

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2020**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 15, 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; Laure Long, Deputy 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 Deputy City Clerk, and members of the Council present were: Braun, Pace-Snook, Rehklau, Sebacher, Shiverdecker, Simmons, Stone, and Washington. 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; Rev. Bruce Williamson; Helen Wilbers of *THE FULTON SUN*; and Darin Wernig and Mike Haldeman, Audio/Video.

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.

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 November 24, 2020.
- b. Approval of the Director of Administration Report of November.

Motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilwoman Rehklau to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business to discuss at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Patrick Bonnot of MIRMA will present an overview of the 2020 Grants awarded to the City of Fulton.

Bonnot introduced himself and thanked the Council and said he was here to present on an annual grant award. Bonnot said his association attempts to limit liability through various ways, most of which are through safety, visits from him, and the work of department heads and city employees. Bonnot said they have a grant program where they give back approximately \$200,000 to the association each year, and that the City of Fulton was a receiver of those grants totaling \$6,830.80.

Bonnot said the three items awarded to the City of Fulton were a dash cam, an AED, and three tasers for the Police Department. Bonnot presented the award to Mayor Cannell and Police Chief Myers.

Bonnot reported that Robert Boone, Assistance Director of Administration, was elected as a new board member for MIRMA and congratulated him.

Bill Johnson, Director of Administration, explained to the Council MIRMA requires the City to document its safety procedures. In doing so, Johnson said MIRMA forces you to be safe as they score the City's safety measures; if you don't score well enough, they could assess the City additional funds.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilwoman Rehkla noted her appreciation for MIRMA and what they do for the City of Fulton.

Councilman Braun said the Council spoke several months ago about forming an employee pay committee and asked if any headway had been made on that.

Bill Johnson, Director of Administration, said he and Michelle Maupin, Human Resources Director, have talked about it, but haven't formed anything as they were waiting until next year. Johnson said the process will start with getting everyone together to identify the scope of the project, and begin with research, documentation, and then presentation.

Councilman Washington asked about a clarification on the mask ordinance. Councilman Washington said a concerned citizen asked him if there is no one else in a business, and a customer enters and there is no interaction with the employee, if a mask is required.

Johnson said the City's interpretation is if a customer enters a business it becomes a public accommodation and masks are required by the customer and staff, but if an employee is working by themselves they do not need to wear a mask.

Councilman Washington asked if an employee is in a different location and is not interacting with the public and is six feet away are they required to wear a mask, and then asked if an amendment needed to be made to the ordinance.

Johnson replied saying "We really don't have anything in there about the six or the eight feet. It's when it becomes a public facility. So, I guess strict interpretation of the law is yes, you should have it on, but you got to remember that this is all complaint driven as well."

Mayor Cannell said unless the business/facility becomes a public accommodation, an employee in a work space could go without a mask, and there wasn't a need to amend the ordinance.

Councilman Stone thanked everyone involved with the Field of Joy and the Christmas tree at the roundabout and said it is much appreciated every year.

Councilman Simmons gave a shout out to all of the First Responders in Callaway County for Shop with a Hero. Councilman Simmons said it was a huge success and that Lieutenant Barnes, Fulton Police Department, took it on and figured out how to move forward with the event in spite of Covid-19 restrictions.

Councilman Washington wanted to compliment the citizens of Fulton as he feels many of them are complying with the face mask ordinance. Councilman Washington said he is seeing great improvements, improving numbers, and it seems to be working.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 3388 was presented for adoption by Councilman Shiverdecker.

- a. Resolution No. 3388: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to sign all necessary documents in relation to an application for the “Business 54 – Collier to Westminster Avenue Improvements” project under the Transportation Alternative Funds Program and Cost-Share Program of the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Motion was offered by Councilman Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Stone to adopt Resolution No. 3388 at tonight’s Council meeting.

Kyle Bruemmer, Interim City Engineer, explained the desire is to get sidewalks on both sides of Business 54, from Collier to Westminster Avenue. Bruemmer said in discussions with MoDOT it was discovered they had enough funds to offer a Transportation Alternative funds Program (TAP) grant application. Bruemmer explained the City plans on applying for the TAP grant for the East side of Business 54 to complete the sidewalk, storm water, and curb and gutter, with MoDOT paying 80%. Bruemmer said anything associated with the roadway would fall under the MoDOT Cost-Share Program and the City would pay 50%. Bruemmer said the estimate maximum match amount to make both sides of the road work would be \$275,000.00.

Councilman Washington noted there is a lot of foot traffic from Walmart to the Fulton High School and that there are no sidewalks. Bruemmer agreed and said in future applications that would be a great location to try and get funds for.

Councilman Braun asked why a resolution and an ordinance are needed for this grant application. Bill Johnson, Director of Administration, said everything done with the State of Missouri is completed as an ordinance, but Johnson said the grant application paperwork specifically said to submit a resolution, so the City prepared both an ordinance and a resolution to make sure to be covered.

After some discussion, motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING

Bill No. 1601 was presented for First Reading by Councilwoman Sebacher.

- a. Bill No. 1601: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to sign all necessary documents in relation to an application for the “Business 54 – Collier to Westminster Avenue Improvements” project under the Transportation Alternative Funds Program and Cost-Share Program of the Missouri Department of Transportation.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Sebacher and seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1601 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor.

Councilman Stone noted a change that needed to be made to Bill No. 1601. Councilman Stone said the signature and approval year needed to be changed to the year 2021. Laure Long, Deputy City Clerk, said she would get that corrected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, January 12, 2021. A Work Session will commence at 6:30 p.m. with Regular Session to follow at 7:00 p.m.

- b. Candidate packets for the offices of 1st – 4th Ward Councilmembers and City Prosecuting Attorney are available in the office of the City Clerk M-F 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Candidate filing opens December 15, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and closes January 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. For additional information, contact the City Clerk at 573-592-3111.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Cannell stated 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 Shiverdecker and seconded by Councilman Braun to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Lowe Cannell, Mayor

Laure Long
Deputy City Clerk