

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 11, 2021

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 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. Doyle, City Clerk; and Steve Myers, Police Chief. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cannell at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken by the City Clerk, and members of the Council present were: Combs, Nelson, Simmons, Stone, Washington, West, and Braun. Absent was Councilwoman Rehklau. Also present were; Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Kyle Bruemmer, 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; Ryan Boland of *THE FULTON SUN*; Darin Wernig, Audio/Video; and visitors: Charles Williams, Coletta Williams, Eric Qualls, Dall Hedges, Wendy Kennedy, Garnett Garrett, and Tom Riley.

INVOCATION:

Invocation was given by Rev. Williamson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Williamson.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Mayor Cannell 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.

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 a request from Callaway Cruisers to close Ravine Street between First and Second Streets for a car show on June 5th from 4:00-8:00 p.m.
 - i. This request was given to the City Clerk by the Police Chief who has reviewed and approved the request.

Motion was offered by Councilman Braun and seconded by Councilman Simmons to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. It was noted that the event organizers are not requesting the closure of First Street as has been closed in past years. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Rehklau) absent.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Legends Rec-Plex facility update.

Clay Caswell, Parks & Recreation Director, stated the internet has been installed to the building, and the phone lines will be active by Thursday. The building will open to the public on Monday, May 17th at noon, and the schedule for the remainder of May will be 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Monday-Sunday. Beginning June 1st, the regular building schedule will commence. Caswell noted the final elevator inspection has not yet been completed, and the staff will begin promoting recreation center memberships in the final weeks of May.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no New Business for consideration at this meeting.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilman West noted many areas across town with overgrown grass and weeds.

Councilman Braun asked if a retreat date has been set to discuss city reserves. Mayor Cannell noted a date has not been set. Bill Johnson, Director of Administration reported the city has identified the application process for the 0% interest State loan program to recover funds from the recent natural gas hike.

Councilman Braun stated \$400,000 was cut from the street overlay budget due to the loss of reserves in relation to the natural gas hike, and he believes the conversation needs to take place sooner rather than later. Mayor Cannell stated he would look to schedule a retreat for the Council in the near future.

Councilman Washington noted a lot of debris and trash scattered along the streets and sidewalks in Ward Four, and he encouraged citizens to assist with clean up and to prevent this from happening.

Councilman Washington noted the Tanglewood cart path is in need of repair as there are many potholes. Johnson stated this issue is being addressed.

Caswell stated Tanglewood was supposed to get new golf carts on May 1st, but the vendor is citing a delay due to the coronavirus pandemic. Caswell estimates the carts will be delivered in mid-to-late June.

RESOLUTIONS:

There were no Resolutions for consideration at this meeting.

ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING

Bill No. 1612 was presented for First Reading by Councilman Braun.

- a. Bill No. 1612: An Ordinance amending Chapter 94, Solid Waste. Fulton City Code. by repealing certain sections pertaining to recycling and yard waste, enacting new sections in lieu thereof, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Braun and seconded by Councilman Simmons to place Bill No. 1612 for Second Reading at tonight's Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Rehklau) absent.

Bill No. 1612 was presented for Second Reading by Councilman Braun.

Motion was offered by Councilman Braun and seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1612 for Third Reading at the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Rehklau) absent.

Bill No. 1613 was presented for First Reading by Councilman West.

- b. Bill No. 1613: An Ordinance of the City of Fulton, Callaway County, Missouri, to approve the withdrawal of the City of Creal Springs, Williamson County, Illinois, and the Village of Tamms, Alexander County, Illinois, as members of the Interstate Municipal Gas Agency and to authorize the execution of a Supplement to the Agency Agreement establishing the Interstate Municipal Gas Agency.

Motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Simmons to place Bill No. 1613 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting.

Johnson noted the IMGGA bylaws require all member cities to authorize any member withdrawals. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Rehklau) absent.

SECOND READING

Bill No. 1611 was presented for Second Reading by Councilman Stone.

- a. Bill No. 1611: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute a Contract with the Assessor and Commission of Callaway County, Missouri, relating to the preparation of assessment lists, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Stone and seconded by Councilman Braun to place Bill No. 1611 for Third Reading at tonight's Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Rehklau) absent.

Bill No. 1611 was presented for Third Reading by Councilman Stone.

Motion was offered by Councilman Stone and seconded by Councilman Braun to place Bill No. 1611 for Final Passage at tonight's Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Rehklau) absent.

Roll call vote of the members of the Council was as follows: Nelson, YES; Simmons, YES; Stone, YES; Washington, YES; West, YES; Braun, YES; Combs, YES. Absent: Rehklau. Bill No. 1611, having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman West announced a blood drive will be held at St. Peter's Parish and encouraged everyone to attend.

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 Braun and seconded by Councilman West to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Rehklau) absent. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Lowe Cannell, Mayor

Courtney L. Doyle, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk