

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF  
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI  
TUESDAY MARCH 14, 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. March 14, 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 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, Alderman Grafton Cook.

Alderman Joe Parisi joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

**ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the March 14, 2023 agenda. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the minutes for February 28, 2023. 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 presented a line item request in the amount of \$64,266.16 for the purchase of poles, line items and transformers and stated that the poles may take ten to fourteen weeks to get. Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the purchase of poles, line items and transformers in the amount of \$64,266.16. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Dougherty reported that Givens water tower would continue to be used as long as water tests were good. He stated that the cost of cleaning and sanitizing both towers was \$7,000.00 and that the last time

they were cleaned was in 2019, so it was time to clean them anyway since the towers are cleaned and sanitized every three to five years.

Mr. Dougherty reported that the Stop sign to be installed by MoDOT on Church Street next week and the sign would have an electronic message board. Lines will also be painted on the road to alert citizens to stop.

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

Interim City Clerk Judy Thompson presented an updated quote for the new payroll module at gWorks called HR Hub.

### **CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS**

No comments

### **VISITORS**

#### **Caleb Walker**

Caleb Walker of Heritage Insurance, Inc. presented a Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability Renewal Quote from Missouri Employers Mutual for the city's annual employers liability insurance. The premium in the amount of \$78,579.00, is much higher than the prior year due to the increased amount of claims the city has had. Missouri Employers Mutual was the best at loss control.

Discussion continued by the council regarding creating a light duty policy to help those who are hurt to return to work sooner and to add the policy to the personnel manual for employees to sign off on.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

#### **Deanna Cooper**

Deanna Cooper, President of Fayette Main Street, Inc. presented information and an update on projects done by Fayette Main Street such as the new benches and refuge containers. Names of sponsors for the benches will be shown on plaques attached to the benches.

Ms. Cooper stated that she will give the council an update on the north Main Street project at the next Board of Alderman meeting.

#### **Marsha Broadus**

Marsha Broadus who lives at 403 S. Park Street reported that the speeding and loud music is still happening around her house and would like for something to be done.

#### **Regina Powell**

Regina Powell on behalf of the Parks Committee asked if Danny Dougherty or Dennis Daniels could attend the Parks meetings. Mr. Dougherty asked to have Benji Conrow call him.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS****DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF EXCESS SEWER CHARGE**

Emalee Harris – 304 N. Vine Street, Apt. B – Alderwoman O’Connell motioned to waive the sewer charge waiver. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**PAY RESOLUTION 2023-05 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2023-05 approving invoices for payment in the total sum of **\$213,467.90** which includes, General Fund \$44,299.66, Electric Fund \$144,516.87, Water Fund \$11,422.66, Sewer Fund \$12,956.24 and Payroll \$272.47. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ASPHALT OVERLAY OF PARKING AREAS ALONG CHURCH STREET**

Alderman Grafton Cook presented a quote from Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT), regarding the overlay of parking areas along Church Street in the amount of \$14,689.00. Mr. Cook stated that MoDOT will overlay Highway 240 from Glasgow to Rocheport in 2024 and will include the parking areas on both sides of the city square on Church Street for the quoted price.

Alderman Cook motioned to accept the MoDOT quote to overlay parking areas on Church Street. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

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

Alderwoman Galloway stated that the Parks Committee met last night. Ann Schnell will help to distribute fliers for the Smart911 emergency app.

Mrs. Galloway stated that Michael Liceaga of the City of Fayette and Dakota Wells of Tree Works took training on the Tree Keeper software and will meet with Danny Dougherty on which trees need to be removed. Discussion by the council regarding the Liberty Park Mulberry tree commenced. Mrs. Galloway suggested that apple trees could be planted at the park.

**Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael**

Alderwoman Ishmael thanked the city for communicating with the county officials regarding getting the county dumpster off of the sidewalk.

**Alderman Grafton Cook**

Alderman Cook stated that the Community Improvement District would have a meeting next week.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO RSMO CHAPTER 610.021 (2) LEASING PURCHASE OR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PUBLIC GOVERNMENTAL 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 PERSONNEL RECORDS PERFORMANCE RATINGS OR RECORDS PERTAINING TO EMPLOYEES OR APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT**

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

Roll call vote: Ayes: Alderman Parisi, Alderwoman Galloway, Alderwoman O’Connell, Alderwoman Ishmael, Alderman Cook and Alderwoman Ford. Nays – 0. Motion Carried

**MOTION TO OPEN SESSION**

Alderman Cook motioned to open session at 7:29 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Alderwoman Ishmael, Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Ford, Alderman Parisi, Alderwoman Galloway and Alderwoman O’Connell. Nays – 0. Motion Carried

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to adjourn open session at 7:30 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, ~~Interim City Clerk~~

 Jeremy Dawson, Mayor