

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE
MISSOURI
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Fayette was called to order at 6:00 p.m. February 28, 2023 by Mayor Jeremy Dawson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderwoman Bekki Galloway.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call verified four Board members present for the meeting.

Responding to the Roll Call: Alderwoman Stephanie Ford, Alderwoman Bekki Galloway, Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael, Alderman Grafton Cook.

PUBLIC HEARING OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK-USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDED SEWER PROJECT

Public Hearing of CDBG-USDA RD funded sewer project began at 6:03 p.m.

Lincoln Brown with Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission presented a brief summary of CDBG activities on the project. Mr. Brown stated that all grant funds had been expended except for last close-out payment of \$5,000.00. The original grant was in the amount of \$500,000.00.

Lincoln Brown to present a close-out packet for CDBG later in meeting.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the February 28, 2023 agenda. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the minutes for February 14, 2023. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD

No comment

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty stated that Core and Main will send a pallet of 120 electric meters giving the department 200 meters to install.

Mr. Dougherty stated that poles on West Davis Street were being replaced. Holes were dug, but will need the help of the City of Salisbury's big truck to set the poles in exchange for a project the City of Salisbury will need the help of the City of Fayette.

Mr. Dougherty reported MoDOT approved the Stop sign on the corner of West Davis and Church Street. We will pour the island around the sign. The sign will be four feet in height. There will be concrete barriers around the sign until the island is poured. Lines will also be painted on the road at all four stop signs.

INTERIM CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

Interim City Clerk Judy Thompson presented a quote for the new payroll module at gWorks called HR Hub. The new HR Hub would be much more expensive, but is a more stream-lined system and is Cloud based. The quote revealed that the price could be significantly reduced if the firemen and Aldermen were paid quarterly. The quote was in the amount of \$5,420.00.

Public Works Director Dougherty and Alderwoman Ford had concerns regarding paying the firemen quarterly. Mayor Dawson stated that it would be almost \$2,000.00 more to pay the firemen and aldermen monthly as they are paid now.

Alderwoman Galloway suggested to possibly raise the pay of Firemen to \$20.00 from \$15.00 to compensate for quarterly pay.

Interim Clerk Thompson stated that some firemen that don't work very many calls and make a smaller amount may not mind, but the chiefs, who make a salary on top of calls, may not want the change.

Alderwoman Ford suggested that we have a conversation with the firemen about the matter.

Alderman Cook suggested we give the firemen a choice to bump pay up and get paid quarterly or keep it the same.

Interim Clerk Thompson asked the council to approve a remote login capability for Pat Chrislip to use the gWorks software to continue to help the city do accounting corrections. The city would save the expense of lodging, meals and mileage currently being paid for Mr. Chrislip to work at the City Hall since Mr. Chrislip is from out of town. Mr. Chrislip would only be able to access gWorks.

Alderman Cook asked how long will the process take? Interim Clerk Thompson stated that the work was 80-85% complete, and that Mr. Chrislip had helped the city very much, including training. Mr. Cook asked if he would be adjusting his hourly rate and would it be worthwhile to

put him on a limited contractual basis. Alderwoman Ford stated it would be good to have a timeline of his service.

Mayor Dawson stated that progress made to date was now into harder issues. He also stated that the login would help to save the extra travel expenses. He stated that Mr. Chrislip had helped him with some figures needed during the water tower issue.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the login to gWorks for Pat Chrislip. Alderwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve a new business license for K & C Seafood. Alderwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus stated that his firm, Lauber Municipal Law, LLC, would have a City Officials training on April 28, 2023.

VISITORS

None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Don Jenkins, MECO Engineering Co., Inc.

Comments later in meeting

Marsha Broadus

Marsha Broadus had concerns regarding loose dogs, loud music and speeders in her neighborhood.

Grafton Cook

Grafton Cook, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Historic Downtown Fayette Commercial Community Improvement District (HDFCCID) presented an Intergovernmental Agreement for the council's approval. The Agreement was an attachment as Exhibit A of the District's Resolution No. 2023-15 – A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FAYETTE COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO USE THE CITY OF FAYETTE FACILITIES FOR MEETINGS.

The Agreement would allow the district to use city facilities for board meetings, secured storage of its administrative files in the city vault, the use of the city copy machine and the use of a small mail box inside the city facilities.

In return, the district will pay the city \$2,500.00 per year starting August 1, 2023, and every year thereafter, which is less than the 1.5% the district is allowed to pay. Mr. Cook stated that the

district will also reimburse the city for legal fees incurred when HDFCCID was formed in the amount of \$16,658.57. See attached copy of the resolution.

Alderman Ford motioned to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF EXCESS SEWER CHARGE AND WAIVERS TABLED ON FEBRUARY 14, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

- a. Li Lee – 412 N. Church Street – Alderman Ford motioned to deny the sewer charge waiver. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- b. Dara Williams – 200 W. Morrison St. - Alderman Galloway motioned to approve the sewer charge waiver. Alderman Ford seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.
- c. Maci Hardwick – 304 W. Morrison St., Apt 1 - Alderman Ford motioned to approve the sewer charge waiver. Alderman Galloway seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF EXCESS SEWER CHARGE AND WAIVER REVISITED FROM JANUARY 10, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

- a. Jennifer Durreman – 300 Herndon St. – Alderman Galloway motioned to approve an extension of prior approval to allow Ms. Durreman to pay excess sewer charges within six months, to an extension of seven months. Alderman Ford seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE 2023-03 AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO PAY THE BILLS

Alderman Bekki Galloway motioned to approve and accept as written the **FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY BILL NO. 2023-03: ORDINANCE 2023-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO PAY THE BILLS.**

Alderman Stephanie Ford seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Alderman Grafton Cook, Alderman Michelle Ishmael, Alderman Bekki Galloway and Alderman Stephanie Ford. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Alderman Stephanie Ford motioned to approve and accept as written the **SECOND READING BY TITLE ONLY BILL NO. 2023-03: ORDINANCE 2023-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO PAY THE BILLS**

Alderman Michelle Ishmael seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Alderwoman Bekki Galloway, Alderwoman Stephanie Ford, Alderman Grafton Cook and Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL TO USE NEW CONTRACT AND TO ACCEPT SEALED BIDS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE FOLLOWING CITY PROPERTIES:

- a. Seventy acres of hay to be mowed and removed from D.C. Rogers Lake area for three years
- b. Mowing of a portion of the southeast corner of the Fayette Cemetery for three years
- c. A three-year lease of forty-seven acres of farmland near the wastewater treatment facility on Highway 240
- d. Alderwoman Ford motioned to utilize the new contract for mowing and haying the seventy acres at the D.C. Rogers Lake area for a three-year period and for the use of the farmland for a period of three years. The Fayette Cemetery mowing will continue to be a one-year lease. Also, to accept sealed bids for all three properties. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF EXCESS SEWER CHARGE

- a. Robby Trimble – 601 W. Spring Street - Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the sewer charge waiver. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PAY RESOLUTION 2023-04 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2023-04 approving invoices for payment in the total sum of **\$78,341.58** which includes, General Fund \$22,401.69, Electric Fund \$1,032.68, Water Fund \$53,079.45 and Sewer Fund \$1,827.76. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING/CDBG CLOSE-OUT

Public Hearing for CDBG Close-out of sewer project closed at 6:45 p.m.

Lincoln Brown stated that final paperwork would need to be completed, verifying documents from the project with Interim City Clerk. Mr. Brown will continue to monitor the project file and then schedule an audit of the city's CDBG files that would take from five to six hours. Mr. Brown would come to the city office to conduct the audit. The city would have the opportunity to correct errors after the audit.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION NO. 2023-15 OF THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FAYETTE COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO USE THE CITY OF FAYETTE FACILITIES FOR MEETINGS, EXHIBIT A – HISTORIC FAYETTE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Discussion and approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement was done earlier in the meeting. Grafton Cook presenting the agreement.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF FAYETTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP

Mayor Jeremy Dawson presented the opportunity for the city to become a member of the newly formed Fayette Chamber of Commerce. Documentation provided revealed information regarding the Chamber. The cost of the city's membership would be \$1,000.00. Mr. Dawson stated that the city is currently a member of Glasgow's Chamber of Commerce for insurance purposes and would like to see the city budget the funds to become a member of the Fayette Chamber of Commerce next year.

Interim City Clerk Thompson stated that the city had recently become a member of the Glasgow Chamber for insurance purposes.

Alderman Cook added that Mrs. Thompson and himself were at the first Chamber meeting and he believes that their plan is well thought out and Fayette is in need of a strong Chamber of Commerce.

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to budget the membership fee in the spring budgeting process and to join the Fayette Chamber in July 2023. Alderman Cook seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Ishmael named the leadership of the Chamber and commented that they were a very worthy organization.

Alderman Cook commented that they are a very worthy organization.

DISCUSSION OF CITY WATER TOWER ISSUE

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty gave a summary of events regarding the recent failed inspection of the park water tower. The Department of Natural Resources recently inspected the water tower and though the water test passed inspection, feathers were found in the lower overflow screen towards the bottom of the tower resulting in DNR issuing an immediate boil order for the city of Fayette on Friday, February 24, 2023.

Mr. Dougherty stated that the Givens tower would need to be cleaned and disinfected before the park tower could be cleaned and disinfected. Mr. Dougherty stated that the owner of Interstate Contracting and Coating was the same man who cleaned the outside of the tower. He came right

away when we called him and was here and working by the following Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Two rounds of samples would have to be done after the work is done and tower filled, taking 48 hours. When that test passes, the Givens tower would be brought online and the Park tower would begin to be drained, sanitized, filled and tested. Mr. Dougherty said the estimate for the boil order was probably at least until the next Friday

Marsha Broadus commented that she didn't find out about the boil order until later on Friday night and Mr. Dougherty commented that his department didn't find out about it until quitting time on Friday, February 24, 2023. He commented that the city began to get the word out through several channels, including two radio channels.

Mayor Dawson stated that the Emergency Management system was able to send a wide scale message on Monday, February 27, 2023.

Mrs. Thompson stated that the prior clerk had used the emergency management system, and that she would be trained on the system next week. Mrs. Thompson also stated that EM had the ability to send a message to 2400 landlines in Howard County if need be.

Alderman Cook asked how much water would the city use. Mr. Dougherty stated 600 thousand gallons would be lost. Mr. Cook asked if we would keep both towers online, to which Mr. Dougherty expressed his opinion that we should. Mr. Dougherty also stated that they were in the process of exploring the addition of mixers to the water towers.

Mayor Dawson stated that he reached out to DNR on Monday morning and they have an 80/20 grant program for the engineering report and another grant program for upgrades.

Regarding the funds available in the budget, Mr. Dawson shared that the city does have an emergency line in the budget which has no funds budgeted, but we have over \$90,000.00 in the water sinking fund that is available, and projected a surplus in water revenue for the year.

Mr. Cook asked how much the project would cost. Mr. Dougherty stated that he couldn't pin down the owner, but believed it would be under \$10,000.00.

Mr. Cook asked what plausible scenario would feathers be in found in the overflow. Mr. Dougherty stated that they did not know.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Alderwoman Bekki Galloway

Alderwoman Galloway presented a citizen question if there was insurance to cover the cost of the water tower issue. Mr. Dougherty stated there was no insurance. Mr. Dougherty also stated that the hatch on the top outside of the tower doesn't go to the water. He said samples taken of the water the day before DNR came tested good.

Mayor Dawson stated that after the cleanup was complete, he would look into a grant for improvements to the water tower.

Alderman Cook asked if increasing the chlorine would help the water issue. Mr. Dougherty stated that it would not. It will need to be drained and cleaned.

Mr. Dougherty stated that the deadline for fixing the water issue, given by DNR was seven days. He said they were working on an extension of time in case it took longer.

Alderwoman Galloway asked how we could communicate with citizens better for alerts. Clerk Thompson stated that the city had gotten the message of the boil order out through several avenues such as Facebook, City website, two radio stations. Mr. Dougherty stated that he had alerted the nursing homes and several businesses. It was discussed to begin to give alerts out through television stations.

Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael

Alderwoman Ishmael had received a complaint regarding the red dumpster at county building had rolled down the ramp there and rolled in front of cars. Mr. Dougherty stated that he would talk to the county officials about the matter.

Mr. Ishmael asked if the handicap parking spaces that had grown faint, could be repainted. Mr. Dougherty stated that the Main Street organization had plans to do something about the parking spaces.

Alderman Cook stated that the CID were active in the parking situation. He said that MoDOT would resurface the Church Street parking spots when they resurface Highway 5 and 240 from Glasgow to Rocheport.

Mrs. Ishmael asked if the parking would be going away in front of Linn Memorial. Mr. Dougherty stated that it was in Central Methodist University's five-year plan.

Alderwoman Galloway reported that there would be a Tree Keeper training on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

Mrs. Galloway reported that seventy-seven trees need to be removed in the city, that we may need to change the city ordinance and we could write it into the trim grant. Mr. Dougherty stated that his department have trimmed many trees over the winter and will not be trimming anymore trees in the summer.

Digging a hole to plant a new tree for homeowners was discussed. Mr. Dougherty stated that it may be a liability for the city. Attorney Nickolaus stated that the city may not be able to dig a hole on private property since it wouldn't be in the city's right of way. Mr. Nickolaus said that the homeowner didn't have the right to plant the tree there in the first place. Trees in the right of way are the city's trees and it is the city's duty to cut trees to keep the power lines safe.

Mr. Dougherty reported that his department had taken down the tree by the brush pile.

Mrs. Galloway reported that she had been a part of a meeting of the Bicentennial Committee. She said they were in need of someone to organize July 4th activities.


Mrs. Galloway stated that the Festival of the Arts would be on August 5, 2023 and that the time-capsule would be raised. She asked if the mayor would make a proclamation. Mrs. Galloway stated that their plan was to bury a new time-capsule on the day of CMU Homecoming. She said they would ask Senators and the governor to visit at that time.

Adjournment

Alderwoman Ford motioned to adjourn open session at 7:20 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, Interim City Clerk

 Jeremy Dawson, Mayor