

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023 - AMENDED**

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 22, 2023 by Mayor Jeremy Dawson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderwoman Ronda Gerlt.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call verified six Board members present for the meeting.

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

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the August 22, 2023 agenda with the correction (See attached amendments). Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING TO FIX THE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATES OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

Public Hearing to fix the Ad Valorem property tax rates of the City of Fayette for Fiscal Year 2023 was opened at 6:05 p.m.

One comment from Jeff Parks who asked what the tax rate was changing to, which is .5907 if approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD AUGUST 8, 2023

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the minutes for August 8, 2023 with a correction (See attached amendment). Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD

No comments

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty was absent.

CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

City Clerk Judy Thompson presented a new business license application for Resolve Roofing, LLC., for approval. Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the new business license for Resolve Roofing, LLC. Alderwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Six voted Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

No comments

VISITORS**Connie Ford**

Connie Ford, representing Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA) announced that the City of Fayette's application for funding from the MoPEP Infrastructure Grant Program was approved and a check was presented to the City for meter replacement upgrades in the amount of \$48,469.00.

Caleb Walker

Caleb Walker of Heritage Insurance presented an insurance quote for renewal of the City's insurance. Mr. Walker explained that the wind/hail deductible would be going up to 1% of the claim or \$50,000.00 minimum and that the premium would be \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 higher than last year. Mr. Walker will obtain a quote from another company and bring his findings to the next meeting.

Joey McLiney & Mike Hall

Joey McLiney and Mike Hall representing the Howard County Regional Water Commission were scheduled to bring information about the City's upcoming water rate increase, but were unable to attend and will be at the next meeting.

Gary & Kelly Beeler

Gary and Kelly Beeler shared their concerns regarding the shortage of parking on their street which makes it difficult when they have visitors and would like the same side of street as their house is on to have parking again. Mayor Dawson stated that the council needed more time to check signs and ordinances and bring information to the next meeting.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Jeff Parks

Jeff Parks commented that he was still working with Central Methodist University to resolve the situation with the damaged wall of his business. He also shared his disapproval of the judgement of the murder charge of the CMU student.

Rebecca Fenton

Rebecca Fenton of 507 Linn Street commented on her disapproval of changing the current status of No Parking on her street and said that she has been blocked in her driveway on several occasions.

George Beford

George Beford gave his comments on the parking on Linn Street and was one who was instrumental in getting the no parking of the street instituted. He said the street was too narrow for parking and that snowplows couldn't get through.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2023-10, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI AMENDING THE CITY CODE BY PROHIBITING PARKING ON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF OAKLAWN AVENUE

Aldерwoman Galloway motioned to approve Bill No. 2023-10, An Ordinance of the City of Fayette, Missouri amending the City Code by prohibiting parking on certain portions of Oaklawn Avenue. Aldерwoman Gerlt seconded the motion. Four voted Aye. Nays – Two. Motion carried.

Aldерwoman Galloway motioned to approve BILL NO. 2023-10 by FIRST AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI AMENDING THE CITY CODE BY PROHIBITING PARKING ON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF OAKLAWN AVENUE. Aldерwoman Gerlt seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – two. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldерwoman Broadus, Aldерwoman Ishmael, Aldерwoman Galloway, Aldерwoman Gerlt. Nays – Aldерwoman O'Connell and Aldерwoman Ford.

Aldерwoman Galloway motioned to approve BILL NO. 2023-10 by SECOND AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI AMENDING THE CITY CODE BY PROHIBITING PARKING ON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF OAKLAWN AVENUE. Aldерwoman Gerlt seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – two. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldерwoman Gerlt, Aldерwoman Galloway, Aldерwoman Ishmael, Aldерwoman Broadus. Nays – Aldерwoman O'Connell and Aldерwoman Ford.

NEW BUSINESS**PAY RESOLUTION 2023-18 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Aldерwoman O'Connell motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2023-17, approving invoices and salaries for payment in the total sum of **\$264,960.13** which includes, General Fund \$223,589.57, Electric Fund \$20,984.71, Water Fund \$10,493.58, Sewer Fund \$9,892.27. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2023-09, AN ORDINANCE FIXING AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATES OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

Public Hearing was closed at this time.

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve BILL NO. 2023-09 BY FIRST AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE FIXING AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATES OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023. Aldерwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldерwoman Ishmael, Aldерwoman Broadus, Aldерwoman O'Connell, Aldерwoman Galloway, Aldерwoman Gerlt and Aldерwoman Ford. Nays – None.

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve BILL NO. 2023-09 BY SECOND AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE FIXING AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATES OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023. Aldерwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldерwoman Broadus, Aldерwoman Ishmael, Aldерwoman O'Connell, Aldерwoman Ford, Aldерwoman Gerlt and Aldерwoman Galloway. Nays – None.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2023-11, AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN EMPLOYEES TO MAKE PURCHASES WITHIN A DESIGNATED RANGE, PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR SOLICITING BIDS AS WELL AS EXCEPTIONS TO THAT PROCEDURE.

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve Bill No. 2023-11, an Ordinance adopting a procurement policy for the City, authorizing certain employees to make purchases within a designated range, providing a procedure for the expenditure of federal funds and providing a procedure for soliciting bids as well as exceptions to that procedure. Aldерwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve BILL NO. 2023-11, BY FIRST AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN EMPLOYEES TO MAKE PURCHASES WITHIN A DESIGNATED RANGE, PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR SOLICITING BIDS AS WELL AS EXCEPTIONS TO THAT PROCEDURE.

Aldерwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldерwoman O’Connell, Aldерwoman Ishmael, Aldерwoman Broadus, Aldерwoman Ford, Aldерwoman Gerlt and Aldерwoman Galloway. Nays – None.

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve BILL NO. 2023-11, BY SECOND AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A PROCUREMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN EMPLOYEES TO MAKE PURCHASES WITHIN A DESIGNATED RANGE, PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL FUNDS AND PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR SOLICITING BIDS AS WELL AS EXCEPTIONS TO THAT PROCEDURE. Aldерwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Aldерwoman Ford, Aldерwoman Gerlt Aldерwoman Galloway, Aldерwoman O’Connell, Aldерwoman Ishmael and Aldерwoman Broadus. Nays – None. Motion carried.

OPENING OF SEALED BIDS FOR 1989 AMGE HUMVEE

One bid was received for the 1989 AMGE Humvee from Sterling Birch in the amount of \$12,517.00. Aldерwoman O’Connell motioned to accept the bid for the amount of the bid. Aldерwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR EXCESS SEWER CHARGES

Aldерwoman Galloway motioned to approve the waiver of excess sewer charges for 105 N. Howard Street. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF AN EXTENSION OF UTILITY PAYMENT

Extension of utility payment for 102 Boyd Street was funded by the Central Missouri Community Action Center, so no council approval was needed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF FINAL INVOICE FOR SPLASH PAD LABOR, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS, PAYABLE TO IDEAL LANDSCAPE GROUP

Aldерwoman Galloway motioned to table the final payment to Ideal Landscape until the next meeting and the council could hear from the Public Works Director, Danny Dougherty on the status of the Splash Park. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF CITIZEN NOTIFICATION LETTER OF TREE TRIMMING OR REMOVAL

The council reviewed and accepted a citizen’s letter drafted by Aldерwoman Galloway to be given to citizens before tree trimming and/or removal will be done on their property, by City crews. A copy of the letter will be given to the homeowner as well as posted in the newspaper and on the City’s website in the fall when tree trimming begins.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE OWN, INC., AS CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR PARKING & TRAFFIC STUDY IN SUPPORT OF CID

Alderman O'Connell motioned to approve the recommendation by the Historic Downtown Fayette Commercial Community Improvement District (CID) to hire Own, Inc. as the consulting engineer for the parking and traffic study to be done. Alderman Galloway seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

The City of Fayette will serve as the contracting agent and the CID will act as the Owner's Representative.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Alderman Ronda Gerlt

Alderman Gerlt stated that Rebecca Fenton had emailed the council members and included pictures regarding her parking situation on Linn Street and Mrs. Gerlt commented that she agreed that there was a real problem.

Mrs. Gerlt approved of the repairs on the Spring Street Bridge but commented that the rocks looked dangerous.

Mrs. Gerlt would like to see the visual of the Central Methodist University's Church Street project. Mayor Dawson will reach out to them.

Alderman Bekki Galloway

Alderman Galloway was concerned on parking in the city.

Alderman Peggy O'Connell

Alderman O'Connell stated that the Fayette Historic Preservation Commission met on August 9, 2023. The meeting items included that the HPC needs two more members, they voted to keep the boundaries the same for the historic district, incentives for buildings in the historic district, like sign grants. Other items were design guidelines, CLG training in October and Tax Credit Workshop at the Main Street building for Main Street and CID members.

Alderman Michelle Ishmael

Alderman Ishmael commented on the rocks at the Spring Street Bridge and her concern about field erosion and children getting hurt.

Mrs. Ishmael reported that it was reported that there had been reports of people using jet skis on D.C. Rogers Lake and was told to call police if anymore sightings occurred.

Alderman Marsha Broadus

Alderwoman Broadus wanted to know when the hole on South Park Street would be fixed. Mayor Dawson explained that the City crews do several places at once and he would talk to Danny Dougherty regarding the matter.

Ms. Broadus commented that she was concerned about a house that has no sewer. Mayor Dawson will talk to Mr. Dougherty when he returns.

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

Alderwoman Broadus motioned to move to closed session at 7:00 p.m. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.


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

ADJOURNMENT

Alderwoman Ford motioned to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 Jeremy Dawson, Mayor

Amendments

8/22/23

AGENDA AMENDMENT – NEW BUSINESS

Add #9

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF CID RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE OWN, INC. AS THE CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR THE CID-FUNDED PARKING AND TRAFFIC STUDY

MINUTES AMENDMENT – STAFF REPORTS – CITY CLERK

Add approval vote for new business license for Big Daddy Wags, LLC.

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve the new business license for Big Daddy Wags, LLC. Aldерwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Six voted Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.