

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 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. April 9, 2024 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 Bekki Galloway, Alderwoman Ronda Gerlt, Alderwoman Stephanie Ford, Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell, Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael, and Alderwoman Marsha Broadus.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the April 9, 2024 agenda. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN HELD MARCH 26, 2024

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Alderman held March 26, 2024. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

PAY RESOLUTION 2024-07 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2024-07, approving invoices for payment and salaries in the total sum of **\$281,847.08** which includes, General Fund \$62,771.95, Electric Fund \$186,369.75, Water Fund \$11,805.64, Sewer Fund \$20,899.74. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08 CERTIFYING THE VOTES CAST IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON APRIL 2, 2024

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve Resolution 2024-08, Certifying the votes cast in the municipal election held on April 2, 2024. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

Alderwoman Galloway motioned to adjourn sine die at 6:02 p.m. Alderwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Roll call vote: Alderwoman Broadus, Alderwoman Ishmael, Alderwoman O’Connell, Alderwoman Gerlt, Alderwoman Galloway and Alderwoman Ford.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Newly elected officials were sworn in by City Clerk Judy Thompson.

- Greg Stidham, Mayor (Two-year term)
- Michelle Ishmael for Northwest Ward (Two-year term)
- Ronda Gerlt for East Ward (Two-year term)

After swearing in ceremony, Mayor Greg Stidham presented the outgoing Mayor, Jeremy Dawson with a framed certificate of appreciation and thanked him for his service.

Elected Official for Southwest Ward, LeeAnna Shiflett will be sworn in at the next Board of Alderman meeting on April 23, 2024. Alderwoman Bekki Galloway will remain in service as Southwest Ward Alderwoman until that time.

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Fayette was called to order at 6:09 p.m. April 9, 2024 by Mayor Greg Stidham.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call verified six Board Members present for the meeting.

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

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD

City Marshal David Ford stated that he wanted to apply for a grant for a radar gun through the Fayette Area Community Trust, and asked the board to sign a permission form. All board members signed the form except Alderwoman Broadus who is on the FACT board.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty had no comments.

CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

City Clerk Judy Thompson reminded the City Officials to attend the Lauber City Officials Training on May 17, 2024, held on CMU Campus in Fayette. Fayette Officials can attend at no cost.

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus reminded the board that there are four ordinances that need to be amended but have not yet been completed. Those ordinances include, Historic Preservation, Signs, Home Based Businesses and Adult Entertainment. Historic Preservation, Signs and the Home-Based Businesses all require review of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR MIKE DIMOND

Assistant to the Mayor, Mike Dimond presented a Moderator's report presented by the CID regarding the Town Hall meeting on parking. CID will continue to work with the engineer, OWN, Inc. to provide recommendations and improvements to the parking plan, then to return to the Board of Alderman meeting with conclusions.

Mr. Dimond presented information regarding his retirement with his last day in the office to be April 26, 2024, and his last day as Assistant to the Mayor to be May 3, 2024. Mayor Stidham thanked him for his service.

VISITORS

None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**Regina Powell**

Regina Powell thanked Public Works Director, Danny Dougherty for his crew's work on Paige-Liberty Park.

Ms. Powell appreciated the Town Hall meeting and shared her views on affordable housing for lower income people.

NEW BUSINESS**DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM**

Mayor Stidham announced that he would like to nominate Michelle Ishmael for Mayor Pro-tem and opened up the floor for nominations. Alderwoman Galloway nominated Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael for Mayor Pro-tem and Alderwoman O'Connell nominated Alderwoman Stephanie Ford to remain in the position as Mayor Pro-tem.

Four members voting for the approval of Alderwoman Ishmael as Mayor Pro-tem were: Alderwoman Broadus, Alderwoman Ishmael, Alderwoman Galloway and Alderwoman Gerlt. Two members voting for the approval of Alderwoman Ford to remain as Mayor Pro-tem were: Alderwoman Ford and Alderwoman O'Connell. Alderwoman Ishmael will be the new Mayor Pro-tem.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF BEKKI GALLOWAY TO THE TREE BOARD.

The appointment of Bekki Galloway will be postponed until the next Board of Alderman meeting since she will still serve as Alderwoman for two more weeks.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF FIREWORKS DISPLAY AGREEMENT WITH J & M DISPLAYS

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the agreement and fee with J & M Displays for the July 4th fireworks display in Fayette.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2024-08, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A TERRITORIAL AGREEMENT WITH HOWARD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve **BILL NO. 2024-08, BY FIRST AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A TERRITORIAL AGREEMENT WITH HOWARD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT.** Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

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. 2024-08, BY SECOND AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A TERRITORIAL AGREEMENT WITH HOWARD COUNTY WATER DISTRICT.** Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

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

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH WATER DISTRICT #1 FOR THE RECENTLY ANNEXED PORTION OF FAYETTE

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the franchise agreement with Water District #1 for the recently annexed portion of Fayette. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO THE HOWARD COUNTY REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION WATER CONTRACT DATED APRIL 14, 2021.

Alderswoman Broadus motioned to approve the amendment to the Howard County Regional Water Commission water contract dated April 14, 2021. Alderswoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT, ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF ORDINANCES AND ANNUAL TRACKBACK AGREEMENT WITH GENERAL CODE

Alderswoman Galloway motioned to approve the General Code, eCode360 annual maintenance fee of \$995.00 and to re-visit the Annual Codification of Ordinances and TrackBack at budget time. Alderswoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Alderswoman Marsha Broadus

Alderswoman Broadus thanked City Marshal David Ford for helping with the troublesome four-wheeler and dogs in her neighborhood. Mayor Stidham asked if a license was needed to drive a four-wheeler in town. Mr. Ford said a drivers license was needed and then discussion was held regarding the annual fee for those types of vehicles.

Alderswoman Michelle Ishmael

Alderswoman Ishmael thanked many people for helping to get the Town Hall meeting on traffic flow and parking going.

Mrs. Ishmael thanked public works for cleaning the graffiti off of the slide at the Fayette Park. Mr. Dougherty said they didn't clean it, so it's unknown who cleaned it.

Mrs. Ishmael had a request to re-paint the line at the stop signs at West Davis and Church streets since they were getting light. Mr. Dougherty said MoDOT would have to paint those.

Alderswoman Peggy O'Connell

Alderswoman O'Connell asked if the State could create a dog-leg on Church Street to move the center line enough to provide more parking space for the west side. Mr. Dougherty will call MoDOT regarding the issue.

Mrs. O'Connell was impressed with the Town Hall meeting and thanked Alderswoman Ishmael for organizing it.

Alderswoman Bekki Galloway

Alderswoman Galloway reported on the following topics:

- Mrs. Galloway, speaking on behalf of the Parks Commission stated that the Parks Board had voted to use the \$25,000 that was budgeted for the 2023-24 fiscal year to start a sinking fund for the Parks Department in the 2025 fiscal year budget. Mayor Stidham read a letter from Ann Schnell regarding this matter.
- Mrs. Galloway reported that the Tree Board tree giveaway will be on the courthouse square on April 27, 2024. She had a sign-up sheet.

Aldерwoman Ronda Gerlt

Aldерwoman Gerlt asked if there was an update on the CMU Tap Grant. Mayor Stidham will reach out to CMU regarding the matter.

Aldерwoman Stephanie Ford

Aldерwoman Ford was thankful for the Town Hall meeting.

Mayor Stidham asked for a status on the trash agreement. Mr. Dimond has spoken to the owner of RTS and has sent the agreement to Attorney Nickolaus for review.

Mayor Stidham had questions about several invoices.

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to move to closed session at 7:12 p.m. Aldерwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Passed.

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


Aldерwoman Ford motioned to adjourn closed session at 7:14 p.m. Aldерwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Aldерwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 Greg Stidham, Mayor