

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

**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. February 13, 2024 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 six Board Members present for the meeting.

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

**ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the February 13, 2024 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 JANUARY 23, 2024**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Alderman held January 23, 2024. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**CITY STAFF REPORTS**

**CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD**

City Marshal David Ford presented information on a portable incinerator to process confiscated drugs by the police department. Mr. Ford stated that it would fit the departments needs and though the funds were not budgeted, the total cost would be \$6,010.00. When asked by Mayor Dawson how often the incinerator would be used, Mr. Ford replied once or twice per year. Alderwoman Galloway asked if Mr. Ford had researched the cost of using a machine in another county, Mr. Ford replied no, he hadn't. Alderwoman O'Connell stated, if purchased, other cities or counties would be able to use it. It was decided to look into alternative measures before purchasing.

### **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY**

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty reported the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is requiring cities to collect data from citizens regarding lead pipes on their property and presented a Lead Inventory questionnaire for citizens to fill out and return to the city. Discussion was held on the best way to distribute the questionnaire. Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the cost of postage to mail the questionnaires. Alderwoman Gerlt seconded the motion. Alderwoman Ishmael voted Yes. Alderwomen Ford, Broadus and O'Connell voted no on the measure, so it did not pass. It was decided that letters wouldn't be sent at this time, saving postage, but the first step would be to put a link on the utility bills and if needed, the forms would be distributed after August.

Mr. Dougherty presented three Line-item Requests for the Boards' approval.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the request for UV Lamps and Sleeves for the Sewer Department in the amount of \$4,484.51. The funds are budgeted. Alderwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. The motion carried.

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve both the purchase of the playground equipment for Rickett's Lake in the amount of \$18,887.00 and a scag mower in the amount of \$5,000.00. Both were budgeted items. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mr. Dougherty gave a report on Rickett's Lake dam that is leaking and the \$25,000.00 budgeted to fix it will not cover the cost of the repairs. Several ideas came forth such as, don't fix it at this time, look for a grant, look ahead and develop a sinking fund. Mayor Dawson asked Mr. Dougherty to find out how much it would cost.

### **CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON**

City Clerk Judy Thompson reported that Caleb Walker would visit the office on February 15, 2024 for employees to make changes to their medical insurance during the open enrollment period.

### **CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS**

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus instructed the Board not to pass the proposed Contract for Services Provided by Howard County Collector & Howard County Clerk and that he would poll other Clerks for the amount they pay, stating that 1 ½% to 2 ½% was the average. Mr. Nickolaus will bring information to the Board when obtained.

### **ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR MIKE DIMOND**

Assistant to the Mayor, Mike Dimond stated that the City should expect appraisals from the appraiser for the Industrial Park properties owned by the city in the next seven to ten days.

**VISITORS****Caleb Walker**

Caleb Walker presented information regarding the increase in employee health insurance stating that the original increase was near 12%, but Anthem allowed a 4% relief for the city this year. The revised increase will be 7.49% starting March 1, 2024.

Mr. Walker also suggested that information should be obtained about Health Savings Accounts (HSA).

Mr. Walker said he would begin looking for new companies in November and December.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION****George Beford**

George Beford voiced his view to keep the parking as it is and paint new lines. Mr. Beford feels that changing the parking would hurt the handicap and elderly.

**Jeff Parks**

Jeff Parks commented on the CMU building project on the square asking about the occupancy permit and the demo permit stating CMU has not fulfilled their obligation. Mr. Parks stated that he had water damage in his store and if he had to close, the city would lose sales tax.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS****PAY RESOLUTION 2024-03 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Alderman Galloway motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2024-03, approving invoices for payment and salaries in the total sum of **\$392,223.05** which includes, General Fund \$69,889.18, Electric Fund \$222,635.61, Water Fund \$68,209.80, Sewer Fund \$31,488.46. Alderman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2024-02, AN ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI, ON APRIL 2, 2024**

Alderman Ford motioned to vote on Bill No. 2024-02, An Ordinance Calling an Election in the City of Fayette, Missouri, on April 2, 2024. Alderman Galloway seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Ford motioned to approve **BILL NO. 2024-02, BY FIRST AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF FAYETTE,**

**MISSOURI, ON APRIL 2, 2024.** Alderwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve **BILL NO. 2024-02, BY SECOND AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE CALLING AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI, ON APRIL 2, 2024.** Alderwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH HOWARD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT #2 FOR THE RECENTLY ANNEXED PORTION OF THE CITY.**

The measure was tabled since agreement had not yet been received from the water district.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADOPTING THE NEW CODES OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE**

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to set a public hearing for the purpose of adopting the new codes of the City of Fayette on March 12, 2024. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING RECOMMENDED FROM PLANNING AND ZONING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECLARING THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SQUARE A LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT.**

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to set a public hearing for the purpose of declaring the Historic Downtown Square a local historic district on March 12, 2024. Alderwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ESTABLISHING THE CITY CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE EMPLOYEE HEALTH RENEWAL FROM ANTHEM**

Alderwoman O’Connell motioned to require the employees to pay the total amount of health insurance premium increase at this time. Alderwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Five voting Aye with Alderwoman Ford abstaining. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF SETTING A PUBLIC MEETING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON PARKING AND TRAFFIC FLOW IN DOWNTOWN FAYETTE.**

Mayor Dawson asked for a timeframe of the public hearing regarding parking. Alderwoman Ishmael would like to extend to the community the ability to voice their opinion on the parking issue using a neutral

moderator and finding a larger venue downtown. Grafton Cook of the CID agrees with the public hearing. Mayor Dawson stated that the public hearing should be pushed until after the election so the discussion can be made by the new council members.

Alderswoman Galloway motioned to plan a town hall meeting to discuss the parking issue and to find an alternate venue. Information regarding the town hall meeting will be brought to the next Board of Alderman meeting. Alderswoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OR RENEWING THE ANNUAL COMMITMENT TO THE HOWARD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.**

Measure tabled until the next Board of Alderman meeting on February 27, 2024, joined by Amber Overfelt of Howard Electric.

### **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF NEW BUSINESS LICENSE FOR METHODZ BARBER SHOP**

Alderswoman Broadus motioned to approve the new business license for MethodZ Barber Shop. Alderswoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BID FROM SIGNATURE OVERHEAD DOORS & REMODELING, LLC FOR PAINTING AND CARPET FOR ADMINISTRATION AND UTILITY OFFICES.**

Alderswoman Galloway motioned to approve the remodeling bid from Signature Overhead Doors & Remodeling in the amount of \$28,047.33 for painting and carpet for the Administration and Utility offices. Alderswoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

### **BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES**

#### **Alderswoman Marsha Broadus**

Alderswoman Broadus commented on the trash cans being left out and has spoken to Mr. Ford regarding the ordinance not being obeyed.

#### **Alderswoman Michelle Ishmael**

Alderswoman Ishmael thanked Mr. Dougherty for placing a Dead-End sign on Spring St.

Mrs. Ishmael thanked those who had placed a bench in front of Subway dedicated in honor of Jim Lanham.

#### **Alderswoman Peggy O'Connell**

Alderswoman O'Connell asked to renew the membership for the National Alliance Preservation Commission in the amount of \$50.00. FHPC has CLG requirements to get training and so membership is needed. Alderswoman O'Connell motioned to approve the renewal of the NAPC membership for \$50.00. Alderswoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mrs. O'Connell asked the Mr. Dougherty if the street crew could run the street sweeper by the new bridge in the park since the winter salt and debris had made it look unsightly.

**Alderman Bekki Galloway**


Alderman Galloway reported on the following topics:

1. The Parks Commission voted that no more dogs or dog training were allowed on the Lempke Soft Ball fields and spoke on a possible solution would be a dog park.
2. Dog Park – Can Parks Commission raise funds for a dog park to be built on the city property on East Elm Street, across from Addison Labs? Alderman Ford suggested the old house at the lake to be torn down and used for a dog park. Citizens believe it needs to be in the city limits. Decision for a dog park was tabled at this time. Alderman Ford motioned to approve no dogs allowed on fields. Alderman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.
3. May a city employee serve on a board or commission? Mr. Nicolaus replied no.
4. Tree Board:
  - Ann Koenig will reimburse the City of Fayette prior to her return when Tim Frevert returns
  - Tree giveaway planned at Daly Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> grade on Arbor Day, Friday April 26, 2024. No date yet for Ag Day.
  - Diamond Maps software is being explored as opposed to the TreeKeeper software which is more expensive
  - Tree Board needs thirty-one five-gallon buckets for slow watering new trees

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Ford motioned to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Alderman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 Jeremy Dawson, Mayor