

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 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. August 8, 2023 by Mayor Jeremy Dawson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call verified six Board members present for the meeting.

Responding to the Roll Call: Alderwoman Marsha Broadus, Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael, Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell, Alderwoman Stephanie Ford, Alderwoman Ronda Gerlt and Alderwoman Bekki Galloway.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the August 8, 2023 agenda. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2023

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the minutes for July 25, 2023 with a correction on page 6. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD

No comments

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty gave a report on the construction of the Spring Street Bridge that it may be completed before school starts.

Mr. Dougherty presented information about the RenoDry System to help dry up moisture in the City Hall building. The quoted amount of the system would be \$8,700.00, and funds have been budgeted for the system.

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the purchase and installation of the RenoDry system for the quoted price. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Dougherty reported that the last day the Fayette City Swimming Pool would be open will be August 13, 2023.

Mr. Dougherty presented two, line-item requests; one for the Water Department to stock up on line materials in the amount of \$3,653.12 and one for the Electric Department for line materials and new metering materials for the Fayette Schools, in the amount of \$22,200.00 and \$4,170.00.

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve a line-item request for the Water Department t, in the amount of \$3,653.12. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve a line-item request for the Electric Department in the amount of \$22,200.00 and \$4,170.00. Alderwoman Gerlt seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

City Clerk Judy Thompson reported that the E-Code review stage was complete and the final draft stage had begun. The final stage may take several months before new Ordinance books would be produced.

Mrs. Thompson presented a new business license application for Big Daddy Wags, LLC., for approval. Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the new business license for Bid Daddy Wags, LLC. Alderman Galloway seconded the motion. Six voted Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Thompson asked for approval to advertise in the newspaper for bids for City Hall ceiling repairs. Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the advertisement for ceiling repair bids. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Thompson announced that the Duck Blind Drawing advertisement has been placed in the newspaper and the drawing will be on September 1, 2023.

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus reported that he would bring a finance ordinance to meet Federal requirements to the next meeting.

Mr. Nickolaus stated that the City's business license ordinance needs to be amended to clarify requirements for businesses and vendors. Mr. Nickolaus stated that the city needs to make sure businesses and vendors are paying Sales Tax if required to do so.

VISITORS

Gary & Kelly Beeler

Mr. and Mrs. Beeler shared their concerns regarding the shortage of parking on their street which makes it difficult when they have visitors. They asked the board to vote to change the no parking status changed on Spring and Linn Streets and stated that they would talk to neighbors in the area and report their findings at the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

Grafton Cook

Grafton Cook, representing the Historic Downtown Fayette Commercial Community Improvement District (CID) presented a Parking and Traffic Study Partnership Outline for the Board's approval. Mr. Cook explained the information provided and stated that the CID was eager to partner with the City to find a solution to the parking/traffic issue in Fayette. Mr. Cook asked for a motion by the Board to move ahead with the study. Mr. Cook stated that the CID would fund the study and they would gather community input. Mr. Cook stated that the partnership was with the CID, Fayette Main Street, Fayette Chamber of Commerce and the City of Fayette.

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to support the CID Parking and Traffic Study. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Jim Bensman and Don Jenkins

Jim Bensman, representing MECO Engineering Co., Inc. reported on the progress of the Spring Street Bridge and the D.C. Rogers Wing Wall projects and presented a D.C. Rogers Lake Dam Outfall FEMA Project Summary Timeline. Mr. Bensman stated that due to the health issues of his wife, the design phase of the projects took longer than expected. Mr. Bensman also explained FEMA's role in the D.C. Rogers project stating that at times MECO has to wait for FEMA's checkpoints which holds up the project. Mr. Bensman apologized for the delays.

Mayor Jeremy Dawson asked Mr. Bensman when the D.C. Rogers project could start. Mr. Bensman explained that the design phase would be completed by the end of the year 2023, then it would be reviewed by FEMA, then bids obtained, then construction to begin by Spring of 2024. Mr. Bensman was asked by Alderwoman Galloway if the design phase could be completed by Thanksgiving and he said they would try.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**George Beford**

Mr. Beford thanked Mr. Dougherty for fixing his driveway and stated that he would be on the next Honor Flight.

Regina Powell

Ms. Powell shared her concern about the high rental costs and asked what people were to do about affordable housing.

Jocelyn Hutchinson

Mrs. Hutchinson came to comment on the parking situation on her street – Oaklawn, which will be discussed later in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE PHONE USAGE AND PHONE ALLOWANCES**

The Board discussed the need and expense of the personnel cell phones and/or phone allowances. City Marshall Ford stated that defense attorneys advise against policemen using personal phones while on duty. Attorney Nickolaus advised to give a portion of the amount of the allowance to those who use their personal phones for work use. Alderwoman O'Connell suggested to amend the AT&T contract to remove three of the current phones in use and to add a phone allowance to Cody Hilgedick since he is now a full-time employee.

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to amend the AT&T contract to remove three of the current phones in use and to add a phone allowance to Cody Hilgedick's pay. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF NO PARKING ON OAKLAWN STREET

Discussion regarding whether to change Oaklawn Street to no parking was had by the Board. Alderwoman Galloway stated that she went door-to-door to speak to the residents on the street and she found that the citizens were opposed to making the street no parking.

Alderwoman Gerlt stated that she had taken pictures of the woman that keeps parking in the street instead of in the driveway.

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to make the portion of Oaklawn street from Morrison to Walnut a no parking area on both sides of the street. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 1. Motion carried.

Attorney Nickolaus will prepare the ordinance for Oaklawn Street no parking area and bring it to the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

NEW BUSINESS**PAY RESOLUTION 2023-17 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2023-17, approving invoices and salaries for payment in the total sum of **\$345,580.07** which includes, General Fund \$72,235.71, Electric Fund \$242,172.18, Water Fund \$18,593.19, Sewer Fund \$12,578.99.

Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 1 TO T & B TRUCKING AND EXCAVATING, LLC.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve Payment Application No. 1 to T & B Trucking and Excavating, LLC. Alderwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL TO REVIEW AND/OR ACCEPT BIDS FOR ROOF REPAIR ON THE ELECTRIC UTILITY BUILDING

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the bid for roof repairs from Resolve Roofing, LLC. Alderwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF NEW SIGN ORDINANCE REVISIONS BY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning & Zoning Commission voted for a continuance of considering the draft of the proposed ordinance until the next Planning & Zoning Commission meeting.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR EXCESS SEWER CHARGES FOR THREE CUSTOMERS

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the waiver of excess sewer charges for 510 Park Road. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Gerlt motioned to approve the waiver of excess sewer charges for 101 Oaklawn Avenue. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the waiver of excess sewer charges for 705 Lucky Street. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PARTNERSHIP WITH SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM (SCSEP)

Discussion regarding partnering with SCSEP for part-time help with cleaning the City Hall was had. SCSEP pays the employee minimum wage and the City would supervise the employee.

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the partnership with SCSEP. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Alderwoman Ronda Gerlt

Alderwoman Gerlt asked when Central Methodist University was going to provide the clear visual. Mayor Dawson will reach out to them and find out.

Alderman Bekki Galloway

Alderman Galloway requested that a discussion about a code of conduct for personnel should be had.

Mrs. Galloway asked about the subject of sharing the board packet with those outside of the board before the board meeting. The Board suggested that it should be shared on the website.

Mrs. Galloway commented on complaints by constituents regarding proprietors parking in the three-hour parking all day.

Mrs. Galloway stated that the need for discussion on the pros and cons of elected vs. appointed City Marshall.

Mrs. Galloway stated that the 2023 Trim Grant was discussed at the recent Tree Board meeting.

Mrs. Galloway stated that the next Parks Commission meeting would be on August 14, 2023.

Mrs. Galloway stated that discussion is needed regarding the removal of dead trees at Rickets Lake.

Alderman Peggy O'Connell

Alderman O'Connell commented on the Peddler's license. Alderman Broadus stated that she pays for a full business license plus \$150.00 per day when she opens her food truck in Boonville.

Mrs. O'Connell asked why the repair to the Spring Street Bridge goes so far into the practice field. Mr. Dougherty shared that it helps to dissipate further flows.

Alderman Michelle Ishmael

Alderman Ishmael thanked Mr. Dougherty and team for helping with the tents for the Fayette Festival of the Arts/Bicentennial celebration. Mrs. Ishmael also thanked Justin Addison for taking pictures and Mayor Dawson for representing the City when presented with the Resolution from the Missouri House of Representatives.

Mrs. Ishmael reported that a citizen handled a problem by himself by painting the triangle, which Mr. Dougherty provided the paint for.

Mrs. Ishmael asked if the Disorderly Properties Ordinance 2023-04 was being enforced on people with unkept properties. Mr. Ford stated that ordinance would be used for criminal behavior and the Nuisance Ordinance would be used to enforce unkept properties.

Alderman Marsha Broadus

Alderman Broadus asked about a mobile home in the mobile home park and if it has a generator or do they have utilities. Also, if they had water and sewer services. Mr. Dougherty will check on it.

Ms. Broadus commented on other problem properties, one being next to 102 Olive Street and a house next to Sheila Chapman's Daycare. Mr. Dougherty will check on the properties.

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 7:34 p.m. Alderman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Ford motioned to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Alderman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 Jeremy Dawson, Mayor