

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE
MISSOURI
TUESDAY JANUARY 24, 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 24, 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 four Board members present for the meeting and Mayor Pro-tem, Stephanie Ford

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

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the January 24, 2023 agenda. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD JANUARY 10, 2023

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the minutes for January 10, 2023. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD

City Marshal David Ford stated that his department had been awarded a 2022 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant from the Missouri Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$7,995.74 to purchase ten Ballistic Helmets, eight Tactical Plate Carriers and eight Tactical Rapid Deploy IFAK trauma kits.

Mr. Ford stated an additional grant from Veteran's United in Columbia, Missouri had been applied for to purchase four Radar Units for police vehicles.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty stated that a new mower would need to be purchased before the summer season and asked if three bids were necessary to obtain before purchasing a mower. Attorney Nathan Nickolaus stated there was no state law requiring three bids, only

ordinance regulated, but the council could vote to wave the bidding process. Mr. Dougherty stated that he would like to submit the line-item request for a mower he had found in the amount of \$15,039.00. Alderwoman Galloway motioned to wave the bidding process and allow Mr. Dougherty to purchase the mower. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

INTERIM CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

Interim City Clerk Judy Thompson presented a line-item request in the amount of \$265.00 for training at the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association (MoCCFOA) on March 13 thru 14, 2023 in Columbia. Line would have a remaining budget of \$1,049.11, so council voted that both Mrs. Thompson and new Administrative Assistant, Mati Salazar should go to the training. Alderwoman Galloway motioned to send both Judy Thompson and Mati Salazar to training thru the MoCCFOA on March 13-14, 2023. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

City Attorney Nathan Nickolas reported that the Department of Public Safety had ARPA funds available to apply for. Mr. Nickolas will call the Department of Public Safety for more information.

VISITORS

Mr. George Hulet and Mr. Jordan Gebhardt

Mr. George Hulet and Mr. Jordan Gebhardt with People Services, were slated to present information to the council on the Regional Water Commission, but were unable to come. Alderman Cook motioned to table the visit until the next council meeting on February 14, 2023. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Ms. Regina Powell

Ms. Regina Powell, member of the Parks Commission presented a report on the Paige Liberty Park. See attached report.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No citizen comments

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS**PAY RESOLUTION 2023-02 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Alderswoman Galloway motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2023-02 approving invoices for payment in the total sum of \$92,677.76 which includes, General Fund \$16,586.61, Electric Fund \$3,529.16, Water Fund \$69,839.31 and Sewer Fund \$2,722.68. Alderswoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2023-02 ESTABLISHING RATES FOR WATER PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF FAYETTE

Alderswoman Bekki Galloway motioned to approve and accept as written the **FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY BILL NO. 2023-02: ORDINANCE 2023-02 ESTABLISHING RATES FOR WATER PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF FAYETTE**

Alderswoman Peggy O’Connell seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Alderman Grafton Cook, Alderswoman Michelle Ishmael, Alderswoman Peggy O’Connell and Alderswoman Bekki Galloway. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Alderman Grafton Cook motioned to approve and accept as written the **SECOND READING BY TITLE ONLY BILL NO. 2023-02: ORDINANCE 2023-02 ESTABLISHING RATES FOR WATER PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF FAYETTE**

Alderswoman Peggy O’Connell seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Alderswoman Michelle Ishmael, Alderswoman Peggy O’Connell, Alderswoman Bekki Galloway and Alderman Grafton Cook. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES**Alderswoman Bekki Galloway**

Alderswoman Galloway stated that the Tree Board had met on 1/21/23 with Rachel Steel of KPIP local radio to develop a Public Service Announcement about the Trim grant.

Mrs. Galloway stated that approximately 1012 fliers were delivered door to door with information regarding the TRIM grant and Emerald Ash Borer.

Mrs. Galloway stated that the Davey Group’s community arborist Gibson Reid is currently doing the Fayette City Tree Survey of trees in the right of way and public lands.

Mrs. Galloway gave a Parks report which included the following: “Archery Only” hunting signs needed at Peters Lake, Mrs. Galloway will work with Josh Monnig on the Universal Playground this year, Disc Golf sign needs replaced, no update from John Petit on the Splash Pad Rules sign, the Historic Shelter in the City Park needs an engineering assessment and the Community Garden on Silvey Street is to be managed by Walter Lane and Tony Cook in 2023.

Mrs. Galloway reported that the Bicentennial Committee will have a meeting on January 31, 2023 and welcomed all to come.

Aldерwoman Michelle Ishmael

Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael thanked Alderwoman Galloway for walking her ward and the citizens appreciated it.

Mrs. Ishmael asked if Ash tree questions were to go to Dakota Wells or were there others.

Mrs. Ishmael asked for an update on the new stop signs to be installed. Public Works Director Danny Dougherty commented that the signs were ordered and he was just waiting for them. Mr. Dougherty also stated that MODOT had been contacted and will call back to approve the stop sign on Church Street and West Davis.

Alderman Grafton Cook

Alderman Grafton Cook asked for an update on the city's website. Interim City Clerk Judy Thompson stated that the city is in communication with Megaphone Designs for updates on the website.

Mr. Cook asked about the status of the city's Cleargov subscription. Mrs. Thompson stated that Mayor Jeremy Dawson felt that the city no longer needed the subscription and would use the budget software on gWorks in the Spring budget.

Mr. Cook asked for the status on the outside pots that had been decorated by Paisley Bowtique. Mrs. Thompson stated that Paisley would no longer be decorating the pots.

Mr. Cook asked for an update on the financial reports. Mrs. Thompson stated that Pat Chrislip was continuing to work on correcting entries and much progress was being made.

Mr. Cook asked where the new trash cans provided by Main Street would be located. Mr. Dougherty stated that the ten trash cans would be located around the downtown area and that bags for dog waste would come with the cans.

Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell

No comments

Adjournment

Alderman Cook motioned to adjourn open session at 6:45 p.m. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, Interim City Clerk

 Stephanie Ford, Mayor Pro-tem

Citizens Ad Hoc Committee for Paige Liberty Park Report
For Fayette City Council and Parks Commission February 24, 2023

- 1) We are pleased to report that the Mural by Charles Broadus has been completed. It is really nice. The project was funded by donations from the CMU Board of Trustees. Our Committee plans to paint the sides of the building.
- 2) Three donated trees have been planted at the park since late summer. We are looking forward to further tree donations this spring. We appreciate Bekki Galloway's leadership and Danny Dougherty and City Crew's efforts on this project.
- 3) We request that the City make arrangements to install the remaining playground equipment that has been purchased which includes a "Spinner" (purchased by St Paul Church grant) and a 3 seat Swing Set (purchased by City). It was our past agreement that the City would take care of these installations as the St Paul grant had paid for installation last summer of other equipment purchased by the City. We would like this to be done by April.

There is also the pending project of re-installing the old hexagon swing that was taken down to make the new playground by the large shelter. We have previously discussed that this should be installed in the northwest corner of the park, to the west of the ball field foul line and by the new picnic tables. We know this project will require leveling the ground at the installation site and we are aware this is a more involved project. Long term, we would like to see road access and a limited parking area at the NW corner of the park off of Railroad Street.
- 4) We have 2 benches that have been donated to be placed next to the basketball court. We request the City's help in installing those benches.
- 5) We intend to pursue future plans and funding for renovations to the large shelter house tables and concrete floor.
- 6) We look forward to the professional pruning of the heirloom Mulberry Tree.