

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**MAY 26, 2020**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 18 E. 4th Street. Present and presiding were: Mayor Lowe Cannell; William R. Johnson, Director of Administration; Courtney L. Crowson, City Clerk; and Steve Myers, Police Chief. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cannell at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken by the City Clerk, and members of the Council present were: Braun, Moore, Pace-Snook, Rehklau, Shiverdecker, Simmons, and Stone. Absent was Councilwoman Sebacher. Also present were; Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; 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; Helen Wilbers of *THE FULTON SUN*; Darin Wernig and Mike Haldeman, Audio/Video; and visitors: Bob Washington, Tamara Tateosian, Marty Martin-Forman, Susan Krumm, and John Bell.

Mayor Cannell noted the need to amend tonight's agenda by adding the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the agenda. Motion was offered accordingly by Councilman Braun and seconded by Councilwoman Pace-Snook. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Sebacher) absent.

**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 Cannell 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 25, 2020.
- b. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of March 10, 2020.
- c. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of March 24, 2020.
- d. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of April 28, 2020.
- e. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of May 12, 2020.

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

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

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

Holschlag stated there is little to report for the month of April. The city has recognized three (3) months of sales tax collections, and numbers are 5.5% lower in comparison to this period of time in 2019.

Following some review, motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Braun to accept the Financial Report for April, as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Sebacher) absent.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Continued discussion regarding Oestreich Municipal Pool.

Clay Caswell, Parks & Recreation Director, stated his department has spent the past few weeks in meetings with other cities to see how other communities are handling the reopening of their pools. At this time, some communities have chosen to keep their facilities closed for the season, and others are moving ahead with opening. Caswell noted the department has been able to interview enough staff to cover the necessary pool positions. However, positions have not been offered as it has not been decided whether to open the pool or remain closed. If the Council chooses to open the pool, Caswell believes the facility can be ready to operate the first week of June.

Discussion shifted to whether or not to open the splashpad. Suggestions of fencing around the area, removal of the seating surrounding the splashpad, reduced hours of operation, and staffing were proposed.

Caswell stated there are social distancing concerns, and there is not a staff person on-site to monitor the splashpad. Fencing is of concern as there is a great deal of piping on the splashpad site. Mayor Cannell suggested opening the splashpad and to monitor for any issues.

Following much discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Stone and seconded by Councilman Simmons to open the pool (with the operational/safety guidelines proposed by the Parks & Recreation Department) and splashpad (with no alterations or additional regulations) as soon as Parks & Recreation can accommodate the process. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Sebacher) opposed.

Brief discussion was held as to whether or not to open the park playground equipment to the public. Councilman Shiverdecker recommended opening the equipment on June 15<sup>th</sup> when the State and Local emergency orders expire.

- b. Continued discussion regarding Parks & Recreation Community Center financing options.

Holschlag stated there is nothing new to report regarding the city's financing options. The local banks have agreed to a 5% cap on the interest for the final five years of the loan.

Motion was offered by Councilman Stone to proceed with utilizing the local banks for funding with the 3.1% interest rate for the first ten years, and a 5% interest rate cap for the final five years of the loan.

Bill Johnson, Director of Administration, stated the local banks are a safer option, but the lower interest rate offered by the out-of-state lender is attractive.

Holschlag stated there are serious concerns about how the city's revenue will be adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Much discussion followed.

Councilman Simmons stated that given the current financial crunch the city faces, it is less appealing to pay the \$46,500 upfront costs required by the out-of-state lender. Councilman Simmons seconded the motion offered by Councilman Stone to move forward with the local banks.

Councilman Shiverdecker stated he believes the city needs to keep looking for a lower interest rate. He agrees with moving forward with the local banks at this time, but believes it is necessary to keep looking for a lower rate.

Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, one member (Moore) opposed, and one member (Sebacher) absent.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Representatives from the Callaway 200 Committee will be present to provide an update on the Bicentennial Bash and other events for 2020.

Susan Krumm, Co-Chair of the Callaway 200 Committee, stated the Bicentennial Bash has been rescheduled from May 30<sup>th</sup> to August 29<sup>th</sup> due to COVID-19 concerns. Krumm stated everything is tentative and is dependent upon the situation closer to the event date.

At this time, the Committee has no plans to go to local businesses for additional donations, and Krumm stated the Committee understands the city has also been impacted by revenue loss. Krumm thanked the City Council for the monetary contribution to the Committee in 2019. There are opportunities for the city to choose specific items to purchase (such as street banners, informational booklets, etc.), if an additional contribution is possible. Much discussion followed.

Councilman Braun asked whether the Committee has a greater need for the street sign banners or the booklets to be purchased. Krumm stated the banners would be a priority and would provide visibility for the celebration and recognition for the county's 200<sup>th</sup> year.

Motion was offered by Councilman Braun and seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to provide funding for the banners at a cost of \$2,600. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Sebacher) absent.

- b. Tamara Tateosian, Executive Director of Callaway Chamber of Commerce, will be present to provide an overview of the organization's activities and accomplishments in 2020.

Tateosian stated the Chamber has been focused on assisting businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic, and practices have been ever-changing. Callaway Bank, Central Bank, and Exchange Bank have assisted with more than 450 Small Business Administration disaster relief loans totaling \$23,000,000 for Callaway County businesses.

Additionally, the Chamber provided multiple webinars along with digital contests and events to keep the community engaged with local businesses. Moving forward, the Chamber plans to reopen their office to the public and will continue to monitor their ability to host upcoming events. Some discussion followed.

Mayor Cannell stated he appreciates the Chamber's leadership throughout a difficult time. Councilman Stone stated the Chamber could have easily stepped back, but they remained on the forefront and put the county's businesses first.

Mayor called for a brief recess at 7:52 p.m. The Council reconvened at 7:58 p.m.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Councilman Simmons reminded everyone of the upcoming Municipal Election on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and encouraged the community to make an effort to vote.

Councilwoman Rehklau expressed concerns with grass clippings being swept into the street and spoke briefly about the issues this causes with the city's stormwater system.

Councilman Moore expressed concerns with weed/grass abatements and the number of derelict properties around the city.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution No. 3373 was presented for adoption by Councilman Simmons.

- a. Resolution No. 3373: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri to execute a Contract with Christensen Construction Company of Kingdom City, Missouri for the 2020 Asphalt Overlay Project at an estimated value of Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Fifty-Six Dollars and Forty Cents (\$256,056.40) and to sign all necessary document in relation to said Contract.

Motion was offered by Councilman Simmons and seconded by Councilman Braun to adopt Resolution No. 3373 at tonight's Council meeting.

Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer, stated the figure includes \$30,000 for curbing, and the city could opt to add another street to take the total closer to \$280,000. Following some discussion, Johnson recommended keeping the figures as presented.

Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Sebacher) absent.

Resolution No. 3374 was presented for adoption by Councilwoman Rehklau.

- b. Resolution No. 3374: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri declaring a State of Emergency no longer exists and that prior operations, regulations, and enforcements shall take effect on June 15, 2020.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Rehklau and seconded by Councilman Stone to adopt Resolution No. 3374 at tonight's Council meeting.

Johnson noted June 15<sup>th</sup> coincides with the expiration of the State of Missouri's emergency declaration. Councilman Simmons asked if the city has attempted to contact the customers who are behind on their utility payments. Holschlag stated those who are behind and have not paid by June 15<sup>th</sup> will receive a late

notice along with the shut off date. The notice will also urge the customer to contact City Hall prior to shut off in order to make an arrangement for the past due balance.

Councilman Braun asked if the Police Chief or Fire Chief have any concerns about switching back to the normal staff schedules. Johnson stated he will continue to work with the Police and Fire Departments to ensure safety.

Johnson also stated that if Callaway County's COVID-19 cases blow up, staff scheduling changes may take effect again, but the city is trying to get back to "normal" at this time.

Mayor Cannell noted that things are always subject to change based on the situation the city faces.

Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Sebacher) absent.

#### **ORDINANCES:**

#### **TABLED**

- a. Bill No. 1581: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to approve Plat Three (3) for Willow Creek Subdivision.

Motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Braun to remove Bill No. 1581 from the table. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Sebacher) absent.

Dennis Houchins, Planning & Protective Services Director, stated the developer changed one of the lot lines. This minor change does not pose a concern to city staff or administration.

City Clerk Courtney Crowson noted there is a motion on the floor from the May 12, 2020 Council meeting to move Bill No. 1581 to Third Reading to the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Crowson clarified that another motion to move Bill No. 1581 to Third Reading at tonight's Council meeting could be made if that is the desire of the Council.

Motion was offered by Councilman Braun and seconded by Councilman Moore to place Bill No. 1581 for Third Reading at tonight's Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Sebacher) absent.

Bill No. 1581 was presented for Third Reading by the City Clerk.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Pace-Snook and seconded by Councilman Shiverdecker to place Bill No. 1581 for Final Passage at tonight's Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Sebacher) absent.

Roll call vote of the members of the Council was as follows: Moore, YES; Pace-Snook, YES; Rehklau, YES; Shiverdecker, YES; Simmons, YES; Stone, YES; Braun, YES. Absent: Sebacher. Bill No. 1581, having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the council, motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker

and seconded by Councilman Braun to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Sebacher) absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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Lowe Cannell, Mayor

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Courtney L. Crowson, CMC/MRCC  
City Clerk