

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, JULY 25, 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 25, 2023 by Mayor Jeremy Dawson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderwoman Marsha Broadus.

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.

**Alderwoman Bekki Galloway arrived at 6:10 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the July 25, 2023 agenda. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD JULY 11, 2023

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the minutes for July 11, 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 a yard needs to be mowed at 304 Tolson and Mr. Ford has not been able to reach the owner. Mr. Ford asked the council if the City mowed the lawn, could the expense of the labor be added to the owner's tax bill. Attorney Nathan Nickolaus will send instructions on how to add the expense to the owner's tax bill. The Ordinance may need to be amended to increase the maximum amount to be charged since it is currently \$100.00.

Mr. Ford asked the council if the Ford Explorer should be sold or kept. Mr. Ford reported that the Explorer currently has 48,000 miles on it and may be worth \$10,000.00. Mr. Ford commented that it would be nice to have an extra vehicle for special events. Alderwoman Galloway suggested that the board think about it and bring up the topic at a future meeting.

Mr. Ford reported that there was a party that was interested in purchasing the Humvee and asked if we should sell it. Attorney Nickolaus stated we could sell the vehicle.

Mr. Ford commented on the need for policemen to have City purchased cell phones and suggested that each police vehicle be mounted with one phone each for the sake of taking police photos. The police would need to have four phones for vehicles plus one phone for himself.

Alderwoman O'Connell commented that the policemen should use their personal phones and receive a stipend from the City. City Clerk Judy Thompson will bring information to the next meeting regarding the phones.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty gave a report on the construction of the Spring Street Bridge and how it was coming along. Mr. Dougherty said the bridge may be completed by the time school starts.

Mr. Dougherty reported that although the final announcement of the MoDOT 2023 Regional Bridge Program grants would not be announced until August 4, 2023, it didn't look like the City of Fayette was selected for the grant to repair the Mulberry Street Bridge. The City will apply again next year.

Mr. Dougherty gave a report on the D.C. Rogers Wing Wall project. According to Jim Bensman with MECO Engineering Co., Inc., the field topographical surveying is complete and they will be working on site design, hydraulic design, structural design and drawings in the coming weeks.

CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

No comments

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

No comments

VISITORS

Jocelyn Hutchinson

Mrs. Jocelyn Hutchinson commented on the crowded parking area on Oaklawn Street and asked the council to make the street a no parking zone.

Mr. Dougherty stated that Walnut Street to Morrison Street was very narrow and a bad spot. He suggested that both sides of the street be no parking. Alderwoman O'Connell stated that maybe one side should be no parking. Alderwoman Galloway stated that she would like to talk to the neighbors in the area to get their opinions and bring the issue to the next council meeting.

Mayor Dawson stated that the matter would be discussed at the next council meeting.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS**PAY RESOLUTION 2023-16 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Alderman Ford motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2023-16 approving invoices and salaries for payment in the total sum of **\$178,133.55** which includes, General Fund \$50,086.24, Electric Fund \$28,253.57, Water Fund \$71,989.32, Sewer Fund \$27,804.42.

Alderman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2023-08, AN ORDINANCE REVISING ORDINANCE NO. 700.020 BILLINGS – WHEN PAYMENTS DUE

Alderman Ford motioned to approve **Bill No. 2023-08, by First and Title Only Reading of an Ordinance Revising Ordinance No. 700.020 Billings – When Payments Due.** 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 Galloway, Alderman Gerlt and Alderman Ford.

Alderman Ford motioned to approve **Bill No. 2023-08, by Second and Title Only Reading of an Ordinance Revising Ordinance No. 700.020 Billings – When Payments Due.** Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

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

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL TO OPEN AND ACCEPT SEALED BIDS FOR ROOF REPAIR ON THE ELECTRIC UTILITY BUILDING

There were no bids submitted. Newspaper ads will be run again to try to obtain bids for the repairs needed on the Electric Utility Building.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO 2023-07 AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTION 205.280 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING REDEMPTION OF ANIMALS.

Alderman Ford motioned to approve **Bill No. 2023-07, by First and Title Only Reading of an Ordinance Revising Section 205.280 of the City Code regarding redemption of animals.** Alderman Gerlt seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

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

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve **Bill No. 2023-07, by Second and Title Only Reading of an Ordinance Revising Section 205.280 of the City Code regarding redemption of animals.** Alderwoman Gerlt seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

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

DISCUSSION OF NEW SIGN ORDINANCE CHAPTER 430 AND RECOMMENDATION TO SEND ORDINANCE TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR REVIEW

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the review of the new sign ordinance Chapter 430 by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE FAYETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A FAYETTE AREA COMMUNITY TRUST (FACT) GRANT FOR RADAR EQUIPMENT.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the Fayette Police Department to apply for a FACT Grant for radar equipment. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0, Abstention – 1. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND OR APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR A 2024 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF) GRANT.

Pam Huttzell and Ann Schnell requested that the council allow the Friends of Historic Fayette Memorial Pool to again apply for a grant through the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Land and Water Conservation Fund, to be used for pool repair. Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission and Sheila Scott, a grant writer at the University of Missouri may be able to help with the grant application.

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the Friends of Historic Fayette Memorial Pool to apply for a 2024 LWCF Grant. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION AND OR APPROVAL OF THE MID-MISSOURI REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR 2024 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the 2024 Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission membership fee. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0, Abstention – 1. Motion Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF MARSHA BROADUS TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve the appointment of Aldерwoman Marsha Broadus to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Aldерwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0, Abstention – 1. Motion Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF JIM STEELE TO PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Aldерwoman Galloway motioned to approve the appointment of Jim Steele to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

RETRACT ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESIGNATION OF JOEY SMITH FROM THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION AT JUNE 27, 2023 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

Aldерwoman Galloway motioned to retract the announcement of the resignation of Joey Smith from the Planning and Zoning Commission on the June 27, 2023 Board of Aldermen Meeting. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF EXCESS SEWER CHARGES FOR THE FOLLOWING CUSTOMERS:

1. Aldерwoman Galloway motioned to approve the Request for Waiver of Excess Sewer Charges for 101 Wayland Street. Aldерwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.
2. Aldерwoman Galloway motioned to approve the Request for Waiver of Excess Sewer Charges for 100 S. Park Avenue. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.
3. Aldерwoman Galloway motioned to approve the Request for Waiver of Excess Sewer Charges for 1006 West Davis Street. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Aldерwoman Michelle Ishmael

Aldерwoman Ishmael commented that the City does enforce No Parking signs and encouraged people to communicate with neighbors when extra parking is needed for guests.

Mrs. Ishmael commented on the need for No Parking on East Davis Street due to many more cars of residents of the new apartments.

Mrs. Ishmael, speaking for the Bicentennial Committee, reported that at the Fayette Festival of the Arts on August 5, 2023, a resolution will be presented to the Mayor by Missouri State Representative Tim Taylor at 1:00 p.m. on the bandstand.

Aldерwoman Peggy O'Connell

Alderwoman O'Connell commented on the recent Letter to the Editor in the Fayette Advertiser from Tony Cook regarding the Fayette Disc Golf Course. Mrs. O'Connell had not been aware of the problem that Mr. Cook described in the letter. Mayor Dawson stated that members of the Fayette Disc Golf Association tried to reach out to Mr. Cook, but he didn't want to talk to them.

Mrs. O'Connell asked Mr. Dougherty how low trees over the road must be before they are trimmed. Mr. Dougherty stated, when they become a problem.

Alderwoman Bekki Galloway

Alderwoman Galloway stated that J.B. Waggoner had asked if there had been an electric grid study and Mr. Dougherty replied that no electric grid study had been done. Mr. Dougherty also stated that the electric grid was not unreliable. It is trees near the lines that cause the problems. He stated that the Electric Department had worked very hard on limbs in lines last fall and winter and they will start again this fall winter to free lines from tree limbs.

Mrs. Galloway reported that the Optimist Club volunteered to complete the Universal Playground. Mike Raymore will do the work.

Mrs. Galloway, speaking for the Tree Board, reported that she had gone to funding training and she will go to training again next year.

Alderwoman Marsha Broadus

Alderwoman Broadus reported that the handicap parking space in front of the Peacock needed a sign. Mr. Dougherty stated that they couldn't do a sign, but he will have the space repainted.

Alderwoman Broadus inquired of the council of information about the Fayette Caring Center.

Alderwoman Ishmael thanked Mr. Dougherty and Mr. Ford for the help of their employees with the recent street dance. She stated that she heard a lot of good things about Fayette.

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 6:55 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 Ford, Alderwoman Gerlt and Alderwoman Galloway.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION FOR BUDGET DISCUSSION

Alderwoman Broadus motioned to return to open session at 7:28 p.m. Alderwoman O'Connell 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 Galloway, Alderwoman Gerlt and Alderwoman Ford.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted by:

 _____ Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 _____ Jeremy Dawson, Mayor