

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 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 27, 2024 by Mayor Jeremy Dawson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderwoman Stephanie Ford.

**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 Galloway motioned to approve the February 27, 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 FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Alderman held February 13, 2024 with the corrections. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion carried.

**CITY STAFF REPORTS**

**CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD**

City Marshal David Ford had no comments

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY**

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty reported that a citizen suggested that some of the Walnut trees at D.C. Rogers Lake should be logged. Mr. Dougherty spoke to a forester who said that it was marketable timber. Alderwoman Ford asked how much could be earned by logging the trees and it was suggested to contact Gene Gerlt, Logger for help with the decision. Alderman Galloway will contact Mr. Gerlt.

### **CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON**

City Clerk Judy Thompson made the board aware of the virtual meeting with Lagers for all employees to be held on March 8, 2024

Mrs. Thompson gave an update on the upcoming City Hall remodeling project.

### **CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS**

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus stated that he would forward the Howard County Electric Cooperative PSC Territorial Agreement.

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

Assistant to the Mayor, Mike Dimond presented information to the board regarding the upcoming Elected Officials Training Conference through the Missouri Municipal League (MML) and suggested that all board members, especially the newly elected members, attend the conference.

Mr. Dimond also presented MML information on the Second Session of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Missouri General Assembly and a flyer on Preserving Local Funding for Vital Local Services; a food tax bill that may go to the floor and if passed would remove up to forty-four percent of sales tax revenue from small cities with populations less than 2500.

### **VISITORS**

#### **Amber Overfelt & JB Waggoner**

Amber Overfelt and JB Waggoner, representing Howard County Economic Development Council (HCEDC) presented extensive information on all of the benefits of the HCEDC to the city and county and asked for the continued support of the city.

Among other key points, Mrs. Overfelt listed other contributing partners, behind the scenes work done by professionals and many volunteers on getting projects completed such as the new CMU building and the CID in years past. Mrs. Overfelt reminded the City that as a contributing member, they hold a voting seat on the HCEDC board and the HCEDC holds a voting seat on the Moberly Area Economic Development Corporation (MAEDC) board. Both Mrs. Overfelt and Mr. Waggoner stated that Howard County receives more than fifty percent of the MAEDC's budget. The corporation's CEO, Kaylee Paffrath spends half of her time in Howard County with the bulk of that spent in Fayette helping Fayette businesses and working with the HCEDC.

The HCEDC is a coalition of private and public financial stakeholders and dedicated volunteers working for and investing in a brighter future for Howard County and the communities that reside within it.

The board will vote on the donation to the HCEDC later in the meeting.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION****Amy Larkin**

Amy Larkin, owner of 405 W. Elm Street presented her concern for the excessively high-water bill she had received and didn't know why, and commented that Mr. Dougherty was disrespectful to her. Mr. Dougherty stated that he had spoken with Ms. Larkin and felt there may be a leak in the home.

**Regina Powell**

Regina Powell suggested the City obtain a sound system for the board meetings as she cannot hear when she sits in the back.

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

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the renewal of the annual commitment to the Howard County Economic Development Council in the amount of \$15,000.00. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

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

Tabled since the Franchise Agreement was not presented by the Howard County Water District #2.

**DISCUSSION OF LEAD PIPE INVENTORY PROCESS**

It was decided that Mr. Dimond will create a form that citizens could fill out.

**NEW BUSINESS****PAY RESOLUTION 2024-04 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2024-04, approving invoices for payment and salaries in the total sum of **\$83,174.05** which includes, General Fund \$31,205.97, Electric Fund \$23,419.71, Water Fund \$17,401.72, Sewer Fund \$11,146.65. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC MEETING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON PARKING AND TRAFFIC FLOW IN DOWNTOWN FAYETTE**

Alderwoman Ishmael stated that the Town Hall Meeting to hear public comment on the parking and traffic flow in downtown Fayette would be on April 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm. at the Howard County Courthouse in the Courtroom and there will be an agenda and a moderator. There will be an approximately 10–15-

minute presentation before public comments are received. Mr. Nickolaus reminded the board that it wasn't an actual parking study, it was a design.

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

### **Alderwoman Bekki Galloway**

Alderwoman Galloway reported on the following topics:

- There will be a meeting at City Hall, Monday, March 4, 2024 with Tim Frevert and Ann Koenig regarding tree placement at the City Park
- Trim grant next year – City will need to budget the grant match
- Thirty, five-gallon buckets have been donated and a hole put in the bottom of each, then placed beside all new trees to provide a slow watering system for new trees as a part of the Cost Share Grants in 2022 and 2023.
- Diamond Maps would be a flat fee
- Tree Board would like to be changed to six members
- Summary review of Parks Commission was sent to all members
- A new Alderman will need to act as liaison to the Parks Commission when Alderwoman Bekki Galloway leaves the board at the election.
- A Citizen wanted a copy of the CID ordinance
- Regarding residential lighting – Mr. Dimond found no ordinance stating that lighting is a nuisance

### **Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell**

Alderwoman O'Connell stated that Fayette Historic Preservation Commission still needs another member and asked if members can be so many miles outside of city limits. Mr. Nickolaus stated that yes, they could and a new ordinance will be developed by Mr. Dimond and Alderwoman O'Connell.

### **Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael**

Alderwoman Ishmael thanked the Public Works department for filling all of the holes in the streets.

Mrs. Ishmael stated she had received four calls about trash cans in the street, but were probably blown over by the wind since it was a windy day.

Mrs. Ishmael reported that a citizen was bitten by a dog on Main Street. Alderwoman Galloway asked City Marshal David Ford what happened to the dog and he replied that it was being quarantined at the city dog pound and the owner had received two tickets.

### **Alderwoman Marsha Broadus**

Alderwoman Broadus commented on the trash cans being left out

Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell added that she had received many complaints about water bills this month and asked if the City could waive the penalties. The board made no decision.

Alderwoman Galloway added that there was a Fayette School Board Candidate Forum on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Fayette High School.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to move to closed session at 6:47 p.m. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Carried.

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

Alderwoman Ford motioned to adjourn closed session at 7:08 p.m. Alderwoman Broadus 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.

Public Works Director, Mr. Dougherty commented that he was not disrespectful to Amy Larkin as she had stated but that she had been very disrespectful to him on the telephone.

Alderwoman O’Connell reported a gas leak on the property of Robbie Trimble. Mr. Dougherty said the gas company was working on that problem.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 Jeremy Dawson, Mayor

