

**CITY OF FULTON COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024**

The Council of the City of Fulton, Missouri, met in Regular Session on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 18 E. 4th Street.

Present and presiding were: Mayor Steve F. Myers; Courtney L. Doyle, Director of Administration; Kathie Ratliff, City Clerk; and William Ladwig, Police Chief. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Myers at 7:10 p.m. Roll call was noted by the City Clerk, and members of the Council present were: Alan Combs, Bill Hinchie, Lauren Nelson, Mary Rehkla, Bob Washington, and Mike West. Brad Leuther and Jeff Stone were absent.

Also present were: Kyle Bruemmer, City Engineer; Clay Caswell, Parks & Recreation Director; Russ Sing, Fire Chief; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; and Jordan Lewis, Audio/Video. Also present were Sam Shults, Brittany Duke, Kevin & Tracy Coffelt, Fire Department staff, Kitty Beatty, Fulton Sun Editor Emily O'Leary, and other visitors.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rev. Williamson.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS.

Kitty Beatty, 101 East 10th Street, Fulton addressed the council regarding the water quality in her home. Director Doyle asked Superintendent of Utilities Dunlap to address her concern.

INTRODUCTION OF ASST. DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, SAMANTHA SHULTS.

Director of Administration Doyle proudly introduced Sam Shults as the new Assistant Director of Administration. Sam expressed her excitement to join the City of Fulton on July 8 and looks forward to working with everyone.

PROCLAMATION FOR THE RETIREMENT OF RETIRED FIRE CHIEF KEVIN COFFELT FOLLOWING 26 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Mayor honored Retired Fire Chief Kevin Coffelt for his 26 years of dedicated services to the city.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW CITY ATTORNEY.

Director Doyle announced that our current City Attorney, Carol England, will be stepping down. The Mayor proposes to appoint Brittany Duke to complete the unexpired term, which runs through April 2025.

Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to appoint Brittany Duke as the new City Attorney for the unexpired term. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting heavily in favor, two absent (Leuther & Stone).

City Clerk Ratliff administered the oath of office to newly appointed City Attorney Brittany Duke.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:

There was nothing on the Consent Agenda.

COUNCIL CONCERNS:

Councilman Hinchie thanked Bruemmer and his team for addressing a concern and announced that the next Public Safety Commission meeting will be on June 27.

Councilman West shared his experience attending the MML Conference and proposed that the council begin strategic planning discussions.

Councilwoman Rehklau agreed on the need for the council to meet and create a plan to help the city and community move forward.

Councilman Combs noted that the earlier P&Z meeting lasted only three minutes. He emphasized the need to review the zoning map, as it has been zoned improperly, and stated that the council has the power to correct these changes to support constituents. He suggested adding a key to the zoning map for clarity. Additionally, he praised the roundabout flowers and proposed partnering with a school or organization to maintain them.

Councilman Washington reported that the Park Board meeting for June was canceled and rescheduled for July. He expressed repeated concern about the Crestwood traffic and suggested installing a sidewalk near the ballfields to address safety issues.

Councilwoman Nelson had no concerns but praised the city's effective use of social media to notify citizens about public work projects, expressing her appreciation.

Mayor Myers encouraged the council to direct citizen concerns to the Director or himself and to encourage citizens to call or email if they have an issue that needs discussed.

RESOLUTIONS:

There were none.

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR FIRST READING:

Bill No. 1711: Surplus Property 818 Vine Street

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Fulton, Missouri, to declare a tract of land located at 818 Vine Street in Fulton, Missouri, to be surplus property, authorizing its distribution, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman West and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1711 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Leuther & Stone).

Bill No. 1712: Append Public Nuisance Ordinance

An Ordinance appending Chapter 46, Environment, Article II, Sec. 32 Public Nuisances., of the Fulton City Code, and establishing an effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Nelson and Seconded by Councilman West to place Bill No. 1712 for Second Reading at the next regularly-scheduled council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Leuther & Stone).

ORDINANCES PRESENTED FOR SECOND READING:

Bill No. 1709: Revised Open Container Possession in Public Places

An Ordinance repealing Section 10-10., Possession in open container in public places. Fulton City Code. is hereby repealed, and a new Section 10-10., Possession in open container in public places. is enacted in lieu thereof, and establishing and effective date.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rehklau and Seconded by Councilman West to move Bill No. 1709 to Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Leuther & Stone).

Motion was made by Councilwoman Rehkla and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to place Bill No. 1709 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Leuther & Stone).

Roll call vote of the members of the Council was as follows:

Councilman Combs – Yes	Councilwoman Rehkla – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Yes	Councilman Stone– Absent
Councilman Leuther – Absent	Councilman Washington – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson – Yes	Councilman West – Yes

Bill No. 1709 having received the affirmative vote of six members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

Bill No. 1710: Budget Amendment

An Ordinance authorizing amendments to the City of Fulton Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024 as outlined by Article VIII, Financial Procedure, Section 8.8, Amendments After Adoption, Paragraph (C), Transfer of Appropriations, Fulton City Charter, and establishing and effective date.

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to move Bill No. 1710 to Third Reading at this council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Leuther & Stone).

Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilwoman Rehkla to place Bill No. 1710 for Final Passage at this council meeting. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Leuther & Stone).

Roll call vote of the members of the Council was as follows:

Councilman Combs – Yes	Councilwoman Rehkla – Yes
Councilman Hinchie – Yes	Councilman Stone– Absent
Councilman Leuther – Absent	Councilman Washington – Yes
Councilwoman Nelson – Yes	Councilman West – Yes

Bill No. 1710 having received the affirmative vote of six members of the Council was declared passed by the President of the Council.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

The next City Council meeting will be held Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

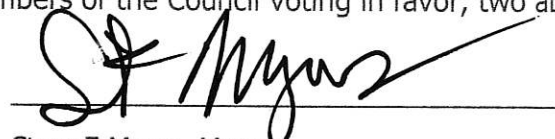
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Myers said there was not a need for Executive Session at this council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Motion was made by Councilman Hinchie and Seconded by Councilwoman Nelson to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Motion carried with six members of the Council voting in favor, two absent (Leuther & Stone).


Kathie Ratliff, City Clerk


Steve F. Myers, Mayor

