

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call verified six Board members present for the meeting.

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

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the December, 26, 2023 agenda. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Alderman held December 12, 2023. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD

City Marshal David Ford stated the only item he had was regarding the sale of the Ford Explorer which will be discussed in New Business.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty presented two line-item requests for approval by the Board. The first, for electric meters in the amount of \$52,075.00 and the second for line materials for the Oaklawn Town homes in the amount of \$10,088.37.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the line-item request for electric meters in the amount of \$52,075.00. Alderwoman Gerlt seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the line-item request for line materials for the Oaklawn Town homes in the amount of \$10,088.37. Alderwoman Gerlt seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

No comments

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus stated that the franchise agreement between the City of Fayette and Howard Electric Cooperative was complete and the franchise agreement between the City of Fayette and Water District #1 would be complete by the next Board of Alderman meeting. The agreements are in reference to providing electricity and water to the proposed annexation of Gerlt Rentals, LLC, with the City receiving a 7% franchise fee from both entities. Both agreements will be presented at the next meeting.

ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR

Assistant to the Mayor, Mike Dimond presented a line-item request and 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.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the line-item request for Mr. Dimond to attend both conferences in the total amount of \$235.00. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

VISITORS

John Huss

John Huss of OWN, Inc. presented a Fayette Downtown Traffic and Parking Study Evaluation report to the Board. Mr. Huss stated that the parking study revealed many things amongst which, are a One-way traffic pattern around the City Square, ten-foot-wide parking stalls, parallel parking on North and South Main Streets and increased parking stalls by 35 spaces. Discussion commenced but no final vote was taken to approve the parking study.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Deanna Cooper

Deanna Cooper, representing Fayette Main Street gave unanimous support for the presented draft of the parking study.

Justin Addison

Justin Addison of The Fayette Advertiser thanked Public Works Director Danny Dougherty and crew for fixing a sagging power line on a metal roof so quickly.

Grafton Cook

Grafton Cook of the CID stated that discussion on Mr. Huss's draft of the parking study shows how difficult finding the best solution for parking has been. Mr. Cook would like to see a reasonable conclusion in the next month or two and to discuss how to implement and pay for the project.

Jeff Parks

Jeff Parks made comments on the parking study and stated his business would benefit from a clockwise traffic pattern around the Square.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS**PAY RESOLUTION 2023-28 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Alderman Ford motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2023-28, approving invoices for payment and salaries in the total sum of **\$216,461.58** which includes, General Fund \$45,384.83, Electric Fund \$17,027.44, Water Fund \$63,033.05, Sewer Fund \$91,016.26. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING OFFER FROM HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE SURPLUS CITY POLICY CAR

Alderman O'Connell motioned to accept the offer of \$14,000.00 for the sale of the 2017 Ford Interceptor police vehicle to the Howard County Sheriff Department. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF A BUSINESS LICENSE FOR MILLER BROTHERS LUMBER

Alderman Ford motioned to approve the new business license for Miller Brothers Lumber. Alderman Gerlt seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF A BUSINESS LICENSE FOR ELEMENT ENTERPRISES, LLC

Aldерwoman Galloway motioned to approve the new business license for Element Enterprises, LLC. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2023-18, AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE WATER RATE FOR THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI.

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to vote on Bill No. 2023-18, An Ordinance Setting the Water Rate for the City of Fayette, Missouri, effective January 1, 2024. Aldерwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve **BILL NO. 2023-18, BY FIRST AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE WATER RATE FOR THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI.** Aldерwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve **BILL NO. 2023-18, BY SECOND AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE WATER RATE FOR THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI.** Aldерwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried

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

BOARD OF ALDERWOMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Aldерwoman Marsha Broadus

Aldерwoman Broadus reported trash all around and a fence still down in her neighborhood. Danny Dougherty commented that he had been to the residence several times.

Aldерwoman Peggy O’Connell

Aldерwoman O’Connell thanked the Police Department for the invitation to their Christmas party.

Aldерwoman Bekki Galloway

Aldерwoman Galloway reported on the following topics:

1. What’s to be done about the two dogs at 304 Lucky Street who have now attacked Kevin Fliieger and continue to terrorize the neighborhood? City Marshal Ford replied, Due Process.
2. Did a written policy for drug and evidence disposal exist prior to the dumping incident? City Marshall replied that no written policy existed.

3. Sturgeon Public Works Robbie Hill asked for help with the Cost Share Grant and said he'd been able to digitize all of the Sturgeon utilities and would be willing to share the process with Fayette.
4. Robbie Hill said that a community lead line inventory is due in 2024, mandated by the Federal government. A third round of ARPA money is available for water system upgrades. Mr. Hill stated he was able to obtain a grant to replace all of Sturgeon water meters.
5. Cost Share 2023 can be reimbursed after the TreeKeeper subscription is paid and Danny Dougherty will see to the mulching of the trees.

Aldерwoman Ronda Gerlt

Alderwoman Gerlt had questions about the amount of the new water fee.

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 6:49 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael 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.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to adjourn closed session at 7:03 p.m. Alderwoman Gerlt seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Alderwoman Ford motioned to adjourn at 7:03 p.m. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 Jeremy Dawson, Mayor

