

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE  
MISSOURI  
TUESDAY JANUARY 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. January 10, 2023 by Mayor Jeremy Dawson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Grafton Cook.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call verified five Board members present for the meeting.

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

**ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the January 10, 2023 agenda. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2022**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the minutes for December 27, 2022. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five 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 stated that Stop signs to be installed on the square had been ordered.

Mr. Dougherty also stated that a report on the Spring Street Bridge project is expected to be received from MECO Engineering Co., Inc. by the next City Council meeting.

Mr. Dougherty introduced Don Jenkins of MECO Engineering Co., Inc. and Mr. Jenkins explained that as his company came upon the main sewer line on the last section of the project near the MFA plant, they ran into a ten-inch water line that supplies the city with water from the Howard County

Distribution plant, making it impossible to complete the project with the eighteen-inch sewer line that was planned without moving the water line. He explained that to move the water line would put the project over budget, and said their plan was to take the existing sewer line and stop it less than 100 feet short of reaching Railroad Street and tie it into the existing twelve-inch plastic sewer line that is there currently. Mr. Jenkins said that the new plan would be a deduction in the project.

Mr. Jenkins also stated that three manholes would be removed from the project since the elevations and grades wouldn't work anymore.

Mr. Dougherty stated that the city couldn't afford to move the water line to make way for the eighteen inch sewer pipe on the last section of the project.

Mr. Jenkins stated that he didn't for see any backups and the project would be wrapped up within two weeks and could be closed out by the first Council meeting in February.

Alderman Cook asked about the cost differential and Mr. Dougherty stated that the cost to move the water line would be costly and the city couldn't afford the extra expense and agreed that the new plan would be the answer. Mr. Cook asked if there would be any delays in the project and Mr. Jenkins assured him that there would be no delays and introduced the owners of Ryan Construction who also assured Mr. Cook that there would be no delays.

Mayor Jeremy Dawson asked if anyone had any other recommendations which there were none.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to proceed with the project using the older pipe. Alderman Cook seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

#### **INTERIM CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON**

No comments

#### **CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS**

No comments

#### **VISITORS**

No visitors on agenda

#### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

##### **Cara Owings – Fayette Main Street**

Cara Owings, Interim Fayette Main Street Director gave a report on several items regarding the Fayette Main Street. First, the Main Street Board are seeking applications for a new board member and that new board members have joined. Next, she reported that Main Street were working to finish the MODOT Trans Alternative Grant and they should know by this summer if the grant is obtained.

Mrs. Owings spoke about a bench project that would be completed by Spring. The project would provide eight benches, four dog waste stations and ten trash receptacles for the city for the cost of \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00. Mayor Jeremy Dawson asked who would pick up the trash from receptacles. Mrs. Owings asked if the city would contact RTS Waste Management Service to see if they would pick up the trash from the extra receptacles. Mr. Dawson stated that the city would ask them. Mrs. Owings added that there would be baggies at the dog waste stations for waste to be placed in the trash.

### **Adam Ryan – Ryan Construction**

Adam Ryan of Ryan Construction thanked the council for giving his company the opportunity to work in Fayette.

### **Jeff Parks – Ma’s Discount Hooch**

Jeff Parks, owner of Ma’s Discount Hooch asked the council to delay putting the Public Safety Sales Tax on the ballot until he could bring information comparing police department budgets from other towns by the next council meeting.

Mr. Parks had other questions regarding Covid grant funds and his concern that the Street department was suffering.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PAY RESOLUTION 2023-01 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Alderman Galloway motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2023-01 approving invoices for payment in the total sum of **\$55,596.79** which includes, General Fund \$23,674.68, Electric Fund \$18,619.82, Water Fund \$2,099.88 and Sewer Fund \$11,202.41. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

#### **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT CHANGE ORDER NO. 14 TO RYAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LLC**

Wastewater Collection System Improvement project payment change order No. 14 in the amount of \$120,139.43 was presented by Don Jenkins of MECO Engineering Co., Inc. to Ryan Construction Company, LLC.

Alderman Cook motioned to accept Payment Change Order No. 14. Alderman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

### **Grafton Cook – Community Investment District (CID)**

Alderman Grafton Cook spoke as Chairman of the Community Investment District to give a presentation of what the CID does and to share the district's background and mission. Mr. Cook explained that a CID is created by an election held within the boundaries of the proposed district and have the power to impose special assessments to pay for things like public improvements, business activity, economic development and tourism. The CID is also available to help with emergency response funding.

Mr. Cook stated that the CID currently has \$239,000.00 available for new projects.

Current board members are: Grafton Cook, Chairman, Roger Drake, Vice-Chairman, Cana Conrow, Secretary, JB Waggoner, Treasurer and Mike Dimond, Executive Director

### **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF NEW WATER RATE INCREASE**

Mayor Jeremy Dawson asked the council if an ordinance should be created to raise water rates. Alderman Cook inquired on the cost of water and if we were not pumping as much water. Mr. Dawson stated that the city had signed an agreement but we had used less and the company increased the cost.

Alderman Galloway motioned to approve writing a new ordinance to raise water rates. Alderman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Alderman Cook stated that he would like to hear from the plant manager of the Howard County Water District to give the council the status of the water situation, or for Utility Manager DaShayla Bush, our representative for the Water District to give a report.

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

Three requests for waiver of excess sewer charge were presented by Mayor Dawson:

Alderman Cook motioned to not waive excess sewer charge for Jennifer Durreman of 300 Herndon Street, but to allow Ms. Durreman to pay the charge in two monthly installments.

Alderman Galloway, Alderman O'Connell and Public Works Director Danny Dougherty commented that Ms. Durreman should be given more time to pay the excess charge and suggested six monthly installments.

Alderman Cook amended his motion to not waive excess sewer charge for Ms. Durreman, but to allow the charge to be paid back in six monthly installments while staying current. Alderman Galloway seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Alderman Cook motioned to not waive excess sewer charge for Joyce Parker of 315 Corprew Street, but to allow Ms. Parker to pay the charge back in six monthly installments while staying current. Alderman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to waive excess sewer charge for Sheila Chapman of 201 S. Park Ave. Alderwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 2023-01 AN ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI, TO IMPOSE A CITY-WIDE PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT TO BE PLACED ON ALL RETAIL SALES MADE IN THE CITY OF FAYETTE; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE ELECTION AND PURSUANT TO 94.900 RSMO. PLACE ON THE APRIL 4, 2023 BALLOT A PROPOSITION FOR THE SAME.**

Alderwoman Galloway commented that officers cannot work for \$12.00 per hour and would like to see the initiative on the next ballot.

Alderman Cook asked Police Chief David Ford what the latest trends were in police officer salaries. Mr. Ford commented that in Columbia, MO officers start with a salary of \$75,000.00 to \$80,000.00 per year. Fayette's police force salaries are at a lower range.

Mayor Dawson commented that half of the people attending the police academy are sponsored by the city but if they leave, there are no others to hire.

Alderman Cook asked if the city would have a shortfall in staffing in the coming years. Mr. Ford replied that eight officers would be sufficient for Fayette, but an additional school resource officer is needed.

**Alderman Grafton Cook motioned to approve the FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY BILL NO. 2023-01: AN ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI, TO IMPOSE A CITY-WIDE PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT TO BE PLACED ON ALL RETAIL SALES MADE IN THE CITY OF FAYETTE; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE ELECTION AND PURSUANT TO 94.900 RSMO. PLACE ON THE APRIL 4, 2023 BALLOT A PROPOSITION FOR THE SAME.**

Alderwoman Stephanie Ford seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Alderwoman Bekki Galloway, Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell, Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael, Alderman Grafton Cook and Alderwoman Stephanie Ford.

Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**Alderwoman Stephanie Ford motioned to approve the SECOND READING BY TITLE ONLY BILL NO. 2023-01: AN ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI, TO IMPOSE A CITY-WIDE PUBLIC SAFETY SALES TAX OF ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT TO BE PLACED ON ALL RETAIL SALES MADE IN THE CITY OF FAYETTE; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE ELECTION AND PURSUANT TO 94.900 RSMO. PLACE ON THE APRIL 4, 2023 BALLOT A PROPOSITION FOR THE SAME.**

Alderwoman Bekki Galloway seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Alderman Grafton Cook, Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael, Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell, Alderwoman Bekki Galloway and Alderwoman Stephanie Ford.

Nays – 0. Motion carried.

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

#### **Alderwoman Bekki Galloway**

Alderwoman Galloway stated that she has been walking her ward and noticed several trees that the city had trimmed and stated that they looked terrible and were embarrassing.

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty stated that the trees Mrs. Galloway was referring to were just trimmed back for now, but will be cut down when time permits.

Mayor Dawson stated that a new ordinance needed to be written to address problematic trees that need to be removed.

Alderwoman Galloway suggested that when a tree is taken down, the city could offer to dig a hole in a different place of the homeowner's property, away from power lines so that a new tree could be planted.

Attorney Nathan Nickolaus stated that trees around power lines are in the right away of the city to make decisions about the trees.

Mayor Dawson suggested the Tree Board put together something about planting a tree.

Editor Justin Addison asked if the city talks to the owner before trimming or taking down a tree. Mr. Dougherty stated that they do not notify the homeowner if they are just trimming the tree, but if they have to take the tree down, they do.

Mrs. Galloway stated that Jon Pettit was working on having the logo on the Splash Park sign re-done

Mrs. Galloway will contact Joe Strodtman to obtain the PDF for the disc golf sign.

Mrs. Galloway asked about the TTHM's – stirrer for water tower tanks. Public Works Director Danny Dougherty stated that the Givens Road tank is empty and that the city's water is in compliance. Attorney Nathan Nickolaus stated that TTHM's rise when water sits without being stirred.

#### **Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael**

Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael asked what was the city's next move on parking on the square and asked if the study was complete. Mayor Dawson stated that the city will discuss the issue at the time of repainting the lines.

Mrs. Ishmael stated that there has been more traffic on Frevert Drive due to traffic turning around because of the closed Spring Street bridge. Mr. Danny Dougherty suggested to put up a Dead End sign.

Mrs. Ishmael stated that as she was walking her ward she noticed drug paraphernalia at certain area at the city park again and brought the matter to Chief David Ford's attention. Mr. Danny Dougherty stated that more attention needed to be paid to that area.

**Alderman Grafton Cook**

Alderman Grafton Cook asked for the budget report to be explained and Mayor Dawson gave a summary of the report.

Alderman Cook asked when the next audit of the city finances was to occur. Mayor Dawson gave a brief summary and stated that the goal for the next audit was before the budget process starts in April 2023

**Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell**


No comments

**Adjournment**

Alderman Cook motioned to adjourn open session at 7:35 p.m. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, Interim City Clerk

 Jeremy Dawson, Mayor