

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 18 E. 4th Street.

Present and presiding were: Mayor Steve F. Myers; Courtney L. Doyle, Int. Director of Administration; Kathie Ratliff, City Clerk; and William Ladwig, Police Chief. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Myers at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was noted by the City Clerk, and members of the Council present were: Alan Combs, Brad Leuther; Lauren Nelson; Mary Rehklau; Jeff Stone; and Bob Washington. Valerie Sebacher was absent.

Also present were: Dustin Dougherty, Chief Financial Officer; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Kyle Bruemmer, City Engineer; Kevin Coffelt, Fire Chief; Clay Caswell, Parks & Recreation Director; Jeremy Polston Audio/Video; and visitors.

AGENDA AMENDMENT:

The City Clerk asked the Mayor for a Motion to add Bill 1702 to the Agenda. After approval, Councilman Stone made the Motion and it was Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Sebacher).

INVOCATION:

Invocation was given by Rev. Williamson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Williamson.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS.

Erica Amponsah, 501 Westminster Fulton: Topic – International Club Fundraising Gala Shared with the City Council the efforts of the International Club to raise money for Home Stars, Health Haven, and Nourished Minds. The fundraising event is planned for December 5, 2023 at Westminster Dining Hall.

PUBLIC HEARING :

The Mayor stated there would be a public hearing for the purpose of presenting for consideration the adoption of the proposed 2024 City of Fulton Budget and Three-Year Capital Program. He declared the meeting open at 6:41 p.m. and gave the first call for those in opposition of the matter.

Jennifer Delashmutt, 3405 County Road 328, Fulton, opposes the proposed hangar rate increases, citing concerns about their yearly impact, existing issues, lack of a full-time airport manager, automated weather service, and not carrying Jet A fuel.

The Mayor gave the second and Second call for those in opposition. There was no one. The Mayor then gave three calls for those in favor. There was no response and the meeting was declared closed at 6:46 p.m.

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 Myers 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 October 24, 2023

b. Approval of the City Council meeting minutes of November 14, 2023

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Sebacher).

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (IF ANY):

There were none.

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE OCTOBER DOA REPORT.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rehkla and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to approve the October DOA Report. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Sebacher).

PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE OCTOBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to approve the August Financial Statement. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Sebacher).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was none.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilman Hinchie recognized Westminster College and emphasized the importance of backing a worthy cause. He shared his respect for the students and urged people to support them.

Councilwoman Rehkla thanked those involved in creating the new budget.

Councilman Stone reported that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) met on November 15, discussing the need for a historic property survey that contributes to the value of properties in the community. He stated the 8th Street property was a notable point of discussion.

Councilman Leuther reiterated thanks to the budget team and the community members who spoke.

Councilman Combs stated that the most recent Planning and Zoning Commission meeting included discussions on Southwinds Plat Eight and the potential for RV park zoning. He also mentioned an incident regarding vandalizing.

Councilman Washington reviewed the fee discussion held during the Park Board meeting.

Councilwoman Nelson expressed gratitude for fixing a pole on 8th and Jefferson. She also commended the Rec-Plex team for helping with party setups. Last, she reviewed the Public Utility Board recommendations.

The Mayor reminded everyone about the upcoming parade and park lighting on Friday night, followed by additional festivities downtown on Saturday.

RESOLUTIONS:

There were none.

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:

Bill No. 1695: Extension of Capital Improvements Sales Tax

An Ordinance providing for the continuation of the City's one-half cent Capital Improvements Sales Tax, and calling for an election on such tax to be held on April 2, 2024.

Motion was made by Councilman Combs and Seconded by Councilman Stone to move Bill No. 1695 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Sebacher).

Bill No. 1696: Water Rates

An Ordinance repealing Section 3 of Article IV of Ordinance Number 1285-10 (establishing water rates) of the City of Fulton, Missouri; enacting a new Section 3 of Article IV in lieu thereof, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Washington and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to move Bill No. 1696 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Sebacher).

Bill No. 1697: Sewer Rates

An Ordinance repealing Section 2 and Section 3 of Article IV of Ordinance Number 1379-14 (establishing sewer rates) of the City of Fulton, Missouri; enacting new Sections 2 and 3 of Article IV in lieu thereof, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman Stone to move Bill No. 1697 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Sebacher).

Bill No. 1698: Electric Rates: Residential

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance Number 1489-19 (establishing electric rates) of the City of Fulton, Missouri; enacting a new Ordinance in lieu thereof, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Leuther and Seconded by Councilman Stone to move Bill No. 1698 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Sebacher).

Bill No. 1699: Electric Rates: Non-Residential

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance Number 1404-15 (establishing electric rates) of the City of Fulton, Missouri; enacting a new Ordinance in lieu thereof, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Stone and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to move Bill No. 1699 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Sebacher).

Bill No. 1700: Southwind Estates Subdivision Plat Eight

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to approve Plat Eight for the Southwind Estates Subdivision.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Sebacher and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to move Bill No. 1700 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting.

City Engineer Bruemmer stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission suggested the correction of the preliminary plat to be adjusted to reflect 32' parking. Engineer Bruemmer made the recommendation to Council that consistency remain with a 32' street with parking on one side of the road which was last discussed for Willow Creek.

Councilman Stone made an amendment to the Motion to reflect that for approval of preliminary Plat Eight for the Southwind Estates Subdivision, the street width be 32' with parking on one-side at a minimum or follow the requirements of 36' for parking allowance on both sides.

The Mayor called for those in favor of moving Bill No. 1700 as amended to Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor of the amendment to the Motion, one member absent (Sebacher).

Bill No. 1701: Cemetery Inurnment Process

An Ordinance repealing Sections 30-60 and 30-61, Cemetery Inurnment Process, of the Fulton City Code, and enacting new sections in lieu thereof, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rehklau and Seconded by Councilman Stone to move Bill No. 1701 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Sebacher).

Bill No. 1702: Gas Rates

An Ordinance repealing Ordinance Number 1606-22 (establishing gas rates) of the City of Fulton, Missouri; enacting a new Ordinance in lieu thereof, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rehklau and Seconded by Councilman Hinchie to move Bill No. 1702 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Sebacher).

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR SECOND READING:

Bill No. 1693: 2024 Budget

An Ordinance adopting an official Budget and Capital Improvement Program and appropriating the funds of the City for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rehklau and Seconded by Councilman Stone to move Bill No. 1693 for Third Reading and Final Passage at the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Sebacher).

Bill No. 1694: Establishing a Schedule of Fees and Charges ("Rate Book")

An Ordinance to consolidate all City fees and charges into a comprehensive Schedule of Fees and Charges to ensure clarity and orderliness for City of Fulton staff and the citizens they serve.

Before the motion was made Councilman Leuther shared that there had been discussion during the work session related to rates. Councilwoman Nelson proposed the Tournament rate be increased by \$1 per player while Councilman Leuther requested another meeting to discuss airport rates before final passage.

Motion was made by Councilman Leuther and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1694 for Third Reading and Final passage at the next regularly-scheduled Council meeting amending the proposed rate book changes having been made. All in favor of the amendment and Motion carries with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one member absent (Sebacher).

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was none.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The next scheduled Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and seconded by Councilman Stone to adjourn. Motion carried with seven members of the Council voting in favor, one absent (Sebacher). The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Steve F. Myers
Mayor

Kathie Ratliff
City Clerk