

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 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. June 13, 2023 by Mayor Jeremy Dawson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderwoman Stephanie Ford.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call verified four Board members present for the meeting.

Responding to the Roll Call: Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell, Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael, Alderwoman Bekki Galloway, Alderwoman Stephanie Ford.

Two Board Members were absent from the meeting; Alderman Joe Parisi and Alderwoman Marsha Broadus.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the June 13, 2023 agenda with the addition of adding a Request for Waiver of Excess Sewer Charge as Item seven under New Business. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 23, 2023

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the minutes for May 23, 2023 with correction. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD

City Marshall David Ford reported that the white SUV police vehicle was damaged due to hitting a deer.

Mr. Ford invited Bryan Kunze to explain the 911 Mules agreement and the amount due of \$2,400.00. Mr. Kunze provided a copy of the agreement between the city and 911 Mules and explained that it stated that the 911 office was to receive \$200.00 per month by the city, paid annually in January. City Clerk Judy Thompson thanked Mr. Kunze for the information and stated that the city would pay the amount as soon as an invoice was received. Mr. Kunze stated that an invoice would be provided and a new contract would be provided as well.

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

No Comments

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty was absent.

Mayor Jeremy Dawson stated that the City Electric Department had purchased a 2010 Freightliner digger truck for \$34,650.00.

CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

No comments

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

No comments

VISITORS**Tim Jackman**

Tim Jackman, representing Boys and Girls Clubs of America along with Gary Beckman, Executive Director in Sedalia, Missouri presented material and gave a presentation on the benefit of Boys and Girls Clubs and introduced the desire to start one in Fayette. Mr. Beckman stated that grants and community support would be sought and that all funds raised in Fayette would stay in Fayette. Mr. Jackman and Mr. Beckman asked if the city would give its stamp of approval and would partner with the program, along with local schools and citizens. The beginning location of the program would be St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Rhonda Gerlt

Rhonda Gerlt shared her views on the CMU sidewalk widening project and the importance of keeping the trees and finding alternative places for parking. Mrs. Gerlt asked the city to not support the project.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**Pam Huttzell**

Pam Huttzell representing the Fayette Historic Preservation Commission (FHPC) presented her concerns regarding two projects in the city being in National Historic Register districts. Mrs. Huttzell stated that any improvements to the Historic District must allow FHPC to review the project, citing Section 106 Review.

Attorney Nickolaus stated that the CMU project with MoDOT is not a city project, so the MoDOT Historical Specialists will be involved in the historical preservation of the project.

Mr. Ed Lammers

Mr. Ed Lammers presented a copy of a recent letter to the Editor he had placed in the Fayette newspaper and spoke on his views on the removal of the CMU trees. Mr. Lammers asked the city not to approve the project and asked if alternative parking areas could be found.

Deanna Cooper

Mrs. Deanna Cooper of Fayette Main Street announced that Fayette Main Street will sponsor a Street Dance on July 22, 2023 on North Main Street. The band 54 Country will provide entertainment and Emmet's and Bee's Knees will provide alcohol for the event. Police Chief David Ford will contact a Main Street representative regarding blocking the street and verifying proper liquor licenses have been obtained.

Monique Chapman

Monique Chapman asked the city to clarify how the Paige-Liberty Park fits into the budget and asked if the budgeted funds was divided equally between parks. Miss Chapman asked if the hexagon swing could be fixed. Mayor Jeremy Dawson stated that he will look into the matter.

Ann Schnell

Ann Schnell stated that the Parks Committee had met with Dennis Daniels regarding park issues.

OLD BUSINESS**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI PROHIBITING DISORDERLY PROPERTIES AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR MAINTAINING SUCH A PROPERTY**

Alderman Ford motioned to approve and accept as written the **first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-04 An Ordinance of the City of Fayette, Missouri prohibiting disorderly properties and imposing penalties for maintaining such a property.**

Alderman Galloway seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Alderman Ishmael, Alderman Galloway and Alderman Ford, Alderman O'Connell. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Alderman Ford motioned to approve and accept as written the **second reading of Ordinance No. 2023-04 An Ordinance of the City of Fayette, Missouri prohibiting disorderly properties and imposing penalties for maintaining such a property.**

Alderman O'Connell seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Alderman Galloway, Alderman Ford, Alderman O'Connell and Alderman Ishmael. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-12 A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI IS APPLYING FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM THROUGH MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THE CONCRETE PHASE OF THE NORTH MAIN STREET PROJECT.

Alderman Ford motioned to approve **Resolution No. 2023-12, A Resolution confirming the City of Fayette, Missouri is applying for the Transportation Alternatives Program through Missouri Department of Transportation for the purpose of completing the concrete phase of the North Main Street Project.**

Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Deanna Cooper commented after concerns were expressed, that the language of the Exhibit A to the resolution protects the city from paying the amount if CID backs out. Mrs. Cooper stated that Main Street is applying for the grant to pay for concrete only. Mrs. Cooper also mentioned that the arch placement in the plans is, at this point, a suggestion only.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL TO APPOINT KYLE ELLIOTT TO THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FAYETTE COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Alderman Ford motioned to approve Kyle Elliott to the Historic Fayette Commercial Community Improvement District (CID). Alderman O'Connell seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

PAY RESOLUTION 2023-13 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Alderman Ford motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2023-13 approving invoices for payment in the total sum of **\$338,639.33** which includes, General Fund \$49,718.65, Electric Fund \$213,835.62, Water Fund \$55,488.05, Sewer Fund \$8,294.05 and Payroll Fund \$11,302.96. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ANNUAL AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF FAYETTE AND FAYETTE MAIN STREET, INC.

Alderman Ford motioned to approve the annual Agreement of Services between the City of Fayette and Fayette Main Street, Inc. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF WEST SPRING STREET BRIDGE BID BY T & B TRUCKING & EXCAVATING

Alderman Ford motioned to approve the bid for the West Spring Street Bridge by T & B Trucking & Excavating in the amount of \$418,593.00. Alderman O'Connell seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF NORTH MULBERRY STREET BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS APPLICATION

A copy of the MoDOT Missouri Regional Bridge Program Application, completed and submitted by MECO Engineering, Inc. for the benefit of the City of Fayette was provided for discussion and approval. The total estimated project cost would be \$442,500.00 of which the city could be responsible for 20% of the cost, or \$88,500.00.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the MoDOT Missouri Regional Bridge Program Application for the amount of \$442,500.00 and the 20% of which the city could be responsible for. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF THE FAYETTE AREA COMMUNITY TRUST APPLICATION FOR FAYETTE PARTY IN THE PARK

Fayette Party in the Park Director Tristin Head presented an application to the Fayette Area Community Trust in the amount of \$1,300.00 for expenses for the Fayette Party in the Park celebration and asked the city to sponsor the application due to the Fayette Party in the Park not having completed the 501(c)3 process.

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the sponsorship of the Fayette Area Community Trust application on behalf of Fayette Party in the Park. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF MFA OIL PROPANE CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the MFA Oil Propane Contract Agreement. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF EXCESS SEWER CHARGE

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the Request for Waiver of Excess Sewer Charge by David Ford in the amount of \$64.40. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Three voting Aye. Nays – 0. Alderwoman Ford abstaining. Motion carried.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael

Alderwoman Ishmael reported that she has received many calls from citizens regarding the CMU trees being removed. Mrs. Ishmael stated that she had passed along comments and emails to Julee Sherman at CMU.

Mrs. Ishmael asked the council to discuss passing an ordinance for no parking on Church Street near CMU after the subject of considering making Church Street no parking except on Sundays was initiated by Alderwoman Ford.

Alderman Peggy O'Connell

Alderman O'Connell shared that she had a citizen complaint that no public hearing was held by the city for the construction of Eagle Landing.

Mrs. O'Connell shared that she was working on updating the Fayette City Employee Handbook.

Alderman Bekki Galloway

Alderman Galloway commented that she would visit with Public Works Director Danny Dougherty when he returns to work regarding the Parks issue brought up by Monique Chapman and Sheila Chapman.

Mrs. Galloway reported that the Tree Board is moving forward on the TRIM grant.

Alderman Stephanie Ford

Alderman Ford reported that a Personnel meeting was held and job descriptions were discussed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO RSMO CHAPTER 610.021 (2) LEASING, PURCHASE OR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PUBLIC GOVERNMENT BODY WHERE PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRANSACTION MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE LEGAL CONSIDERATION THEREFORE; 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; RSMO CHAPTER 610.021 (13) INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFIABLE PERSONAL RECORDS, PERFORMANCE RATING OR RECORDS PERTAINING TO EMPLOYEES OR APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT

Alderman Ford motioned to move to closed session at 7:15 p.m. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Responding to the Roll Call: Alderman Ford, Alderman Galloway, Alderman Ishmael and Alderman O'Connell.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR BUDGET DISCUSSION

Roll Call verified four Board members present to return to open session for budget discussion at 7:25 p.m.

Responding to the Roll Call: Alderman Ishmael, Alderman O'Connell, Alderman Galloway and Alderman Ford.


The proposed budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year was reviewed and discussed by Aldermen and suggestions were made for changes.

The next budget meeting will be scheduled June 14, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to adjourn open session at 8:20 p.m. Aldерwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 Jeremy Dawson, Mayor