

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, JULY 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. July 11, 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 and Alderwoman Marsha Broadus.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the July 11, 2023 agenda with the correction of removing the words 'Adjournment Sine Die' from the title of the swearing in ceremony of Ronda Gerlt. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JUNE 27, 2023

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the minutes for June 27, 2023. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

None

SWEARING IN CEREMONY – OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY APPOINTED OFFICIAL FOR EAST WARD RONDA GERLT

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the appointment of Ronda Gerlt as East Ward Alderwoman. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

City Clerk Judy Thompson administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Gerlt.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Fayette was called to order at 6:10 p.m. July 11, 2023 by Mayor Jeremy Dawson.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call verified six Board members present for the meeting.

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

CITY STAFF REPORTS**CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD**

City Marshall David Ford reported that the city has received the title for the Humvee vehicle and requested that it be put up for bid.

Mr. Ford reported that the new vehicle that has been placed on order will be here in one month and asked the council if the Explorer that is currently being used by the police department should be put up for bid or to be kept for large events. No decisions were made by the council regarding both vehicles.

Mr. Ford discussed whether phones should continue to be provided by the city to the police department and certain employees. Attorney Nathan Nickolaus stated that since the court could subpoena the employee for either the city phone or personal phone that they use, the city should not provide phones, but provide a stipend to the employee according to how much they use their phone for their job.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty gave a report on the construction of the Spring Street Bridge.

CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

City Clerk Judy Thompson asked for approval to attend Missouri Lagers HResource meeting; a free training in Jefferson City on July 19, 2023.

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the Missouri Lagers training for Mrs. Thompson on July 19, 2023. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Thompson reported that the Missouri Employers Mutual (MEM) Workman's Compensation audits were completed. The 2021-2022 audit resulted in a credit of \$31,492.00 and the 2022-2023 audit resulted in an amount due of \$15,296.00. The final credit of \$16,196.00 was received from MEM by check.

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus presented information on the Fayette City sign code, giving several examples of different kinds of signs and different amounts of time that signs should be displayed. Alderwoman Galloway asked if vulgarity such as bad language was allowed on signs and Mr. Nickolaus stated that vulgarity was not prohibited under the current code but obscenity was.

VISITORS

None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

NEW BUSINESS**PAY RESOLUTION 2023-15 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Alderman Ford motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2023-15 approving invoices for payment in the total sum of **\$234,552.74** which includes, General Fund \$32,408.27, Electric Fund \$172,266.06, Water Fund \$4,831.55, Sewer Fund \$24,881.24 and Payroll Fund \$165.62. Alderman Galloway seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2023-06, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

Alderman Galloway motioned to allow the mayor to execute an agreement with the Missouri Transportation Commission. Alderman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Alderman Ford motioned to approve BILL NO. 2023-06 by FIRST AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION. Alderman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Alderman Ford, Alderman Gerlt, Alderman Galloway, Alderman O'Connell, Alderman Ishmael and Alderman Broadus.

Alderman Ford motioned to approve BILL NO. 2023-06 by SECOND AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION. Alderman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Alderman Broadus, Alderman Ishmael, Alderman O'Connell, Alderman Gerlt, Alderman Galloway and Alderman Ford.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF JOHN BAYLOR TO THE FAYETTE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Alderman Ford motioned to approve the appointment of John Baylor to the Fayette Historic Preservation Commission. Alderman Galloway seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF EXCESS SEWER CHARGE

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the Request for Waiver of Excess Sewer Charge for 510 Park Road. Alderwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Alderwoman Marsha Broadus

Alderwoman Broadus asked when the hole created from a street repair in front of her house, would be fixed. Mr. Dougherty stated that it has to settle before they fill it with concrete.

Alderman Broadus reported that a vehicle was parked in the right of way near her house.

Alderwoman Peggy O’Connell

Alderwoman O’Connell asked if a road tax could be put on the ballot. Mayor Jeremy Dawson stated that it could not be put on the ballot this fall, but could be put on the ballot in the spring.

Alderwoman Bekki Galloway

Alderwoman Galloway stated that the Tree Board was working on a plan for trees with Dakota Wells.

Mrs. Galloway asked if a review of occupancy could be done on 301 N. Linn St. She stated that Angie Malone used to do rental inspections. Mayor Dawson stated that he would look into it.

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

Alderwoman Ford motioned to move to closed session at 7:05 p.m. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

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

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR BUDGET DISCUSSION

Alderwoman Ford motioned to return to open session at 7:25 p.m. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Roll Call verified six Board members present to return to open session for budget discussion.

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

Alderwoman Broadus stated that a citizen continues to leave trash cans out. Mayor Dawson suggested she make a nuisance complaint.


Alderwoman Galloway will contact Justin Addison regarding retracting some inaccurate information in the newspaper regarding city employee raises.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderwoman Ford motioned to adjourn open session at 7:45 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 Jeremy Dawson, Mayor