

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 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. May 14, 2024 by Mayor Greg Stidham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Roll Call verified five Board Members present for the meeting.

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

Alderwoman Ronda Gerlt was absent.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the May 14, 2024 agenda. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN HELD APRIL 23, 2024

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Alderman held April 23, 2024. Alderwoman Shiflett seconded the motion. Five 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 OWN Engineering Company about the Green Acres Drive sewer project.

Mr. Dougherty reported that the Electric Department had replaced several poles and workers would be working on a project at Central Methodist University this coming weekend. CMU and Little Dixie Construction will share the cost of the overtime pay for the City Electric workers.

Mr. Dougherty reported that his crew had been working to get the pool prepared, but the rain was hindering the painting of the pool. The pool may not open on Memorial Day weekend if work is not complete.

Mr. Dougherty reported that two large pieces of equipment had broken down but there were no funds budgeted for repair them.

CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

City Clerk Judy Thompson reported that work was being done on the budget and meetings with Alderwomen would soon begin.

Mrs. Thompson reported that the annual ARPA report had been completed and a Workmen's Comp audit was underway.

Mrs. Thompson stated that she had been working to get lifeguards hired and trained before the opening of the pool.

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.

VISITORS

None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Bekki Galloway

Regarding Tree Board items: 230 trees were given away on Arbor Day; four new trees were planted today and the cost of nine trees needs to be budgeted for the coming fiscal period.

George Beford

Mr. Beford reported that only nine more counties out of 112 in the State of Missouri need to become Purple Heart Counties to make the state complete.

Regina Powell

Regina Powell shared her concerns regarding chopping down trees by the old vacant funeral home. Mr. Dougherty will check into it.

Ms. Powell shared other concerns including loose dogs chasing people, micro fiber lines going in and speeding through the area near the new townhouses.

Rebecca Felten

Rebecca Felten shared information regarding the danger of annual immunizations for dogs and asked the board to consider changing the ordinance to reflect a three-year immunization.

NEW BUSINESS**PAY RESOLUTION 2024-10 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Alderman Ford motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2024-10, approving invoices for payment and salaries in the total sum of **\$337,721.20** which includes, General Fund \$83,627.44, Electric Fund \$183,019.25, Water Fund \$21,831.74, Sewer Fund \$49,242.77. Alderman O'Connell seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2024-09, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF ONE PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI (GL RENTALS, LLC)

The motion was tabled until the next Board of Alderman meeting.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF MPUA MUTUAL AID PROGRAM AGREEMENT AND BILL NO. 2024-10, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN MPUA MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT.

Alderman Ford motioned to approve **BILL NO. 2024-10, BY FIRST AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN MPUA MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT.** Alderman Broadus seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Alderman Ford motioned to approve **BILL NO. 2024-10, BY SECOND AND TITLE ONLY READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN MPUA MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT.** Alderman Broadus seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Alderman Broadus, Alderman Ishmael, Alderman O'Connell, Alderman Shiflett, and Alderman Ford. Nays – None. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BUSINESS LICENSE FOR THE DUTCHMAN'S BREW.

Alderman Ford motioned to approve the new business license for The Dutchman's Brew coffee truck. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF FIVE LINE-ITEM REQUESTS

1. Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the line-item request from the Parks Department to purchase chlorine for the Fayette Swimming Pool in the amount of \$2,250.00. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.
2. Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the line-item request from the Parks Department to purchase paint for the Fayette Swimming Pool in the amount of \$2,369.95. Alderwoman Shiflett seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.
3. Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the line-item request from the Electric Department to purchase CT Metering for CMU, which will be reimbursed by CMU in the amount of \$1,597.00. Alderwoman Shiflett seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.
4. Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the line-item request from the Electric Department to purchase various operating supplies in the amount of \$668.00. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.
5. Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the line-item request from the Electric Department to purchase various line materials to restock supply in the amount of \$20,715.61. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF BEKKI GALLOWAY TO THE PARKS COMMISSION.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to appoint Bekki Galloway to the Parks Commission. Alderwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FAYETTE AND RTS WASTE MANAGEMENT, LLC.

The motion was tabled until the next Board of Alderman meeting.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN & MAYOR COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Alderwoman Stephanie Ford – East Ward

Alderwoman Ford is continuing research on having kayaks for rent at D.C. Rogers Lake.

Mrs. Ford is on the Personnel Committee

Alderwoman Ronda Gerlt – East Ward

Alderwoman Gerlt absent

Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell – Northwest Ward

Alderwoman O'Connell had no comments.

Mrs. O'Connell is on the Historic Preservation Commission.

Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael – Northwest Ward

Alderwoman Ishmael presented the Fayette Ordinance on Miscellaneous Driving Rules.

Mrs. Ishmael asked about the location of the city tornado sirens. Mr. Dougherty replied there is one by the city pool and one by the old water plant.

Mrs. Ishmael said that she had complaints about calling the Utility Office with no answer.

Mrs. Ishmael had several constituents ask about the Parking/Steering Committee that was being developed. Mayor Stidham said he would be meeting with the CID next week.

Mrs. Ishmael thanked Mr. Dougherty for information on the Green Acres Drive sewer issue.

Mrs. Ishmael is on the Main Street Committee.

Alderwoman LeeAnna Shiflett – Southwest Ward

Alderwoman Shiflett had no comments and is not yet on a committee.

Alderwoman Marsha Broadus – Southwest Ward

Alderwoman Broadus reported on trucks and cars speeding on her street.

Ms. Broadus is on the Planning and Zoning Commission

Mayor Greg Stidham

Mayor Stidham shared the new city motto of “City That Cares”, and passed out pens to everyone with the motto on them. He would like our goal to be “How can we help this person”?

Mayor Stidham shared the following other meetings/activities he had attended for the past two weeks:

1. Met with each Alderwoman and thanked them for their time.
2. Met with CMU regarding the sidewalk project
3. Met with the Ministerial Alliance regarding providing pastors to pray for our city at Board of Alderman meetings.
4. Met with MAEDC and Small Business Administration regarding small business.
5. Met with the Housing Authority Board
6. Met with Grafton of the CID regarding the parking steering committee
7. Went to Parks meeting

8. Met with Taylor Blackwell from Senator Josh Hawley’s office regarding grant funding for streets.
9. Went to Howard County Government Round Table meeting. Spoke to Representative from Mid-Mo Regional Planning regarding grant funding for streets.
10. Worked on budget with Judy & Danny for first revision. More work to be done.
11. Inquiry on the whereabouts of city IPads and laptops?
12. Reminder of Lauber Elected Officials Training on May 17th at CMU.
13. Presented an update of the city’s organizational chart.
14. Read a citizen letter regarding the RTS Waste Management System complaints and street lines painted.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to move to closed session at 7:00 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Passed.

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


Alderwoman O’Connell motioned to adjourn closed session at 7:40 p.m. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion passed.


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

ADJOURNMENT

Alderwoman Ford motioned to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Alderwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 Greg Stidham, Mayor