

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 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 23, 2023 by Mayor Jeremy Dawson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderwoman Bekki Galloway.

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 Alderwoman Marsha Broadus.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the May 23, 2023 agenda. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MAY 9, 2023

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the minutes for May 9, 2023. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD

City Marshall David Ford reported that the 2013 Dodge Truck is now out of service for the police department. Mayor Dawson stated that the truck is to be assigned to Parks/Streets department.

Mr. Ford submitted a proposal for changes to Ordinance 205.100 License for Dogs, Issuance of License, Annual Fee, Vaccination, especially regarding an increase in fees. Mr. Ford also included in the proposal, an increase in salary for dog pound attendant, Shelley Day.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty gave an update on the Fayette Splash Park reporting that the new motor was in and that hopefully the Splash Park will be fixed tomorrow.

Mr. Dougherty reported on the hail claim on the Electric Department building and reviewed the printout from Tokio Marine Insurance Company. More funds may be needed to fix the building, and if so, documentation and pictures will need to be obtained.

Mr. Dougherty reported bids for the construction work in the Spring Street Bridge project will be opened on May 25th, although no bids have been received yet. Mayor Dawson reported that he would receive an update from MECO Engineering, Inc. on Friday.

Mr. Dougherty reported that the new playground was installed at D.C. Rogers Lake and will be mulched soon.

Mr. Dougherty stated that the Fayette Swimming Pool would be opened on Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

No comments

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

No comments

VISITORS

Caleb Walker

Caleb Walker of Heritage Insurance reported on the recent Workman's Comp Audit for the 2021-2022 period was completed by Missouri Employer's Mutual. The audit revealed that the city would receive a refund of \$31,492.00.

Tim Jackman

Tim Jackman, representing the Juneteenth Celebration came with a group of Juneteenth Committee members for the reading of the Juneteenth Proclamation by Mayor Jeremy Dawson.

Julee Sherman

Julee Sherman of Central Methodist University reported on CMU's MoDOT TAP Grant proposal for \$400,000.00 to \$500,000.00 to remove current sidewalks, replace wider sidewalks, install two flashing pedestrian crossings, replace crossings with accessible curb cuts and install lighting on the east side of North Church Street from Elm Street up to the college (by Woodward). Mrs. Sherman stated that the University would like to have a letter of support from the city for the project even though the TAP Grant could be obtained without the city's approval.

Mayor Dawson asked Mrs. Sherman about the University's plan to replant the many trees that would need to be removed for the project. Alderwoman Galloway also discussed the citizen push back on the project due to so many large trees being removed and suggested the University speak to Arborist Dakota Wells

about beginning to replace trees now, before the project begins. Alderman Ishmael shared that she had heard many complaints regarding removing the trees as well.

Mrs. Sherman shared that the University does plan to replace trees beside the new sidewalk and the intention of the project is to make the area safe for students and pedestrians. Mr. Dawson agreed that the project is needed but would like to know the game plan.

Grafton Cook

Grafton Cook of Historic Downtown Fayette Commercial Community Improvement District (CID) presented a letter of resignation from Cana Conrow from the CID board. Mr. Cook also presented a letter requesting that Kyle Elliott be appointed to the board. The city will adopt a Resolution to appoint Kyle Elliott to the CID Board at it's next Board of Alderman meeting on June 13, 2023.

Mr. Cook reported that the CID is working with Fayette Main Street and will be investing \$40,000.00 in the North Main Street Project as well as working on and funding the traffic/parking study. The CID is also interested in doing an overlay on North Main Street.

Mr. Cook stated the CID would like the city to hire a building inspector stating that the CID would be willing to provide funds for the position.

Mr. Cook stated that the CID supports the hiring of a Mayor's Assistant.

Mr. Cook reported that CID meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall and that a representative of CID will be at City Council meetings at least quarterly.

Deanna Cooper and Cana Conrow

Deanna Cooper and Director Cana Conrow of Fayette Main Street asked the city to adopt a resolution approving the North Main Street Project and presented survey results regarding the placement of the arch and parking decisions for the North Main Street project.

Alderwoman Stephanie Ford began discussion on the survey stating that a larger number of people should be surveyed and that many citizens would like the archway to be on Main and Elm Streets. Director Conrow stated that the survey was a preliminary survey of business owners and stakeholders and the archway was a big consideration. Mrs. Conrow also stated that parking is a big issue and frustration in most cities, and an ongoing topic of conversation of the Main Street Board.

Alderwoman Ford asked if the city was to maintain the landscaping of the area after completion. Mrs. Cooper stated that the project has several phases and that the CID and Main Street continue to have conversation about city beautification and the sustainability of the project. Mrs. Conrow stated that the first phase would be focused on sidewalks becoming ADA compliant.

Cana Conrow, speaking on a personal note, would like to encourage our community to invest in our green spaces, install a sand beach at D.C. Rogers Lake and a bike trail.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Regina Powell

Regina Powell shared her desire to see more affordable housing in the city.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF FAYETTE DISC GOLF ORGANIZATION AND CITY OF FAYETTE PARTNERSHIP

Mayor Dawson began discussion regarding the support of the city for the Fayette Disc Golf Organization (FDGO) stating that FDGO will maintain the disc golf course and that the course provides a lifetime of free activities for the community. Sponsorships are needed, a Legacy sponsorship, on a renewal basis.

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the partnership of FDGO and the City of Fayette. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

PAY RESOLUTION 2023-11 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2023-11 approving invoices for payment in the total sum of **\$66,565.62** which includes, General Fund \$23,350.48, Electric Fund \$7,891.64, Water Fund \$6,276.83, Sewer Fund \$6,933.71 and Payroll Fund \$22,112.96. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ELAINA PRIDDY TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve Elaina Priddy to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF HAIL DAMAGE CLAIM FOR ELECTRIC WORKS BUILDING

Discussion of the hail damage claim was discussed earlier in the meeting under the Public Works Director section.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Alderwoman Bekki Galloway

Alderwoman Galloway reported that J.B. Waggoner was filling potholes on West Davis Street with cold patch.

Mrs. Galloway along with Alderwoman Ishmael stated that the Bicentennial Committee haven't been able to find the time capsule but know the general area that it's located. Vernon Yaeger will donate a new vault for the new time capsule.

Mrs. Galloway stated that at the last Tree Board meeting, the committee recommended that the city consider adopting the Davey Group management plan and they recommend that the Treekeeper software be added to next year's budget. It will help with the next TRIM Grant. Mrs. Galloway also asked the amount of funds the city was willing to float for the next TRIM Grant.

Mrs. Galloway stated that the Tree Board will participate in K-12 Arbor Day activities next year at Fayette Schools.

Mrs. Galloway stated that there had been a Trim Grant meeting on May 10, 2023 with Ann Koenig for the purpose of reimbursement of funds to the city for work done on city trees.

Alderman Peggy O'Connell

Alderman Peggy O'Connell reporting for the Historic Preservation Commission stated that Pam Huttshell will call the State Historic Preservation Organization (SHPO) regarding the North Main Street Project.

Alderman Michelle Ishmael

Alderman Ishmael thanked Chief David Ford for taking care of the Lawrence Drive trash problem.

Mrs. Ishmael commented on the speeders on Watts Avenue, concerned about many young children in the area. Chief Ford stated he would check into it.

Alderman Marsha Broadus

Alderman Broadus asked for an update on the parking situation on South Park Street. Public Works Director, Danny Dougherty stated that he would check on it. Mayor Dawson stated that we may need to talk to other residents in the area.

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

Alderman Ford motioned to move to closed session at 7:08 p.m. Alderman O'Connell seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR BUDGET DISCUSSION

Roll Call verified five Board members present to return to open session for budget discussion at 7:46 p.m.

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

Mayor Jeremy Dawson discussed the projected revenues (General revenues) would be approximately 1.4 million dollars and asked the council to report on new projects needed for the coming year in the next meeting.

Discussion by council members produced several needed projects as follows:

- Road improvements
- Assess and repair park shelter houses – both the City Park and Paige-Liberty Park.
- Repairs to City Hall – possible HPC grants
- Repairs to rotary around spillway at D.C Rogers Lake
- Beach and trails at D.C. Rogers Lake
- Repairs to Rickett’s Lake dam and playground equipment
- Generate more revenue at the camp ground by requiring keys for electric boxes. (Alderwoman Ford will research this project).
- Shelter house for Splash Pad
- Microphones for City Council meetings
- Building Inspector company (Alderwoman Broadus will research this project).

ADJOURNMENT

Alderwoman Ford motioned to adjourn open session at 8:07 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 _____ Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 _____ Jeremy Dawson, Mayor