

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2021

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 18 E. 4th Street. Present and presiding were: Mayor Lowe Cannell; Courtney L. Doyle, City Clerk; and Steve Myers, Police Chief. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cannell at 7:02 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 Rehkla. 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; and Darin Wernig and Michael 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:

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:

There was no Consent Agenda at this meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no Unfinished Business at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Further discussion on City Clerk fee proposals (continued from the Work Session).

City Clerk Courtney Doyle provided a brief summary of the items discussed at the Work Session. Proposed changes include prorating the liquor license fee quarterly to match the structure of business licensing and increasing the noise permit to \$1.00 to be consistent with the alcohol permit.

Motion was offered by Councilman Braun and seconded by Councilman Simmons to approve these fee changes accordingly. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Rehkla) absent.

City Clerk Doyle noted additional ordinance changes may be required, and any required changes will be brought forward at a future Council meeting.

- b. Legends Rec-Plex Rental Agreement discussion.

Clay Caswell, Parks & Recreation Director, provided a brief review of the information he provided at the Work Session. The Rental Agreement was sent to City Counselor Tom Riley for review at the request of the City Council, and Riley's suggested changes have been incorporated into the document before the Council tonight.

During the Work Session, the Council suggested the following changes:

- Clarify what is included with all rental packages.
- Reword the policy to include that additional days/items may be included or modifications to the original reservation can be made "subject to availability".

Motion was offered by Councilman Washington and seconded by Councilman Braun to approve the contract with the modifications listed above. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Rehklau) absent.

The Council requests that Riley review the final agreement once the modifications are made.

- c. Employee retention discussion.

Mayor Cannell noted that Director of Administration Bill Johnson is absent this evening, and this item was included on the agenda to give Councilmembers time to begin making considerations for the upcoming budget. Staff are currently working on information, and discussions will continue in the coming months.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilman Washington expressed a concern with the lack of sidewalks on Crestwood near Backer Softball Complex and stated he believes additional improvements should be made to the Fourth Ward. Kyle Bruemmer, City Engineer noted that sidewalks have been a long-term issue all over the city, and the city has a program for citizens to share the cost of sidewalk placement and repair with the city.

Councilman Stone stated the dust on Second Street remains an issue for the residents and businesses, and he believes this needs to be remedied as soon as possible.

Councilman Simmons stated the city needs to get information about the roadway projects out to the public. Councilman Simmons also thanked those working on the streets during exceedingly hot temperatures.

Councilman West noted a large pothole at the intersection of Second Street and Bluff Street. Bruemmer will look into this.

RESOLUTIONS:

There were no Resolutions for consideration at this meeting.

ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING

Bill No. 1622 was presented for First Reading by Councilman West.

- a. Bill No. 1622: An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to execute all necessary documents in relation to the Missouri Highways and Transportation

Commission Cost Share Agreement regarding Route Business 54 Project #J5S3591 and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1622 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Rehklau) absent.

SECOND READING

Bill No. 1621 was presented for Second Reading by Councilwoman Nelson.

- a. Bill No. 1621: An Ordinance amending Appendix A, Zoning. Section 13 (A)1(b). Fulton City Code. by repealing certain legislation and enacting new legislation in lieu thereof.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Nelson and seconded by Councilman Simmons to place Bill No. 1621 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. 1621 was presented for Third Reading by Councilwoman Nelson.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Nelson and seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1621 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: Councilwoman Rehklau. Bill No. 1621, having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council, was declared passed by the President of the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The next meeting of the City Council will be held Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

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 Stone 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 7:35 p.m.

Lowell Cannell, Mayor

Courtney L. Doyle, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk