

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF  
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI  
TUESDAY MAY 9, 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. May 9, 2023 by Mayor Jeremy Dawson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Joe Parisi.

**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 Bekki Galloway, Alderman Joe Parisi and Alderwoman Stephanie Ford.

**ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to amend the agenda to add one item to New Business; to appoint Kathy Brady to the Historic Preservation Commission and then to approve the May 9, 2023 agenda. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD APRIL 25, 2023**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the minutes for April 25, 2023. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**CITY STAFF REPORTS**

**CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD**

City Marshall David Ford introduced the new Police Officers Mason Ray and Collin Luke. Cadet employee Aimee Vogt who will be commissioned as a Police Officer later in June 2023 was also introduced.

Mr. Ford asked Public Works Director, Danny Dougherty if signs could be replaced at D.C. Rogers, Ricketts and Peters lakes making the public aware of the hours the lakes can be accessed.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY**

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty gave an update on the Fayette Swimming Pool. A pool manager and nine lifeguards have been employed to date to start off the 2023 season. The pool will open on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Splash Park will open by this coming Saturday, May 13, 2023.

Mr. Dougherty reported that the Spring Street Bridge construction plans/road overlay were complete. Bids for the construction work will be opened on May 25<sup>th</sup>, although no bids have been received yet.

Mr. Dougherty reported that he was still working with MECO Engineering, Inc. to get the D.C. Rogers Wing Wall project started.

Mr. Dougherty reported on two requests for rezoning lots from R-2 to R-3 that were heard at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting on May 1, 2023. There will be a Public Hearing regarding the matter on May 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

### **CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON**

No comments

### **VISITORS**

#### **Gary Kunze**

Gary Kunze, Co-Chief of the Howard County Volunteer Fire District reported that the bid by Watkins for roof replacement on the fire department building was in the amount of \$4,150.00 and asked the council if the city would pay for half of the cost of the work. Mr. Kunze believes the roof repair would be considered a five-year fix.

Alderman Parisi motioned to pay for half of the cost of the roof repair for the five-year fix. Alderwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

#### **Tristin Head**

Tristin Head, organizer of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Party in the Park presented a schedule of events for this year's Party in the Park and gave a report on the planning of the event. Ms. Head stated that the event would be kicked off with a parade at 10:00 a.m. on July 4, 2023 with the last event of the day starting at 4:00 p.m. Sponsors, vendors and volunteers needed for the event.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

#### **Regina Powell**

Regina Powell, a representative for Citizen's Ad Hoc Committee for Paige Liberty Park requested that a representative of the city be provided to help to prepare an application for a Missouri State Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant. Mayor Jeremy Dawson suggested that a meeting between himself, Dr. Tinker and the Committee to discuss a game plan for the application.

Ms. Powell commented on the large number of stray dogs in the city.

#### **Deanna Cooper**

Deanna Cooper of Fayette Main Street introduced Cana Conrow as the new Executive Director of Fayette Main Street.

Mrs. Cooper stated that Fayette Main Street is applying for a MoDOT Grant and a T-Mobile Grant.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PAY RESOLUTION 2023-10 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2023-10 approving invoices for payment in the total sum of **\$261,727.40** which includes, General Fund \$36,093.14, Electric Fund \$146,558.01, Water Fund \$55,710.60, Sewer Fund \$8,713.11 and Payroll Fund \$14,652.54. Aldерwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

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

Aldерwoman O'Connell motioned to deny the waiver of excess sewer charge for 403 Oaklawn Avenue. Aldерwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF KATHY BRADY TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Mayor Jeremy Dawson called for the appointment of Kathy Brady to the Historic Preservation Commission. Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve the appointment of Ms. Brady to the commission. Aldерwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

#### **BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES**

##### **Aldерwoman Marsha Broadus**

Aldерwoman Broadus reported on the traffic problem on Hackberry Street. City Marshal David Ford commented that he will handle the situation.

Miss Broadus also reported that citizens were not stopping at the Stop sign on South Park Avenue. Mr. Ford commented that he will place an officer there to watch and write tickets if need be.

##### **Aldерwoman Michelle Ishmael**

Aldерwoman Ishmael thanked the council for allowing other members of the city council, City Clerk and Administrative Assistant to attend the Lauber Municipal Law, 2023 City Officials Training Seminar.

Mrs. Ishmael commented on the abandoned car on Howard Street. City Marshal David Ford stated that he had already asked the owner to move the car or have it towed.

##### **Aldерwoman Peggy O'Connell**

Aldерwoman Peggy O’Connell was thankful for new Historic Preservation Commission member, Kathy Brady, and stated that one more member was needed for the HPC Board.

**Alderwoman Bekki Galloway**

Alderwoman Galloway reported that the Parks Commission voted on new officers due to the resignation of Benjie Conrow.

Mrs. Galloway asked the council to keep reviewing the summary of park improvements before budget time stating that there was still lots of need to keep the parks going.

Mrs. Galloway stated that there would be a Trim Grant meeting tomorrow, May 10, 2023 with Ann Koenig to be reimbursed for work done on city trees.

**Joe Parisi**

Speaking for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Joe Parisi stated that there would be a Public Hearing on May 24, 2023 for the purpose of rezoning three properties.

Mr. Parisi also stated that two appointments were needed for the Planning and Zoning Commission.


Mayor Jeremy Dawson asked the council to have the upcoming budget in mind and bring project ideas to the next council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to adjourn open session at 6:45 p.m. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 Jeremy Dawson, Mayor