

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**JUNE 23, 2020**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 23, 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, Rehklau, Sebacher, Shiverdecker, Simmons, Stone, and Washington. Absent was Councilwoman Pace-Snook. 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; Michelle Maupin, Human Resources Director; Rev. Bruce Williamson; Helen Wilbers of *THE FULTON SUN*; Darin Wernig and Mike Haldeman, Audio/Video; and visitors: Russ Weyland, Sheila Weyland, Don Woodson, Beverly Gray, Suzanne Guerrant, and Holly Broadway.

**INVOCATION:**

Invocation was given by Rev. Williamson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Williamson.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:**

There were none.

**PRESENTATION OF STATE FARM SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT:**

Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer, thanked former-Councilwoman Beverly Gray for bringing forward a safety concern for the crosswalk near Bush Elementary School. Gray attended multiple Council meetings to request a flashing light for the crosswalk, and urged the Council to look for grant opportunities to fund the project.

Don Woodson stated he and Russ Weyland, both local State Farm Agents, were honored to present the grant award to the city, and they take pride in their work in the community. Weyland reiterated that both the local and corporate State Farm offices are proud to support the city and the students in Fulton.

Mayor Cannell, Woodson, Weyland, Gray, and Dr. Holly Broadway, Bush Elementary School Principal, took part in a group photo.

Bruemmer noted it has been wonderful to work with State Farm and the city's grant writer, Gayla Dunn, on this project, and he believes the flashing light will be a great addition to the area near Bush Elementary.

**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 June 9, 2020.
- b. Approval of the Director of Administration Report of May.

#### FOUR YEAR TERMS (exp. July 2024)

- c. Re-Appointment of Lewis Beaty to the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- d. Re-Appointment of Mike Eibel to the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- e. Re-Appointment of Ron Oldani to the Planning & Zoning Commission.
- f. Re-Appointment of John Bell to the Public Utility Board.
- g. Re-Appointment of Whit McCoskrie to the Public Utility Board.

#### THREE YEAR TERM (exp. July 2023)

- h. Re-Appointment of Kate Foster to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Councilman Braun requested to remove the Director of Administration Report for further discussion.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:**

Councilman Braun asked for an update on the airport hangar project. Bruemmer stated his department is working through the quality assurance items, and he anticipates a contract will be presented at the next Council meeting. The State of Missouri will include an additional \$20,000 to meet the estimated difference in the cost of the project, and the city will be able to use \$30,000 of CARES Act funding towards the 10% match requirement.

Motion was offered by Councilman Braun and seconded by Councilwoman Sebacher to approve the Director of Administration Report for the month of May, as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Pace-Snook) absent.

#### **PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY.**

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

Holschlag noted the month-to-date numbers are slightly askew due to the fact the city has not collected utility penalties, and a number of utility accounts remain unpaid at this time. Sales tax collections remain in-line with this period of time in 2019.

Councilman Braun asked if many citizens have taken advantage of the payment plan option to receive assistance with their past due balances. Holschlag noted there have been a handful of people who have signed up for payment plans, but the response has been minimal.

Following brief discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Braun to accept the Financial Report for the month of May, as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Pace-Snook) absent.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no Unfinished Business for consideration at this meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Suzanne Guerrant, on behalf of Mid-Missouri CASA, will be present to request a fee waiver for the “Voices of Callaway” event on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in Memorial Park.

Guerrant stated the Heart of Missouri CASA chapter has been active since 2013 and currently assists 62 children who are in need of Court Appointed Special Advocates. The Voices of Callaway contest began in 2015 as a fundraiser for the organization, and the event will be moved outdoors this year due to COVID-19 concerns. Guerrant also noted that donations for the contest can be made at [www.homcasa.org](http://www.homcasa.org).

Motion was offered by Councilman Stone and seconded by Councilman Simmons to approve the fee request, as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Pace-Snook) absent.

**COUNCIL CONCERNS:**

Councilman Simmons asked Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities, to update the Council on the awards the city has received recently. Dunlap stated the Electric Department has worked diligently to receive national recognition for service reliability from the American Public Power Association. The national power outage average is 143 minutes (annually, across the nation), while Fulton’s average is 23.6 minutes.

Bill Johnson stated the true credit goes to the city workers who work diligently in the field to keep the lights on every day and night. Dunlap also noted the importance of tree trimming and how it affects the city’s ability to reduce the number of downed power lines each year.

Councilman Stone stated he has joined the Historic Preservation Commission as the Council Liaison, and an outgoing member has dedicated ten years of service to the Commission. Councilman Stone stated he would like to see the city provide recognition for outgoing members who have given a minimum of ten years of service to a city board or commission.

Following some brief discussion, motion was offered by Councilman Braun and seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to recognize outgoing members who have given a minimum of ten years of service to a city board or commission. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Pace-Snook) absent.

Councilwoman Sebacher stated she recently attended a community meeting dealing with race relations in Fulton and Callaway County, and she appreciated the strong leadership and discussion that came from that meeting.

Councilwoman Rehkla thanked the grounds crews for their hard work at the intersection of Tennyson and Route C.

Councilman Braun stated the Council began discussing fees in early March, and he would like to see the discussion continue in the future.

City Clerk Courtney Crowson noted the Mayor had skipped over an item of New Business, “Presentation of the 2021 Capital Budget”.

- b. Presentation of the 2021 Capital Budget.

Johnson noted the Mayor is required to present a proposed Capital Budget to the City Council annually by the last meeting of June. This requirement is set forth in the City Charter and provides the Department Heads and Staff with an opportunity to plan for capital expenditures for the upcoming years.

Johnson stated no action is necessary, and the proposals set forth in this capital budget are subject to change as the annual budget process begins in the coming months.

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution No. 3377 was presented for adoption by Councilwoman Sebacher.

- a. Resolution No. 3377: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri adopting the Callaway All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Sebacher and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to adopt Resolution No. 3377 at tonight's Council meeting.

Councilman Braun noted many errors in the document. City Clerk Crowson noted the document is written and adopted by the Mid Missouri Regional Planning Commission, but she is happy to convey any specific concerns the Council send to her through email.

Following some discussion, motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Pace-Snook) absent.

#### **ORDINANCES:**

##### **FIRST READING**

Bill No. 1582 was presented for First Reading by Councilman Simmons.

- a. Bill No. 1582: An Ordinance authorizing and directing the execution and delivery of a Lease Purchase Agreement by the City of Fulton, Missouri, to finance a Community Center for the City and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith.

Motion was offered by Councilman Simmons and seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1582 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Following some discussion, motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Pace-Snook) absent.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. The next meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, July 14, 2020. A Work Session will commence at 6:30 p.m. with Regular Session to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Cannell thanked the local businesses who have donated money for the annual Fireworks Display. A complete list of donors will be made available closer to July 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the council, motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Pace-Snook) absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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Lowe Cannell, Mayor

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Courtney L. Crowson, CMC/MRCC  
City Clerk