

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ALDERWOMAN OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 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. December 12, 2023 by Mayor Jeremy Dawson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderwoman Bekki Galloway.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call verified six Board members present for the meeting.

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

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the December, 12 2023 agenda. 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 NOVEMBER 28, 2023**

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen held November 28, 2023. Alderwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD

City Marshal David Ford stated that the Sheriff’s Department offered \$14,000.00 on the 2017 Ford police vehicle. No vote was taken.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty reported that Signature Overhead Doors & Remodeling, LLC had submitted a bid in the amount of \$13,366.91 to fix the overhang on the front of City Hall, as well as replacing the wood trim and painting around the front windows of the building and replacing clay tiles so as to keep with Historic requirements.

Aldерwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the bid from Signature Overhead Doors & Remodeling, LLC in the amount of \$13,366.91. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mr. Dougherty gave opportunity for Don Jenkins of MECO Engineering, Inc. to speak regarding the status on the D.C. Rogers Wing Wall project. Mr. Jenkins stated that the plan would be submitted next week and thanked the City and wished all a Merry Christmas.

CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

City Clerk Judy Thompson gave an update on candidate filing with Greg Stidham filing for Mayor and Incumbent Michelle Ishmael filing for her current position as Northwest Ward Alderman.

Mrs. Thompson provided copies of the Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Report and State Audit Report that was completed and submitted to the State Auditor fulfilling our annual reporting requirement.

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus stated that the City would work with Howard Electric Cooperative and Water District #1 to provide electricity and water to the proposed annexation of Gerlt property, with the City receiving a 7% franchise fee from both entities.

ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR

Assistant to the Mayor Mike Dimond reported that the City would be working with Mid-Missouri Regional Planning to help wrap up the Sewer Improvement Project by January 31, 2024. Mr. Dimond also reported that the City could move forward with the next round of grants which would start in April if the Sewer Improvement Project was closed out.

Mr. Dimond asked the board for approval of his attendance at the Missouri Municipal League Legislative Conference in February 2024 for a \$135.00 fee and the Missouri City/County Management Conference in January 2024 for a \$100.00 fee. Mayor Jeremy Dawson asked Mr. Dimond to fill out a Line-Item Request form for submission at the next Board of Alderman meeting.

Mr. Dimond verified that board members would be in attendance at the December 26, 2023 since it was the day after Christmas and all members said they'd be in attendance.

VISITORS

Cana Conrow

Cana Conrow, Director of Fayette Main Street, Inc. reported that the Fayette Festival of Lights was a great success and that twenty to thirty volunteers for Fayette Main Street had volunteered over two-thousand hours in 2023.

Mrs. Conrow was available for questions regarding the 2024 Renewal of Service Agreement between the City and Fayette Main Street which will be voted on during the New Business section.

Gary Kunze

Gary Kunze, Co-Chief of the Fayette Volunteer Fire District asked for approval of two repairs to firetrucks.

Alderman Galloway motioned to approve repairs to Engine two in the amount of \$3,500.00 to \$4,000.00. Alderman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Ford motioned to approve repairs to the Ladder Truck in the amount of \$2,300.00. Alderman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Stephanie Gilpin

Stephanie Gilpin, speaking as a concerned citizen, but who is a Community Health Worker-Certified with the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program, presented photos she had taken of discarded Fayette Police Department evidence bags containing various drugs and syringes in them, and thrown into a dumpster near C & R Market. Ms. Gilpin stated that a client had found the drugs and alerted her and she called the 911 dispatch. Ms. Gilpin shared her thoughts regarding a disregard for public safety and changes needed to be made to the current policy regarding the disposal of evidence.

Mayor Jeremy Dawson stated that he was made aware of the disposal of the evidence bags and drugs on Saturday, December 9, 2023 and stated that the evidence was not disposed of properly and that they would be investigating the situation and reviewing the disposal of evidence policy to see what changes need to be made. Mr. Dawson stated that it would be a city personnel issue.

Alderman Bekki Galloway, as a former nurse, stated she couldn't believe the lack of care that was taken by the police when disposing of the evidence.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Grafton Cook

Grafton Cook of the CID stated that the final draft of the parking study will be emailed to Mrs. Thompson this week and the engineer will be at the December 26, 2023 meeting to present the final draft to the board.

Amber Overfelt

Amber Overfelt attended to be available for questions regarding the Annexation.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS**PAY RESOLUTION 2023-27 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2023-27, approving invoices for payment and salaries in the total sum of **\$305,907.34** which includes, General Fund \$79,104.28, Electric Fund \$171,308.77, Water Fund \$38,388.82, Sewer Fund \$17,105.47. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2023-16, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF ONE PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI (GERLT RENTALS, LLC)

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to vote on Bill No. 2023-16, An Ordinance Approving the Annexation of One Property Into the City of Fayette, Missouri (Gerlt Rentals, LLC). Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve **BILL NO. 2023-16, BY FIRST AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF ONE PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI (GERLT RENTALS, LLC)**. Alderwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – one, Abstained - one. Motion carried.

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

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve **BILL NO. 2023-16, BY SECOND AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF ONE PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI (GERLT RENTALS, LLC)**. Alderwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – one, Abstained - one. Motion carried.

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

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH GREAT RIVERS ENGINEERING AS A PART OF THE NORTH MAIN STREET TAP GRANT PROJECT

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the contract with Great Rivers Engineering as a part of the North Main Street TAP Grant project. Alderwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2023-17, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTIONS TO COMPLETE THE TAP GRANT.

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to vote on Bill No. 2023-17, An Ordinance Authorizing City Staff to Take Additional Actions to Complete the TAP Grant. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Galloway motioned to approve **BILL NO. 2023-17, BY FIRST AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTIONS TO COMPLETE THE TAP GRANT.** Alderman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Alderman O’Connell, Alderman Ishmael, Alderman Broadus, Alderman Ford, Alderman Gerlt and Alderman Galloway. Nays: None

Alderman Ford motioned to approve **BILL NO. 2023-17, BY SECOND AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTIONS TO COMPLETE THE TAP GRANT.** Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Alderman Galloway, Alderman Gerlt, Alderman Ford, Alderman Broadus, Alderman Ishmael and Alderman O’Connell. Nays: None.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF 2024 SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH FAYETTE MAIN STREET, INC.

Alderman O’Connell motioned to approve the 2024 Service Agreement with Fayette Main Street, Inc. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH BOOKEEPING, PAYROLL AND TAXES FOR 2024 SERVICES

Alderman Galloway motioned to approve the 2024 Service Agreement with Bookkeeping, Payroll and Taxes. Alderman Broadus seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – Two. Motion carried.

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

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF A BUSINESS LICENSE FOR FUEMMELELAWN CARE, LLC.

Alderman Galloway motioned to approve the new business license for Fuemmeler Lawn Care, LLC. Alderman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF A BUSINESS LICENSE FOR ZYDECO’S CAJUN KITCHEN, LLC.

Alderman Galloway motioned to approve the new business license for Zydeco’s Cajun Kitchen, LLC. Alderman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF RENEWAL OF TREEKEEPER SUBSCRIPTION FOR ONE YEAR

Aldерwoman O’Connell motioned to approve the one-year subscription of TreeKeeper software in the amount of \$2,500.00. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF WATER RATE INCREASE

Assistant to the Mayor Mike Dimond and Water Superintendent Curtis Hammons will attend the monthly meeting with the Howard County Regional Water Commission and report information regarding the 2024 water increase at the next Board of Alderman meeting.

BOARD OF ALDERWOMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Aldерwoman Bekki Galloway

Aldерwoman Galloway reported on the following topics:

1. When dam work at Rickett’s Lake was to begin. It will begin in January.
2. When will the budgeted playground equipment be installed at Rickett’s Lake.
3. Tim Frevert, a landscape architect met with Tree Board members on December 1, 2023 regarding where to place new trees.
4. Mrs. Galloway thanked Danny Dougherty and crew for mulching all of the new trees.
5. Tree Board photo album can be found on Tree Board Facebook page and City of Fayette website.

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

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to move to closed session at 6:40 p.m. Aldерwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

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

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to adjourn closed session at 7:13 p.m. Aldерwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Roll call vote: Voting Aye: Alderwoman O’Connell, Alderwoman Ishmael, Alderwoman Broadus, Alderwoman Ford, Alderwoman Gerlt and Alderwoman Galloway. Nays: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderwoman Ford motioned to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 Jeremy Dawson, Mayor

