

CITY OF FENTON, MISSOURI
625 NEW SMIZER MILL ROAD, FENTON, MO 63026
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Joe Maurath called the Board of Aldermen Meeting of the City of Fenton, St. Louis County, Missouri to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 30, 2023. The meeting was held at Fenton City Hall and via Zoom Videoconference (RSMo 610.015).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Maurath led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Jane Hungler called the roll:

Alderman Terry Bereitschaft - <i>Absent</i>	Alderman Chris Clauss - <i>Present</i>
Alderman Brian Wisbrock - <i>Present</i>	Alderman Ralph Cruets - <i>Absent</i>
Alderman Robin Huels - <i>Present</i>	Alderman Scott Maserang - <i>Present</i>
Alderman Ron Harrell - <i>Present</i>	Alderman Susan Jokerst - <i>Absent</i>

Five Aldermen were present at the opening of the meeting.

CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Joe Maurath
City Attorney Erin Seele, Esq.
City Administrator Andrea N. Finkbiner
City Clerk Jane Hungler
St. Louis County Police Precinct Captain Kevin Lawson

Mayor Maurath stated that he called this Special Meeting for:

Discussion regarding Proposition U, which will be on the April 4, 2023, General Election Ballot. This discussion will provide facts regarding Proposition U and will allow public comments and questions regarding the same.

Stuart Haynes – Missouri Municipal League, Director of Administration & Policy was in attendance via videoconference. Mr. Haynes shared a presentation on Prop U that is attached as part of the minutes.

Mayor Maurath noted that the City of Fenton does not impose property taxes.

Mr. Haynes shared and according to the U.S. Census reporting approximately 15% of all retail sales are purchased through E-Commerce in the United States.

Mr. Haynes explained the Local Use Tax is based on purchases from out-of-state vendors (many of which come from internet sales) and further explained differences between sales tax and use tax: Sales tax is imposed on the sale/transaction sold at retail; the sales tax rate is determined by the location of where the sale/transaction takes place. Use tax applies to purchase made through remote sales from Out-Of-State retailers. Use tax does not apply if purchase is made through remote sales from Missouri retailer but they are subject to sales tax. Purchaser will never pay both taxes.

Examples provided:

- ♦ *Buy in person a good from brick-and-mortar store in Fenton – State (4.225 sales tax); St. Louis county sales tax (3.513 sales tax) & Fenton (.5 sales).*

- ♦ *Buy good from chewy.com (Belton, Mo) – 9.6 – State (4.225 Sales tax); Cass County (1.6250 sales tax); Belton (3.25 sales tax); CID (.5).*
- ♦ *Buy same good online from out-of-state vendor have delivered in Fenton – State (4.225 use tax) – County (currently zero) – Fenton (currently zero).*

Alderman Maserang asked for clarification as the Department of Revenue website page

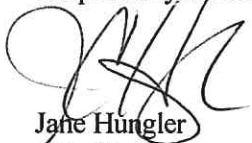
Dan Hagan, 1022 Villa Gran Way, Fenton MO 63026 shared he is in support of Prop U. If sales tax revenue would continue to decline, the City may have to consider discontinuing City paid services such as trash collection, leaf pick up and he would rather pay the use tax than have to pay for services the City currently provides at no charge to the residents.

Mayor Maurath encouraged the Board to educate residents on the Prop U ballot proposal.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:33 p.m. with no other business before the Board, Alderman Huels made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clauss. Upon a vote being taken, it was announced that the motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Aldermen.

Respectfully submitted,



Jane Hingler
City Clerk
City of Fenton