

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 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. September, 2023 by Mayor Jeremy Dawson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderwoman Stephanie Ford.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call verified six Board members present for the meeting.

Responding to the Roll Call: Alderwoman Peggy O’Connell, Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael, Alderwoman Marsha Broadus, Alderwoman Ronda Gerlt, Alderwoman Bekki Galloway and Alderwoman Stephanie Ford.

**ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the September 26, 2023 agenda with two additions to New Business. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the minutes for September 12, 2023 with a correction on page 3 to correct the mis-spelling of curbs and to add the Open Session after the Closed Session. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. 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 for three, meter bases for the new construction of the townhouses on South Park in the amount of 3,600.00.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the line-item request for three, meter bases for the new construction of the townhouses on South Park in the amount of 3,600.00. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Mr. Dougherty reported that Denise Green from USDA Rural Development met with himself, City Clerk Judy Thompson and Assistant to the Mayor Mike Dimond on September 22, 2023 to work on closing out the Sewer Improvement Project. Mr. Dougherty reported that Ms. Green informed them that there was around \$66,000.00 still available for equipment that could be used on the sewer system. Mr. Dougherty will obtain bids for a new inspection camera.

Mr. Dougherty stated that the Lucille Thurman Memorial Shelter House at the City Park is almost completed.

### **CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON**

No comments

### **ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR MIKE DIMOND**

Assistant to the Mayor, Mike Dimond presented the request of the City to fill an envelope provided by the Bicentennial Committee, with things important to the City at this time to be put in the time capsule to be opened in fifty years. The deadline to enter the envelope will be October 10, 2023.

Mr. Dimond requested the board's approval to attend MRWA Office Professionals Seminar for himself and City Clerk, Judy Thompson. Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the MRWA Office Professionals Seminar for Mr. Dimond and Mrs. Thompson. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

### **CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS**

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus informed the board that licenses have been granted by the State of Missouri for three Micro Dispensatories for disadvantaged communities in Howard County. The dispensatories are not located in the City of Fayette.

### **VISITORS**

#### **Grafton Cook of CID**

Grafton Cook of Historic Downtown Fayette Commercial CID presented a Fayette Downtown Traffic and Parking Study Evaluation provided by OWN, Inc. Mr. Cook emphasized that the parking study was the first draft of the study to the Board of Aldermen for their review and to get the word out about the project. Any questions about the study could be emailed to himself or to Judy Thompson. An engineer from OWN, Inc. will attend the next Board of Aldermen meeting.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

#### **Regina Powell**

Regina Powell reported that the lights were on all weekend through today at the Paige-Liberty Park.

Ms. Powell also reported that Robert E. Paige was the first man from Fayette to be killed in the Vietnam War.

Ms. Powell expressed her disappointment that the City Insurance didn't pay for the pole that blew over on Stella Burns house.

### **Deanna Cooper with Fayette Main Street**

Deanna Cooper thanked the City for supporting the recent street dance and reported that more than 500 people were there and many were families with children.

Mrs. Cooper reported that the Trunk or Treat and Christmas Lights on the Square would be here soon.

Mrs. Cooper reported that visitors from Campanium, a marketing company, had visited Fayette and Fayette Main Street members. The company will be helping Main Street with marketing and branding.

Mrs. Cooper reported that Main Street would be applying for a Community Block Grant and Paul Brune Grant.

Main Street members will attend the CLG Conference.

### **Gary Bagby with Fayette Area Heritage Association (FAHA)**

Gary Bagby thanked the City employees and Council for all of the help with the Fayette Festival of the Arts.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF MONUMENT AT THE CITY CEMETERY**

Aldерwoman Ishmael presented copies of the saying for the memorial stone to be placed outside of the Fayette City Cemetery. If approved, the saying will declare "In recognition of those unknown souls buried here. May these sons and daughters of Howard County rest peacefully forever more." The dedication date will also be included on the stone.

Discussion regarding placement of the monument stone included whether the stone should be inside or outside of the city fence. Mrs. Ishmael will report to the board on the date and location of the stone placement at the next meeting.

Aldерwoman Ishmael motioned to approve the saying to be added to the monument and to proceed with the project. Aldерwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voted Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION OF SPRING STREET PARKING**

Aldерwoman Galloway motioned to approve the placement of signs on Spring Street that state there is no parking from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. which is what the current ordinance declares. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voted Aye. Nays – 1. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS****PAY RESOLUTION 2023-20 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2023-20, approving invoices and salaries for payment in the total sum of **\$172,070.83** which includes, General Fund \$47,664.27, Electric Fund \$50,534.92, Water Fund \$63,954.61, Sewer Fund \$9,917.03. Aldерwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

**OPENING OF SEALED BIDS FOR TRIM GRANT AND APPROVAL OF LOWEST BID**

Six bids were opened for the removal of nine trees on Church Street and six trees in the City Park. The following bids were submitted:

1. Rick Alexander - \$10,800.00
2. DKB Tree Care - \$13,880.00
3. Nelson's Tree Service - \$7,175.00
4. Gene Gerlt Logging - \$12,000.00
5. Josh Monnig - \$5,520.00
6. Braik's Tree Care - \$7,875.00

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to accept the bid from Nelson's Tree Service in the amount of \$7,175.00. Aldерwoman Gerlt seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF COST SHARE/TRIM GRANT FINAL PROPOSAL**

Aldерwoman Galloway presented the final proposal for the Cost Share/TRIM Grant for the planting of eighteen trees in Fayette. Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve the final proposal for the Cost Share/TRIM Grant. Aldерwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF RESOLVE ROOFING BID FOR GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS ON THE ELECTRIC BUILDING**

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve the bid from Resolve Roofing, Inc. for the Electric building in the amount of \$2,600.00. Aldерwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF NEW BUSINESS LICENSE**

Aldерwoman Galloway motioned to approve the new business license of Red Dirt Rag Co., LLC. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC) MEMBERS TO ATTEND CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT (CLG) SEMINAR**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the attendance of two members of HPC to the CLG Seminar at the cost of \$25.00 each plus mileage. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF FINAL PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 2 TO T & B TRUCKING AND EXCAVATING, LLC.**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the final payment application No. 2 to T & B Trucking and Excavation, LLC in the amount of \$238,707.30. Alderwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Alderwoman Bekki Galloway**

Alderwoman Galloway on behalf of the Tree Board presented the need to treat five targeted Ash trees at the entrance of town by Dakota Wells at the cost of \$1,700.00 which is a budgeted item. Alderwoman Galloway motioned to employ Dakota Wells to treat five targeted Ash trees at the entrance of the town for \$1,700.00. Alderwoman Gerlt seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Galloway also reported that a copy of the Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant application on behalf of the City of Fayette in the year of 2019 that was submitted by MECO Engineering Co., Inc. and was declined, needs to be obtained to help with the application process for the same grant in 2024. Mike Dimond will work to obtain the copy of the application.

**Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael**

Alderwoman Ishmael commented on the dog waste problem on the city square, and that not all citizens use the dog waste containers.

Mrs. Ishmael commented on the all-night parking on the hill of East Davis by several students who live in the apartments on the square and asked if there should be No Parking there from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. or make it a three-hour parking zone. The response was that the people who lived in the apartments on the square, didn't have anywhere else to park.

**Alderwoman Marsha Broadus**


Alderwoman Broadus commented that trash cans were staying out longer than 24 hours. It was suggested that the Utility Manager should put a message on the next utility bills reminding citizens to put their trash cans up after trash was removed.

Ms. Broadus commented on the need for road repairs to be finished. Public Works Director, Danny Dougherty stated that his department would be working on those areas.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 Jeremy Dawson, Mayor