

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, APRIL 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. April 23, 2024 by Mayor Greg Stidham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL

Newly elected official, LeeAnna Shiflett was sworn in by City Clerk Judy Thompson for a two-year term as Southwest Alderwoman.

After swearing in ceremony, Mayor Greg Stidham presented outgoing Alderwoman Bekki Galloway with a framed certificate of appreciation and thanked her for her service.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call verified six Board Members present for the meeting.

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

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the April 23, 2024 agenda with the addition of item #6 under New Business – DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF THE SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR T.J.'S DINER AND BAR. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN HELD APRIL 9, 2024

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Alderman held April 9, 2024. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

CITY STAFF REPORTS**CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD**

City Marshal David Ford had no comments

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR DANNY DOUGHERTY

Public Works Director Danny Dougherty stated that he had spoken to MoDOT about moving the center line on Church Street, but hasn't heard back from them.

Mr. Dougherty asked the board to approve Curtis Hammonds as the City's representative on the Howard County Regional Water Commission Board. Alderwoman Broadus motioned to approve Curtis Hammonds as the City of Fayette representative on the Water Commission Board. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Mr. Dougherty reported that Stop Ahead signs are ordered.

CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

City Clerk Judy Thompson reported that lifeguards are being hired and signed up for lifeguard training to prepare for the May 25th pool opening day.

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus reminded the board that the municipal seminar will be held at CMU on May 17, 2024 and all city staff and elected officials may attend at no cost.

ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR MIKE DIMOND

Assistant to the Mayor, Mike Dimond stated that the CID and Main Street board met to review the parking and traffic study and decided to create an ad hoc committee with two members from each of the CID, Fayette Main Street, Fayette Chamber of Commerce and the City of Fayette, along with Mayor Stidham to take the best of the information presented received and come up with a proposal or two to present to the council.

Mr. Dimond presented budget plans and recommended to schedule several work sessions to complete the budget process, recommending Thursdays in May for the work sessions.

VISITORS

Wilhoit Family – Dana Morris, of the Wilhoit family stood to represent the family regarding adding the residents of Green Acres Drive to the city sewer system, which was promised to them by the city, sixty-five years ago when the area was annexed into the city. City water and electric was provided, but though promised by the city to extend the sewer system, it never was, leaving homeowners to install septic systems at the same time as paying sewer fees for several years to the city. The city continued to state

that there were no funds to provide the sewer system. Ms. Morris urged the city once again to extend the sewer line to all of the houses on Green Acres Drive. Ms. Morris mentioned that the Department of Natural Resources requires three acres to have a septic system and the lots on Green Acres Drive are not three acres, thus jeopardizing future sales of the properties.

Attorney Nathan Nickolaus asked if all ten homes that had septic systems were willing to connect to the city sewer system if it was put in and it was determined that nine of ten of the homes were willing. Mr. Nickolaus stated that the residents would be grandfathered in and if a septic system failed, it could be replaced.

Mayor Stidham stated that the board would look into the situation and get back to the Wilhoits.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Regina Powell

Regina Powell shared her concerns regarding the old vacant funeral home, the condition and safety of the property.

Cana Conrow

Cana Conrow, representing Downtown Fayette gave an update of the organization. They've rebranded the organization, created new banners which the public works have helped to install those.

Mrs. Conrow shared about the next event, a Street Dance on May 4, 2024 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Other events will be two movie nights on the square.

NEW BUSINESS

PAY RESOLUTION 2024-09 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2024-09, approving invoices for payment and salaries in the total sum of **\$166,851.96** which includes, General Fund \$60,484.03, Electric Fund \$30,841.40, Water Fund \$65,226.64, Sewer Fund \$10,299.89. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

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

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the appointment of Bekki Galloway to the Tree Board. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – No. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH RTS WASTE SERVICE

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to table the approval of the RTS Waste Services contract since negotiations were still underway with the company. Aldерwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion was tabled.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF CITY HALL SIGN AND CONCRETE AND RAILING BID

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to table the approval of bids for the sign and concreted and railing. Aldерwoman Gerlt seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion was tabled.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF NEW BUSINESS LICENSE FOR SWEET FAYE BOUTIQUE

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve the business license for Sweet Faye Boutique. Aldерwoman Shiflett seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR TJ’S DINER AND BAR

Aldерwoman Ford motioned to approve the Sunday liquor license for TJ’s Diner and Bar. Aldерwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Aldерwoman Stephanie Ford

Aldерwoman Ford introduced the idea of having kayaks for rent at D.C. Rogers Lake and will do more research on the subject

Aldерwoman Ronda Gerlt

Aldерwoman Gerlt asked what happened to the laptops and tablets that were provided in the year 2020. It will be looked into to find the missing tablets.

Aldерwoman LeeAnna Shiflett

Aldерwoman Shiflett has had many comments about when roads would be worked on. Mayor Stidham mentioned that it was one of our big projects and the city is waiting for the sewer project to be closed up.

Aldерwoman Peggy O’Connell

Aldерwoman O’Connell thanked Mr. Dougherty for talking to MoDOT about changing the center line on Church Street. Mr. Dougherty stated that he didn’t think it would help, but MoDOT would come and look at it.

Mrs. O'Connell stated that many ideas were talked about at the Historic Preservation Commission last night, one of which was hiring a part-time building inspector and some groups to pay a portion.

Mrs. O'Connell asked Mr. Dougherty to cut the vines down that are on the speed limit sign on Spring Street.

Mrs. O'Connell shared that minutes for meetings should be obtained from the new enhanced website.

Mrs. O'Connell shared that six new Notable Properties were added to the Historic Preservation list and new signs will be created for those properties.

Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael

Alderwoman Ishmael welcomed Alderwoman Shiflett and congratulated Bekki Galloway on her appointment on the tree board.

Mrs. Ishmael thanked Mr. Dougherty and crew for installing the new banners for Downtown Fayette.

Mrs. Ishmael reminded the board that Kid's Market would start in June. Alderwoman Gerlt motioned to charge the participants of the Kid's Market a nominal business license fee of \$1.00 and to receive a special Kid's Market license. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – No. Motion passed.

Mrs. Ishmael thanked Mr. Dougherty and crew for filling in the hole in front of Mike's house.

Alderwoman Marsha Broadus

Alderwoman Broadus asked what could be done about the trash cans on Morrison that are left out all week.

Ms. Broadus reported that the fence was down again on South Park and Depot Streets and that dogs were still running loose in town.

Ms. Broadus reported that she would call the gas company regarding fixing a gas line near her house.

Ms. Broadus reported that the owner of the corner house on West Davis and Cleveland keeps parking on the street.

Alderwoman Broadus motioned to move to closed session at 7:17 p.m. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Passed.

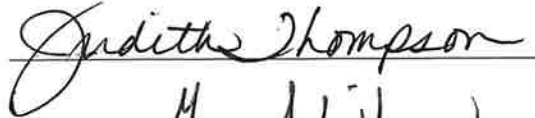
Responding to the Roll Call: Alderwoman Ford, Alderwoman Gerlt, Alderwoman Shiflett, Alderwoman Broadus, Alderwoman Ishmael and Alderwoman O'Connell.


Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to adjourn closed session at 8:15 p.m. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Aldерwoman O'Connell motioned to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:


_____ Judith Thompson, City Clerk


_____ Greg Stidham, Mayor