

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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. October 10, 2023 by Mayor Jeremy Dawson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell.

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 Marsha Broadus, Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael and Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the October 10, 2023 agenda with four additions to New Business. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the minutes for September 26, 2023. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD

City Marshal David Ford reported that the new police truck will be received in approximately three weeks.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY

Public Works Director Dougherty reported that he is still working on getting a bid for a new inspection camera to be used by for the sewer system. The camera will be funded by USDA Rural Development.

Mr. Dougherty stated that the Lucille Thurman Memorial Shelter House at the City Park is completed except adding the electric and planting the tree.

CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

City Clerk Judy Thompson reported on the insurance rebate received from Anthem and explained how the rebate should be distributed. Alderwoman Ford motioned to distribute the rebate according to the percentage contributed by the City and Employees and no past employees will receive a portion of the rebate. Alderwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY TODD SMITH

Assistant City Attorney Todd Smith informed the board that the three dispensaries reported to be approved last meeting, are not approved.

ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR MIKE DIMOND

Assistant to the Mayor, Mike Dimond reported that we are still waiting to hear from SCSEP on an employee to hire to do cleaning.

VISITORS

John Huss, Own, Inc.

John Huss of Own, Inc., reported on the parking and traffic study. Mr. Huss presented an engineer photo displaying the results of the preliminary study. He stated 10' parking stalls would result in 85-90 new stalls. The old parking lines could be covered by 1.) An Overlay, 2.) Black Cole tar with the life expectancy of five to six years, or 3.) Light trap rock chip seal of approximately ¼" thick.

Mr. Huss recommended the Universal Handicap parking stall which would be an 11' wide stall, 5' isle in between and another 11' stall.

Own, Inc. will finalize the report and send to the CID. The CID will report to the board.

Mr. Huss presented information on behalf of Gene Gerlt to provide water and sewer service and/or annex a portion of land outside of City Limits for the purpose of creating residential lots. Mr. Dougherty stated that we could do the utilities. Alderwoman Galloway stated that the City would benefit due to property taxes charged. Attorney Smith stated that there was a mandatory obligation to provide utilities according to a city ordinance.

Planning and Zoning will review the information at their next meeting.

Ann Schnell

Ann Schnell reported that one of the doors had fallen off at the pool and it needed to be fixed. Mr. Dougherty stated that the funds budgeted were to paint the pool next spring and funds weren't available to get it fixed. He stated that the building was in bad shape and needed lots of repair and suggested that they temporarily cover the door and see how much was left in that budget in May.

Aldерwoman Galloway stated that Ms. Schnell had gotten a bid for \$198.00 for a steel door and \$60.00 for the hardware to fix the door.

Mayor Dawson stated that more time was needed to make a decision about the door. The City will cover the entry with plywood for now and look at the funds to repair the door in the Spring.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

PAY RESOLUTION 2023-21 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2023-21, approving invoices and salaries for payment in the total sum of **\$333,110.16** which includes, General Fund \$97,108.32, Electric Fund \$193,571.09, Water Fund \$10,598.88, Sewer Fund \$31,831.87. Aldерwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF FAYETTE MAIN STREET INC. REQUEST FOR FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS SPONSORSHIP

Mayor Dawson stated that funds were not budgeted for a donation to the Festival of Lights so he will look at the budget and bring the item up at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF RESOLVE ROOFING BID #2 FOR GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS ON ELECTRIC BUILDING

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve bid #2 from Resolve Roofing to replace gutters and downspouts on the Electric building. Aldерwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF FAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK AD

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve the Gold Sponsorship ad for the Fayette High School Yearbook in the amount of \$120.00. Aldерwoman Gerlt seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2023-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A RELEASE OF A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT.

Aldерwoman Broadus motioned to approve Resolution 2023-22, a resolution authorizing the Mayor the execute a release of a temporary construction easement. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF NEW BUSINESS LICENSE FOR HORI-HORI PRODUCTIONS, LLC, D/B/A OPHELIA'S PLANTS & FLOWERS

Aldерwoman Galloway motioned to approve a new business license for Hori-Hori Productions, LLC, D/B/A Ophelia's Plants & Flowers. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF REGINA POWELL TO THE FAYETTE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Aldерwoman Galloway motioned to approve the appointment of Regina Powell to the Fayette Historic Preservation Commission. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF AMENDING THE BUDGET TO FIX THE FAYETTE SWIMMING POOL DOOR

The Board discussed the need for amending the budget to fix the Fayette Swimming Pool door that was broken. No decision was made at this time.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Aldерwoman Stephanie Ford

Aldерwoman Ford suggested we take a look at the advertising budget for a possible donation to the Fayette Festival of Lights.

Aldерwoman Ronda Gerlt

Aldерwoman Ronda Gerlt reported that Scott Fuemmeler had reported that the memorial stone at the City Cemetery was set and is now complete.

Aldерwoman Bekki Galloway

Aldерwoman Galloway reported that Robbie Trimble had contacted her regarding speeding on Spring Street since the new bridge was opened. and suggested the City add a crosswalk there.

Mrs. Galloway reported that she had submitted draft number four of the TRIM/Cost Share grant application to Ann Koenig of Missouri Department of Conservation.

Mrs. Galloway reported that Gene Gerlt would bring twelve trees to Danny Dougherty on Thursday for planting.

Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell

Alderwoman O'Connell reported that the Fayette Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) had met and thanked the Board of Alderwomen for appointing Regina Powell to the HPC Board.

Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael

Alderwoman Ishmael reported that the City Cemetery memorial stone had been placed by two Cypris trees outside of the fence near where the graves were found, and a Memorial Dedication would be held on November 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Mrs. Ishmael stated that October 28th was CMU Homecoming and invited the Council to the parade. She stated that the time capsule would be buried at 10:30 a.m. on that day.

Mrs. Ishmael stated that she enjoyed hearing all of the compliments about Fayette at CMU Band Day the prior week.

Mrs. Ishmael stated that the white line by the stop sign next to Home Oil needed to be repainted. Danny Dougherty said he would look into it.

Alderwoman Marsha Broadus

Alderwoman Broadus commented she had not noticed a message on the utility bills regarding putting trash cans away although the message was on the bills.

Alderwoman Broadus reported that a property near Chapman Daycare had lots of junk in the yard and that a red SUV was seen several times putting more junk there. City Marshal David Ford stated that the City needed to seize the property. Assistant Attorney Todd Smith asked for the address to the property so he could speak to the owner.


Ms. Broadus reported that Planning and Zoning Commission had two or three openings.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderwoman Ford motioned to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 Jeremy Dawson, Mayor