

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 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. January 23, 2024 by Alderwoman Stephanie Ford acting as Mayor Pro-tem.

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 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 O'Connell motioned to approve the January 23, 2024 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 DECEMBER 26, 2023

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Alderman held December 26, 2023. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD

City Marshal David Ford asked the board for approval to sell an equipment box. Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the police department to sell the equipment box for \$400.00. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mr. Ford informed the board that the police department would switch to their new radios in a few weeks.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty reported that the controller went down and the cost to fix it was \$3,000.00

Mr. Dougherty presented a Line-Item Request for the purchase of a new 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD Double Cab truck with Utility Bed in the amount of \$58,996.00 for the Electric Department where the funds have been budgeted to purchase the vehicle. Mr. Dougherty explained that the current Electric truck with Utility Bed will be used by the Street Department to replace their very old truck.

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the purchase of the new 2024 Chevrolet Silverado in the amount of \$58,996.00. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mr. Dougherty gave a report on Lake access and the Rickett's Lake playground equipment.

CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

City Clerk Judy Thompson presented a Line-Item Request for herself and Administrative Assistant Mati Salazar to go to the MoCCFOA Spring Institute training March 12-14, 2024 in Columbia. The cost of the training for both is \$410.00. Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the MoCCFOA training for both women in the total amount of \$410.00. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus informed the board of illegal gambling machines in second tier gas stations opening up in the surrounding areas. He said they are like small casinos having several machines in each store. Mr. Nickolaus stated that the City could adopt an ordinance that would prevent these casinos from operating in the City of Fayette. The Board will look at the ordinance at the next meeting.

ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR

Assistant to the Mayor, Mike Dimond presented a line-item request to hire an appraiser to provide appraisals on the city-owned properties at the Industrial Park for the purpose of the possible sale of the properties. The request was in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the line-item request for the appraisals of Industrial Park properties. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

VISITORS

Caleb Walker

Caleb Walker was unable to attend the meeting, but will attend the February 13, 2024 meeting to discuss open enrollment of employee health insurance.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mickie Foland

Mickie Foland, Owner of Peacock Beauty Shop in Fayette expressed views on the plan for parallel parking on North Main Street where her business is located. She feels it would be harder for her elderly customers to park.

Pam Huttzell

Pam Huttzell, Chairman of the Fayette Historic Preservation Commission shared 2024 goals for the commission as follows: 1. To provide a tax workshop for individuals and businesses to learn how to receive tax credits for building improvements (scheduled for February 21, 2024), 2. To finish the designation for the downtown register district, to recommend Advisory/Incentive Compliance and 3. To award Notable Building awards in the month of May – National Preservation Month.

Jeff Parks

Jeff Parks, Owner of Ma's Discount Hooch expressed his views on the parking study stating that he doesn't agree with parallel parking or the direction of the one-way traffic on the City Square.

Mr. Parks also discussed a situation regarding the lack of communication the police department offered when he was reporting a car that had been parked in front of his business for three days.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

PAY RESOLUTION 2024-01 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Alderman O'Connell motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2024-01, approving invoices for payment and salaries in the total sum of **\$277,937.53** which includes, General Fund \$70,501.04, Electric Fund \$175,546.66, Water Fund \$12,863.88, Sewer Fund \$19,025.95. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

PAY RESOLUTION 2024-02 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Alderman O'Connell motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2024-02, approving invoices for payment and salaries in the total sum of **\$60,792.12** which includes, General Fund \$31,782.78, Electric Fund \$13,070.65, Water Fund \$8,386.58, Sewer Fund \$7,552.11. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2024-01, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND A TERRITORIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI AND HOWARD ELECTRIC

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to vote on Bill No. 2024-01, An Ordinance Authorizing a Franchise Agreement and a Territorial Agreement Between the City of Fayette, Missouri and Howard Electric. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve **BILL NO. 2024-01, BY FIRST AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND A TERRITORIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI AND HOWARD ELECTRIC**

Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve **BILL NO. 2024-01, BY SECOND AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND A TERRITORIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI AND HOWARD ELECTRIC**

Alderwoman Galloway seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried

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

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR THE D.C. ROGERS OUTFALL PROJECT

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the preliminary plans for the D.C. Rogers Outfall Project completed by MECO Engineering Co., Inc. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays - None

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Alderwoman Bekki Galloway

Alderwoman Galloway reported on the following topics:

1. The dog on Oaklawn from the apartment on the corner of Lake and Oaklawn across from St. Joseph Church parking lot continues to cause problems with aggressive behavior that resulted in a memo of caution to parishioners at St. Joseph Church.
2. Aggressive dogs at 304 Lucky Street continue to be let out to potty without a leash with the owner denying they are aggressive. Court date for her of January 9th was cancelled. Alderwoman Galloway asked when was the new hearing.

3. Citizens request that the CID ordinance be on the city website with a unique tab to file all CID information within.
4. Tree Board met and placed temporary ID tags on the thirty-one trees planted in 2022 and 2023. Council was encouraged to see the email with new planting and EAB treatment maps.
5. Complaints of trash coming from 300 Oaklawn blowing into neighbor's yards. Police aware of situation.
6. EV stations may not be limited or ideal for the CID district, so it might be best if the City of Fayette applied for available grant funds to have them accessible in various locations around town.
7. A suggestion that a public hearing should be held before voting on the parking/traffic study.
8. Parks Commissions did not meet due to weather, but will meet on February 12, 2024.
9. A meeting with Robbie Hill will be set up to explore possible benefits of Diamond maps that could include all utilities and the tree inventory.

Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell

Alderwoman O'Connell questioned why Julee Sherman had not been made aware of the parallel parking on Church Street in front of the new CMU building.

Mrs. O'Connell asked if a Certificate of Appropriateness should be done for new projects.

Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael

Alderwoman Ishmael stated that she had received many complaints about parking. She feels there is a lack of communication and a public meeting should be held.

Mrs. Ishmael complimented Danny Dougherty and crew for the nice job done on mulching.

Assistant to the Mayor, Mike Dimond commented as a member of the CID that the CID is not a decision-making body, they're just a funding mechanism. He stated the CID provided the parking study to try to help the city with parking issues.

Mayor Pro-tem, Alderwoman Stephanie Ford suggested that the parking study should be accepted as is or work to make changes to it. Mrs. Ford suggested that a public forum in a larger venue be held and to try to determine the number of citizens who would attend and asked for suggestions for a date.

Editor, Justin Addison suggested to look at the local basketball schedule before determining a date.

Attorney Nathan Nickolaus stated that it wasn't a true parking study, just a design.

Mrs. Ishmael asked for a Dead-End sign to be placed on Frevert Drive. Mr. Dougherty will look into it.

Alderwoman Marsha Broadus

Alderwoman Broadus commented that Julee Sherman should have known about the parallel parking in the study.

Ms. Broadus commented on the fence that's down on Depot and South Park Streets.

Ms. Broadus complained about a scooter that comes by her house from 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

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 Broadus motioned to move to closed session at 6:53 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 O'Connell motioned to adjourn closed session at 7:05 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.


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


City Marshal David Ford informed the board that he would be researching the cost of an Incinerator for the Police Department and bring his findings to the next board meeting. He thought the cost would be approximately \$5,000.00.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 Stephanie Ford, Mayor Pro-tem

