

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2023**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Special Session on Thursday, January 19, 2023 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 18 E. 4th Street. Present and presiding were: Mayor Lowe Cannell; Courtney L. Doyle, Asst. Director of Administration; Kathie Ratliff, City Clerk; and William Ladwig, Police Chief. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cannell at 5:33 p.m. Roll call was taken by the City Clerk, and members of the Council present were: Combs, Leuther, Nelson, Rehklau, Sebacher, Washington, and West. Absent was Councilman Stone.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE:

- a. Bill No. 1666: An Emergency Ordinance imposing a sales tax at a rate of three percent on all tangible personal property retail sales of adult use marijuana sold within the City of Fulton, Missouri, pursuant to Article XIV, Section 2.6(5) of the Missouri Constitution subject to the approval by the voters of the City at the General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023; designating the form of ballot; and directing the City Clerk to provide notice of said election.

Bill No. 1666 was read in its Entirety by Asst. Director of Administration Doyle.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Sebacher and seconded by Councilman Rehklau to place Bill No. 1666 for Second Reading by Title Only at tonight's Council meeting. Discussion followed.

Several Councilmembers agreed that they support this issue being placed on the ballot to give voters the chance to make this decision.

Councilman West asked would this be a use-tax if someone were to purchase marijuana online.

Asst. Director of Administration Doyle shared that mail-order purchases are not allowed.

Councilman Washington stated that we may need to draft an ordinance to keep people from bringing marijuana to City owned properties.

Asst. Director of Administration Doyle responded that we will most likely, with legal review, need to modify all our related ordinances. Discussion followed.

Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Stone) absent.

Second Reading of Bill No. 1666 by Title Only was read by Asst. Director of Administration Doyle.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Sebacher and seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1666 for Third Reading by Title Only at tonight's Council meeting.

Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Stone) absent.

Third Reading of Bill No. 1666 by Title Only was read by Asst. Director of Administration Doyle.

Motion was offered by Councilwoman Sebacher and seconded by Councilman Leuther to place Bill No. 1644 for Final Passage at tonight's Council meeting.

Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Stone) absent.

Roll call vote of the members of the Council was as follows: Leuther, YES; Nelson, YES; Rehklau, YES; Sebacher, YES; Washington, YES; West, YES; Combs, YES. Absent: Councilman Stone. Bill No. 1666, having received the affirmative vote of seven members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion was offered by Councilman West and seconded by Councilwoman Sebacher to adjourn this meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, and one member (Stone) absent. The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Lowe Cannell, Mayor

Kathie Ratliff
City Clerk