion, motion carried with five members of the council voting in favor, one member (Braun) opposed, and two members (Chailland, Shiverdecker) absent.

ORDINANCES:

SECOND READING

Bill No. 1532 was presented for Second Reading by Councilman Moore.

- a. Bill No. 1532: An Ordinance amending Chapter 94, Solid Waste. Article IV, Storage, Collection and Disposal. Fulton City Code by deleting Division Three, Service Charges., enacting a new Division in lieu thereof, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1532 for Third Reading at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, and two members (Chailland, Shiverdecker) absent.

Bill No. 1532 was presented for Third Reading by Councilman Moore.

Motion was offered by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1532 for Final Passage at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, and two members (Chailland, Shiverdecker) absent.

Roll call vote of the members of the council was as follows: Moore, YES; Rehklau, YES; Simmons, YES; Stone, YES; Vaughn, YES; Braun, YES. Bill No. 1532, having received the affirmative vote of six members of the council, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

THIRD READING

Bill No. 1531 was presented for Third Reading by Councilman Vaughn.

- a. Bill No. 1531: An Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 1404-15 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. 1531 for Final Passage at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, and two members (Chailland, Shiverdecker) absent.

Roll call vote of the members of the council was as follows: Rehklau, YES; Simmons, YES; Stone, YES; Vaughn, YES; Braun, YES; Moore, YES. Bill No. 1531, having received the affirmative vote of six members of the council, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

Bill No. 1533 was presented for Third Reading by Councilman Simmons.

- b. Bill No. 1533: An Ordinance re-classifying, under the Zoning Ordinance, tracts of land know as 205 Oak Street and 209 Oak Street in Fulton, Missouri, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Simmons and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau place Bill No. 1533 for Final Passage at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, and two members (Chailland, Shiverdecker) absent.

Roll call vote of the members of the council was as follows: Simmons, YES; Stone, YES; Vaughn, YES; Braun, YES; Moore, YES; Rehklau, YES. Bill No. 1533, having received the affirmative vote of six members of the council, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

Bill No. 1534 was presented for Third Reading by Councilwoman Rehklau.

- c. Bill No. 1534: An Ordinance re-classifying, under the Zoning Ordinance, tracts of land know as 308 Oak Street and 310 Oak Street in Fulton, Missouri, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Rehklau and seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1534 for Final Passage at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, and two members (Chailland, Shiverdecker) absent.

Roll call vote of the members of the council was as follows: Stone, YES; Vaughn, YES; Braun, YES; Moore, YES; Rehklau, YES; Simmons, YES. Bill No. 1534, having received the affirmative vote of six members of the council, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

Bill No. 1535 was presented for Third Reading by Councilman Stone.

- d. Bill No. 1535: An Ordinance reclassifying, under the Zoning Ordinance, a tract of land know as 906 Westminster Avenue in Fulton, Missouri, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Stone and seconded by Councilman Moore to place Bill No. 1535 for Final Passage at tonight's council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, and two members (Chailland, Shiverdecker) absent.

Roll call vote of the members of the council was as follows: Vaughn, YES; Braun, YES; Moore, YES; Rehklaue, YES; Simmons, YES; Stone, YES. Bill No. 1534, having received the affirmative vote of six members of the council, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Election Day is Tuesday, April 2, 2019. (Polls open 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
- b. The next City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. (No Work Session due to the installation of newly-elected officials).
- c. The 19th Annual Clean Sweep will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019. To register, please contact Parks & Recreation at 573-592-3190.

Councilman Vaughn announced an upcoming Diabetes education and assistance program in Callaway County during the months of April and May. Councilman Vaughn noted the event is free and open to the public and will be advertised in the newspaper.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Benton said there was not a need for an Executive Session at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the council, motion was offered by Councilman Braun and seconded by Councilman Stone to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with six members of the council voting in favor, and two members (Chailland, Shiverdecker) absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

LeRoy D. Benton, Mayor

Courtney L. Crowson, MRCC
City Clerk