

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY APRIL 11, 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. April 11, 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: Alderman Cook, Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael, Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell, Alderwoman Bekki Galloway and Alderwoman Stephanie Ford. Alderman Joe Parisi was absent.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Alderman Cook motioned to approve the April 11, 2023 agenda. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MARCH 28, 2023

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the minutes for March 28, 2023. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS - None

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-07 CERTIFYING THE VOTES CAST IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 4, 2023

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve Resolution No. 2023-07 Certifying the Votes Cast in The Municipal Election Held on April 4, 2023. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Jeremy Dawson presented outgoing incumbent of the Southwest Ward, Grafton Cook a certificate of appreciation and thanked him for his eight years of service.

ADJOURN SINE DIE

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to adjourn open session at 6:06 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Newly elected officials were sworn in by City Clerk Judy Thompson.

- Stephanie Ford for East Ward (Two-year term)
- Peggy O'Connell for Northwest Ward (Two-year term)
- Bekki Galloway for Southwest Ward (One-year remaining term)
- Marsha Broadus, Write-in Candidate for Southwest Ward (Two-year term)

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Fayette was called to order at 6:20 p.m. April 11, 2023 by Mayor Jeremy Dawson.

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 Ishmael and Alderwoman Marsha Broadus. Alderman Joe Parisi was absent.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD

No comments

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty reported that an insurance claim had been filed on the Electric Department building due to hail damage.

CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

City Clerk Judy Thompson presented three new business license applications for approval:

- SBH, LLC, d/b/a Dairy Queen
- The Boricua's South Street
- Sun Solar, LLC

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve all three business licenses. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Thompson presented a request for approval for all interested City Council officials, herself and Administrative Assistant to attend Lauber Municipal Law City Officials Training Seminar on Friday, April 28, 2023. The cost to the city for the training would be \$30.00 per person.

Aldерwoman Galloway motioned to approve and fund the Lauber Municipal Law training for Mrs. Thompson, Mati Salazar and all officials who desired to attend the training. Aldерwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus stated that if marijuana dispensaries were to open in Fayette, the city would begin to receive revenue from those businesses due to the new three percent tax law voted in at the April 4, 2023 election.

VISITORS

Deanna Cooper

Deanna Cooper, President of Fayette Main Street, Inc. invited the council to an upcoming stakeholder meeting regarding the North Main Project on April 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Grafton Cook

Grafton Cook of Fayette Community Improvement District requested approval to proceed with a traffic study the CID Board is about to undertake.

Aldерwoman Galloway motioned to approve the CID proceed with the traffic study. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Cook also asked the council to consider undertaking a study of the electrical grid for the potential for EV charging stations around the square. Toth & Associates would be contacted to do the study.

Gary Kunze

Gary Kunze, Co-Chief of Fayette Volunteer Fire Department reported damage to a section of the Fire Department building during the recent hail storm and asked the city to file an insurance claim.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Regina Powell

Regina Powell asked if more gravel could be added to West Depot Street to widen the road. Mr. Dougherty said he would take care of it.

Matt Klusmeyer

Matt Klusmeyer of the Fayette Disc Golf Organization stated that he met with the Parks Committee regarding the disc golf course and their role and plans and improvements the organization has, partnering with the city for the course going forward including fundraising.

NEW BUSINESS**PAY RESOLUTION 2023-08 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2023-08 approving invoices for payment in the total sum of **\$612,844.73** which includes, General Fund \$79,837.82, Electric Fund \$155,968.77, Water Fund \$718.48, Sewer Fund \$352,895.34 and Payroll Fund \$23,424.32. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION FOR ARBOR DAY

Mayor Jeremy Dawson read a proclamation for Arbor Day on April 28, 2023.

APPOINTMENT OF MATT KLUSMEYER TO PARK BOARD

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve Matt Klusmeyer to the Park Board. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF UTILITIES OFFICE TO CLOSE ON MAY 16, 2023 DUE TO UNAVAILABLE STAFF

Utilities Office Manager DaShayla Bush sent a written explanation to the council why both Utilities Office employees would not be available to work on May 16, 2023. As a result, since other office employees are not trained in the Utilities Office, Miss Bush requested the office to close. After discussion, the council voted to close the office for the one day. Alderman O'Connell motioned to allow the Utilities Office to close on May 16, 2023. Alderwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES**Alderwoman Marsha Broadus**

Alderwoman Broadus stated that the parking at the new houses across the street from her seemed too close. Mr. Dougherty stated that he personally measured the parking space and said it was the proper size.

Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael

Alderwoman Ishmael offered Congratulations to new Alderwoman Marsha Broadus.

Mrs. Ishmael stated that she had heard lots of good comments on the new Stop signs and was very impressed with the new benches and trash receptacles installed by Main Street.

Alderwoman Bekki Galloway

Alderwoman Galloway reported that new playground equipment was installed at Paige-Liberty Park and that Mr. Dougherty would be ordering more playground equipment for Rickett's Lake.

Mrs. Galloway reported that the bench in honor of Lucille Thurman was being installed.

Mrs. Galloway reported that the Park Board had voted to recommend to the City Council to consider the partnership with the Fayette Disc Golf Organization. Alderwoman Ford motioned that the city should partner with the Fayette Disc Golf Organization. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell


Alderwoman O'Connell reported that there were still two openings for the Historic Preservation Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderwoman Ford motioned to adjourn open session at 6:37 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 Jeremy Dawson, Mayor