

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Fayette was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Stidham.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call verified three Board members present for the meeting. Responding to the Roll Call: Alderwoman Stephanie Ford, Alderman Grafton Cook and Alderman Marc Wells.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderwoman Grafton Cook.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Marc Wells motioned to approve agenda with no additions. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Three voting Aye. Motioned carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 3, 2020

Approval of minutes for the March 3, 2020 meeting minutes was tabled.

VISITORS

BEKKI GALLOWAY, POOL AD HOCK COMMITTEE

Chair of Pool Ad Hock Committee Bekki Galloway stated fund raising for the Splash Park is gradually coming in. The AD Hock Committee is looking into hosting a silent auction for the Splash Park. The committee is hopeful to reach fund raising goal by 2021 year.

BILL JOHN AND BRYAN KUNZE / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONSE PLAN FOR COVID-19

City of Fayette Emergency Management Director Bill John reported in Missouri COVID-19 current cases are up to 266 negative and 15 positive, one positive case in Columbia Missouri and one in Jefferson City Missouri.

Bryan Kunze, Howard County Emergency Management Director stated information regarding safety tips for the workspaces and public areas were included in the packets.

Bill John stated a drive through testing facility is available in Columbia Missouri for citizens to be tested without seeing a physician. All casinos have temporarily been shut down, local schools and colleges have let out until further notice with the hopes to stop the virus. Bill John stated Fayette R-3 is cancelled until April first and Central Methodist College has shut down for all students on campus only to finish the semester online.

Bill John stated at this time no restaurants have been forced to close their doors, there are no food shortages within grocery stores. Both Bill John and Bryan Kunze recommend hand washing, cleaning wipes to all services, germ x sanitation gel that consists at least 60% rubbing alcohol, avoid touching others in the face area, stay calm and reassure the public with their fears.

Bill John reported with the recent tornado drill testing that was done in Fayette one siren at near CMU is not working. This particular siren is outdated and cannot get replacement parts to fix it, a new siren is a must for this area.

Mr. Kunze reported the Emergency Management was granted funding for new devices to use installed in the conference room at Keller Building room.

BENJI CONROW, PARKS COMMISSION CHAIR RECOMMENDATION RATES FOR POOL ADMISSION 2020 / RECOMMENDATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT BY THE HCSSB

Benji Conrow Chair for Parks Commission stated Tina Rice came to the Parks and Rec Committee meeting with concerns regarding where the adaptive playground equipment will be placed without the City moving forward on the Ricketts Lake Grant project. Public Works Director, Danny Dougherty stated the new adaptive playground equipment would be placed at the City Park by the lower shelter house.

Benji Conrow Chair for Parks Commission brought recommendation for increased pool admission rates for 2020, proposed rates were included in the council packets. Approval for pool rates was tabled.

LISA ASBURY AND JOCELYN HUTCHINSON WITH RHODES ADVANTAGE BOOK TAX SERVICE FOR PAYROLL SERVICES

Lisa Asbury and Jocelyn Hutchinson came to offer payroll services for the City of Fayette. Bi-Weekly payroll would include entering payroll, processing and printing checks, state monthly reports, quarterly reports, Division of Employment report, W-2's and W-3's. The cost would be \$220.00 per pay cycle and there would be a one – time set up fee of \$150.00. Discussion and approval was tabled.

DISCUSSION AND / OR APPROVAL TO NOMINATE MIKE DIMOND TO THE HPC COMMITTEE

Discussion and approval to nominate Mike Dimond was tabled.

CHRIS BAYLOR DISCUSSION ON COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT LADDER TRUCK

Fayette Fire Chief Chris Baylor and President of the Howard County Fire Protection District Bryan Kunze went and looked at the used ladder truck in Columbia Mo. Mr. Baylor stated it was a good truck and would last the City of Fayette for a long time. Mr. Baylor stated the Columbia Fire Department is still currently using this truck and invites anyone to come see this truck in action. Mr. Baylor stated he would get a list of price quotes for nozzles and hoses for this truck.

UPDATE OF ISO COMMITTEE

Mayor Stidham stated he would like for Fire Chief Baylor to get in touch with Fayette volunteer firemen currently also working full time for Columbia Fire Department regarding rolling their structure fire hours to the Fayette Department in hopes to help the current ISO score.

Bryan Kunze state the mutual aid agreement that was recently done between Glasgow and Fayette Fire Department is completed.

Intern/City Administrator Jeff Hancock will now be overseeing the ISO Committee.

DISCUSSION AND /OR APPROVAL FOR 2020 HAY BIDS, MOWING CEMENTERY AND FARM LEASE LAND

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty reported two hay bids were received John Allphin at \$2,900.00 and Glenn Conrow at \$1,500.00. Three cemetery bids were received David Asbury at \$994.50, Moore Mowing Service at \$1,900.00 and Eric Ragian at \$3,000.0. One bid was received for the lease of crop ground Mike Hustedde for \$3,900.00. Approval was tabled.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

No citizen participation.

DISCUSSION OF SAFETY TAX

Discussion of safety tax needs to be put on next council agenda. Alderman Shiflett was not available for discussion.

UPDATE REGARDING CID STATUS

Main Street Director Mike Dimond stated responses from citizens are favorable for the proposed CID Tax. Mr. Dimond stated he will be meeting with the City Attorney Nathan Nickolas and the Mayor Greg Stidham to assure all correct information has been collected.

Mr. Dimond stated he represented Fayette Main Street today at Central Methodist University while student were leaving campus due to the COVID-19 threat. Mr. Dimond stated he handed out dilly bars and a friendly reminder that Fayette appreciates them being here.

DISCUSSION OF SICK TIME SHARING POLICY

Alderwoman Ford stated there was nothing new regarding the sick time sharing policy. Intern City Administrator Jeff Hancock stated he would be assisting Alderwoman Ford on this.

PAY RESOLUTION 2020-05 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Approving invoices for payment was tabled.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/BUILDING INSPECTOR COMMENTS

Public Works Director/Building Inspector, Danny Dougherty's report was in the Board packets. Mr. Dougherty stated someone from the City of Fayette should be appointed to the Regional Water Committee. Mr. Dougherty feels Christine Fuhlage Utilities Supervisor would be a good candidate for this. Mr. Dougherty stated he would speak with Christine regarding this.

Mr. Dougherty stated the purchasing of electric meters should wait until the fiscal budget is more certain.

Mr. Dougherty stated there has been some waste water issues at the City Lagoon, pump overflows that city personnel have been dealing with.

Mr. Dougherty stated he KIOWA came and gave him bids for pole replacements. US Cellular is still wanting to place cell phone towers on electric poles in the city limits of Fayette for better cell service.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CITY CLERK COMMENTS

Intern City Administrator Jeff Hancock stated he has been getting to know all the employees and the different departments.

Mr. Hancock stated he has been through the budget and will be working on revising the actual budget format, Mr. Hancock stated this process will take and is willing to help the upcoming permanent City Administrator through the budget process.

Mr. Hancock reported that a meeting has been set up with DNR regarding the TTHM checklist.

Mr. Hancock stated he has been keeping an eye on the COVID-19 threat here in Fayette. Mr. Hancock stated City Hall has been closed for the Public, all utility payments can be dropped off the drop box located in front of City Hall or make payments online through the City new website. Board of Alderman Meetings are planned to resume through via ZOOM, giving the public access to Council meetings. If any citizen would like to add to the agenda they will need to call City Hall and arrange that in advance.

CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Nathan Nickolaus, City Attorney, was not present.

COMMITTEE UPDATES FROM BOARD OF ALDERMEN

No committee updates.

BOARD COMMENTS

Grafton Cook, Southwest Alderman

Alderman Cook would like to get a report on alderman emails with the City.

Alderman Cook wanted to know the status on new work stations for City Hall. City Administrator Assistant Tara Kunze stated only half of the work station have been installed and Fusion Technology plans to be back next week for the completion.

Alderman Cook stated he would like to see the City of Fayette complete the latest audit.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO RSMO CHAPTER 610.021 (2) LEASING, PURCHASE OR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHERE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRANSACTION MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE LEGAL CONSIDERATION THEREFOR; RSMO CHAPTER 610.021 (3) HIRING, FIRING, DISCIPLING OR PROMOTING OF PARTICULAR EMPLOYEES BY A PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL BODY WHEN PERSONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE EMPLOYEE IS DISCUSSED OR RECORDED; RSMO CHAPTER 610.021 (13) INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE PERSONNEL RECORDS, PERFORMANCE RATINGS OR RECORDS PERTAINING TO EMPLOYEES OR APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT

Alderman Wells made a motion to adjourn to closed session at 8:43 p.m. with a five minute recess pursuant to RSMo Chapter 610.021 (2) leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor, RSMo Chapter 610.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded, (13) individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Alderman Wells seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – 5: Alderwoman Stephanie Ford, Alderman D. L. Dimond, Alderman Grafton Cook, Alderman Anthony Shiflett and Alderman Marcus Wells. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote at 8:51 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – 5: Alderwoman Stephanie Ford, Alderman D. L. Dimond, Alderman Grafton Cook, Alderman Anthony Shiflett and Alderman Marcus Wells. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Alderman Shiflett made a motion to return to open session at 9:10p.m. Alderman Wells seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – 5: Alderwoman Stephanie Ford, Alderman D. L. Dimond, Alderman Grafton Cook, Alderman Anthony Shiflett and Alderman Marcus Wells. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Alderman Wells made a motion to hire Ron Dougherty at \$10.00 per hour to work in the parks department for the summer months. Alderman Shiflett seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:10 p.m. Alderwoman Ford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Alderman Dimond. Six voting Aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jeff Hancock, City Administrator/City Clerk

Greg Stidham, Mayor

