

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 09, 2022

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 18 E. 4th Street. Present and presiding were: Mayor Lowe Cannell; Renee Tyler, Director of Administration; Courtney L. Doyle, Asst. Deputy Director of Administration/City Clerk; and William Ladwig, Police Chief. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cannell at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken by the ADDOA/City Clerk, and members of the Council present were: Leuther, Nelson, Rehklau, Sebacher, Stone, Washington, West, and Combs. 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; Rev. Bruce Williamson; Kala Young, Michael Shine, and Mike Haldeman, Audio/Video; and visitors: Ginger Hopkins-Hawkins, Jade Richards, Ashley Dupre, and Rochelle Eiselt.

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 no comments from visitors at this meeting.

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. Appointment of Brooke Bartlett to the Tourism Board as a City Representative.
 - Bartlett's term will expire 12/31/2024, as she is completing the unexpired term of the previous City Representative.
- b. Appointment of Kelly Bormann to the Tourism Board as the City/County Representative.
 - Bormann's appointment will be effective immediately, and her term (complete 3-year period) will expire 12/31/2025.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Compensation Study status update.

Renee Tyler, Director of Administration, stated staff recently met with consultants through Zoom videoconferencing. The city has submitted job descriptions, the organizational chart, and other requested data. Next steps include on-site visits with staff and leadership to conduct employee surveys. Tyler stated she will keep the Council updated in the weekly report.

b. Second Street Project status update.

Kyle Bruemmer, City Engineer, stated the project is progressing, and he has held meetings with the asphalt contractor and Street Supervisor to discuss the upcoming overlay.

Bruemmer noted the bridge portion of the project will realistically be completed in the first half of 2023 due to supply chain shortages, weather considerations, and other construction factors.

Councilman Stone expressed concern with the newly-placed retaining wall at the corner of Second Street and Ravine Street; Councilman Stone stated it poses visibility issues, and drivers are having to creep into traffic to see around the wall. Bruemmer will review this issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Jade Richards, Team Lead of Trends Resale Store (a branch of SERVE, Inc.), will be present to discuss solid waste management cost concerns.

Councilwoman Sebacher stated she is recusing herself from discussion and vote on this issue as she serves as a member of the SERVE board.

Jade Richards stated SERVE has operated in Callaway County for more than forty years and provides a number of programs for the community. Richards stated Trends, SERVE's resale store, is looking for assistance with their solid waste fees as they have excess trash stemming from increased donations. Much discussion followed.

Councilman Stone stated he and the other Councilmembers were originally under the impression the issue stemmed from illegal dumping; Councilman Stone encouraged Richards to work with Administration and the Solid Waste Supervisor to find a more effective, efficient solution for the organization.

Tyler stated the city must be consistent in ensuring regulations, fees, and assistance are fairly and equally applied, and she believes Administration and staff can assess and address this issue internally.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilman West: *Planning & Zoning Commission liaison*

Councilman West had no report or concerns at this meeting.

Councilwoman Sebacher: *Park Board liaison*

Councilwoman Sebacher had no report or concerns at this meeting.

Councilwoman Rehklau: *Traffic Commission liaison*

Councilwoman Rehklau had no report or concerns at this meeting.

Councilman Stone: *Historic Preservation Commission liaison*

Councilman Stone stated the Commission will meet next week.

Councilman Stone noted guardrail damage at the corner of Westminster Avenue and Second Street that occurred as the result of a fatality accident; he asked that the guardrail be repaired or replaced.

Councilman Leuther: *Airport Advisory Board liaison*

Councilman Leuther stated the Board will meet on August 23rd.

Councilman Leuther also expressed concern regarding long-term plans for displaced or homeless individuals in town. Brief discussion followed.

Councilman Combs: *Human Rights Commission liaison*

Councilman Combs had no report or concerns at this meeting.

Councilman Washington

Councilman Washington expressed concern with an increase in the homeless population near Westminster College and stated there have been reports of break-ins in the area.

Councilwoman Nelson: *Public Utility Board liaison*

Councilwoman Nelson had no report at this meeting and expressed an interest in creating a cost-share program for curb replacement.

RESOLUTIONS:

There were no resolutions for adoption at this meeting.

ORDINANCES:

FIRST READING

Bill No. 1646 was presented for First Reading by Councilman Combs.

- a. Bill No. 1646: An Ordinance repealing certain legislation contained within Section 78-111, Discharge of Firearms, Air Rifles, Bows, and Similar Instruments Prohibited. Fulton City Code., and establishing an effective date.

Motion was offered by Councilman Combs and seconded by Councilman Stone to place Bill No. 1646 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled meeting.

Councilman West and Councilwoman Sebacher expressed their desire to continue the terminated program and expand authorized hunting parcels to include private tracts of land. Asst. Deputy Director of Administration/City Clerk Courtney Doyle provided a brief overview of the program and noted the Missouri Department of Conservation Agent informed City Administration that 2021 would be the Department's last year administering and assisting with the program. As such, the program was terminated by the prior Director of Administration, and this ordinance cleans up the remaining language in the City Code.

Some discussion followed.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Sebacher and seconded by Councilman Leuther to table Bill No. 1646. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor. This item will appear on the next regularly-scheduled Council agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. The Annual Mayor’s Cup Golf Tournament will be held Friday, August 12th at Tanglewood Golf Course. For more information or to register a team, contact the Tanglewood Clubhouse at 573-642-7277.

- b. The next City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, August 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

- c. The Annual Town & Country Dinner, hosted by the Callaway Chamber of Commerce, will be held Thursday, September 15th at 5:00 p.m. at Hatton Vermeer Sales in Kingdom City. Councilmembers and Department Heads must RSVP with the Executive Assistant by Friday, August 26th.

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 Councilwoman Sebacher and seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with eight members of the Council voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Lowe Cannell, Mayor

Courtney L. Doyle, CMC/MRCC
Asst. Deputy Director of Administration /
City Clerk