

**BUDGET MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The budget meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Fayette was called to order at 6:00 p.m., June 18, 2024 by Mayor Greg Stidham.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call verified four Board Members present for the meeting.

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

Alderwomen Peggy O'Connell was absent.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

The Board of Aldermen and Mayor Stidham reviewed an Income/Expense worksheet.

The Board of Aldermen discussed the 5% budgeted amount for employee raises and for supervisors to have evaluations done by July 1, 2024. Mayor Stidham suggested to develop a range of salaries and to put off raises until evaluations could be completed and reviewed and using a 14/12 raise. More discussion regarding evaluations, raises and when to give them continued. Incentives and goals for employees was also discussed.

Superintendents of departments will be in charge of their departments as a result of no longer having a Public Works Director.

Discussion of budget for Building Inspector was held. It was agreed that a Building Inspector was needed. The CID is interested in contributing to the salary of the Building Inspector, to include Glasgow and New Franklin.

Mayor Stidham reported that he had talked to a representative from OWN Engineering and Capital Asphalt Company. They would walk the streets to evaluate and rank for priority of patching and overlays would be. A five-year plan would be developed to fund the work. The estimated cost for OWN to create the five-year plan would be \$5,000.00 to \$7,500.00.

Mayor Stidham provided a Concept Project Cost report done by John Huss, regarding the amount needed to budget for the sewer improvements on Green Acres Drive would be approximately \$350,000.00. Mayor Stidham stated that all ten houses would need to be in agreement to do the project.

Mayor Stidham stated that \$25,000.00 was budgeted for the Rickett's Lake. D.C. Rogers project is ongoing.

City Hall upgrades and garage upgrades were discussed. The CID may be approached to donate to the improvements.

Alderwoman Ford reported that she is still doing research on getting kayaks to use at D.C. Rogers Lake.

Discussion was held on the possibility of raising rates on trash, sewer, water, and electric.

Mayor Stidham has gotten a quote from John Baier to paint the City Hall garage door.

City Clerk Judy Thompson explained monthly interest and Utility Billing sales tax transfers.

Alderwoman Ford said she was doing research about incentives to keep police officers and get them to come to Fayette.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderwoman Broadus motioned to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

 Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 Greg Stidham, Mayor