

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 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., June 25, 2024 by Mayor Greg Stidham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderwoman Marsha Broadus.

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 Stephanie Ford, Alderwoman Ronda Gerlt and Alderwoman LeeAnna Shiflett.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the June 25, 2024 agenda with the additions of adding #6 and #7 to New Business. 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 JUNE 11, 2024

Alderwoman Shiflett motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Alderman held June 11, 2024. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN HELD ON JUNE 12, 2024

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Board of Alderman held June 12, 2024. Alderwoman Shiflett seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING BEGINS

Mayor Greg Stidham opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. for comments from the public regarding designating the Fayette Courthouse Square Historic District as a Local Historic District.

Those commenting were, Justin Addison on, according to the ordinance, getting approval and receiving a certificate of appropriateness was necessary and questioning the punishment involved even if people

didn't abide by the guidelines and that the language of that wasn't in the ordinance. Pam Huttshell commented that verbiage could be added.

Attorney Nathan Nickolaus agreed and commented that the verbiage could be added when the Planning and Zoning Ordinances are brought forth in the next board meeting.

Julie McAnelly asked if a business owner follows the guidelines, they won't be penalized. Mayor Stidham stated that the only time they have to comply with guidelines is if they are applying for a grant.

Tristin Head asked if there was a plan leader even though there wasn't one now. Mr. Nickolaus replied that it would be handled through our current zoning code.

JB Waggoner questioned certain addresses listed in the ordinance of buildings that had collapsed. Mrs. Huttshell stated that she went by the information on the National Register and those addresses were non-contributing. Other discussion was had regarding certain addresses.

Public Hearing Closed at 6:14 p.m.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD

City Marshal David Ford proposed a Recruitment and Retention plan for the Police Department. To begin, Mr. Ford asked for starting pay to be increased from \$19.00 to \$20.00 per hour for Officers including the Reserve Officers who now earn \$16.00 per hour. Mr. Ford also proposed that the City pay the entire amount of health insurance for full-time officers. In addition, Mr. Ford asked for a sign on bonus of \$1,000.00 to be paid in two portions, the first after the six-month probationary period. If the officer leaves before one year, the \$500.00 should be paid back. Officers in the academy would remain the same rate of \$16.00 per hour until they are commissioned.

CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

City Clerk Judy Thompson had no comments

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus commented on questions that came up last meeting regarding the Adult Entertainment being banned. His office did research and came to conclusion that it cannot be banned.

VISITORS

None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Alissa Watkins

Alissa Watkins of Downtown Fayette came to update the board on the status of hiring a Director and that they were in the final stages.

Grafton Cook

Grafton Cook of the CID came to ask the board if it had any questions regarding the draft budget that had been submitted for review by the board.

Mr. Cook stated that he had been in a meeting with MoDot reconstructive conference regarding the paving and overlay of Highway 240. They plan on being in Fayette on August 20, 2024, and that the life expectancy of the pavement would be ten to fifteen years and that maintenance should be done every four to eight years. Contract should be finished by November 1, 2024. Work to be done by Capital Asphalt.

Tristin Head

Tristin Head representing the Fayette Party in the Park on July 4th, asked the board if there would be free swimming pool admission and would the times of the pool be the same.

The parade would only be one lap around and would begin at 8:30 a.m. and vendors are in the process of getting permits.

Alderman Ford motioned to make the admission to the pool to be free for everyone on July 4, 2024. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

PAY RESOLUTION 2024-13 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Alderman Ford motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2024-13, approving invoices for payment and salaries in the total sum of **\$169,505.97** which includes, General Fund \$54,636.57, Electric Fund \$38,489.17, Water Fund \$67,950.29, Sewer Fund \$8,429.94. Alderman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF BILL NO. 2024-13, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI, DESIGNATING THE FAYETTE COURTHOUSE SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT AS A FAYETTE, MISSOURI LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Alderman O'Connell motioned to approve Bill No. 2024-13, An Ordinance of the City of Fayette, Missouri, Designating the Fayette Courthouse Square a Historic District as a Fayette, Missouri Local Historic District and providing for an effective date. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Alderwoman Ford, Alderwoman Gerlt, Alderwoman Shiflett, Alderwoman O’Connell, Alderwoman Ishmael and Alderwoman Broadus. Nays – None.

SECOND READING BY TITLE ONLY OF BILL NO. 2024-13, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI, DESIGNATING THE FAYETTE COURTHOUSE SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT AS A FAYETTE, MISSOURI LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Alderwoman O’Connell motioned to approve Bill No. 2024-13, An Ordinance of the City of Fayette, Missouri, Designating the Fayette Courthouse Square a Historic District as a Fayette, Missouri Local Historic District and providing for an effective date. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Alderwoman Broadus, Alderwoman Ishmael, Alderwoman O’Connell, Alderwoman Shiflett, Alderwoman Gerlt and Alderwoman Ford. Nays – None.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF GENERAL CODE ANNUAL CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES ANNUAL SUPPLEMENT AND/OR TRACKBACK FEATURE

Motion was tabled until the next Board of Alderman meeting.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF RTS WASTE SERVICES, LLC CONTRACT.

Alderwoman Shiflett motioned to approve the RTS Waste Services, LLC contract. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY OF BILL NO. 2024-05 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI AMENDING THE CITY CODE BY ADDING ONE NEW CHAPTER REGARDING ADULT ENTERTAINMENT.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve Bill No. 2024-05, An Ordinance of the City of Fayette, Missouri amending the City Code by adding one new chapter regarding adult entertainment. Alderwoman Shiflett seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Alderwoman Broadus, Alderwoman Ishmael, Alderwoman O’Connell, Alderwoman Shiflett, Alderwoman Gerlt and Alderwoman Ford. Nays – None.

SECOND READING BY TITLE ONLY OF BILL NO. 2024-05 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI AMENDING THE CITY CODE BY ADDING ONE NEW CHAPTER REGARDING ADULT ENTERTAINMENT.

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Roll call vote: Ayes: Alderwoman Shiflett, Alderwoman Gerlt, Alderwoman Ford, Alderwoman Broadus, Alderwoman Ishmael and Alderwoman O'Connell. Nays – None.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF FINAL QUOTES FOR SEWER SYSTEM PROJECT TO BE SUBMITTED TO USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the submission of final quotes of items to be funded by USDA Rural Development as a part of the Sewer System Project. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF KENNY O'BRIAN TO THE FAYETTE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD.

Tabled until next Board of Alderman meeting.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN & MAYOR COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Alderwoman Stephanie Ford – East Ward

Alderwoman Ford commented that Alderwoman Gerlt, Ishmael, O'Connell and herself had met to discuss swimming pool procedures at the Fayette Pool including: the age of pool entry alone would remain at age 12, and that children under the age of twelve would need to be accompanied by a 15-year-old at a 5 to 1 ratio. Pool parties of over 50 people would be an additional \$60.00 for a total of \$210.00. Swimming lessons will go ahead as planned and the need for oversight of the Splash Pad by the lifeguards. Pool breaks would be ten minutes per hour. The Splash Pad Shelter House would begin to be reserved.

Mayor Stidham asked if the group could come up with a list of the above-mentioned items to bring to the Park Board meeting.

Alderwoman Ronda Gerlt – East Ward

Alderwoman Gerlt asked about the whereabouts of the I-Pads. Mrs. Thompson commented that she would try to locate the recipients of the I-Pads after the budget process was complete. Mayor Stidham asked Alderwoman Gerlt if she would like to try to find the whereabouts of the I-pads and she agreed.

Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell – Northwest Ward

Alderwoman O'Connell commented on finding the ordinance about fences around swimming pools. Attorney Nickolaus commented that it was in the building codes and he would find it for her.

Mrs. O'Connell commented that she and Alderwoman Ford would begin to work on updating the Personnel Handbook.

Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael – Northwest Ward

Alderwoman Ishmael thanked everyone involved in the Juneteenth Celebration, including the city crews and the Mayor.

Attorney Nickolaus asked if Fayette was getting the Special Appropriations from the State for Juneteenth Celebration. The city will contact the Tim Jackman, Juneteenth Organizer, to alert him of the available funds.

Mrs. Ishmael thanked city crews for their work in preparing Paige-Liberty Park for pre-fireworks celebration.

Mrs. Ishmael gave recognition to A.J. Stone, Wastewater Superintendent for the presentation he presented to the board on the sewer items to be requested for funding.

Alderman LeeAnna Shiflett – Southwest Ward

Alderman Shiflett had no comments.

Alderman Marsha Broadus – Southwest Ward

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

Mayor Greg Stidham

Mayor Stidham reported that we had received an estimate on fixing the backhoe for \$15,800.00. The repairs should be done shortly.

Mr. Stidham commented that three people had called him about building new houses in Fayette in one week.

Mr. Stidham reported that the final budget meeting would be held July 1, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Stidham reported that he spoke to an engineer about coming up with a five-year plan on fixing streets and he will get his estimate for the plan.

Mr. Stidham brought up the idea of putting an ad in the newspaper once or twice per month to have reminders from the city such as dogs on leash, trash cans being put up, golf cart rules, to citizens. Aldermen from each ward will take turns doing the ad.

TO CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Broadus motioned to move to closed session at 7:07 p.m. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Passed.

Responding to Roll Call: Alderman Broadus, Alderman Ishmael, Alderman O’Connell, Alderman Shiflett, Alderman Gerlt and Alderman Ford. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Alderman Shiflett moved to adjourn closed session at 8:18 p.m. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion.

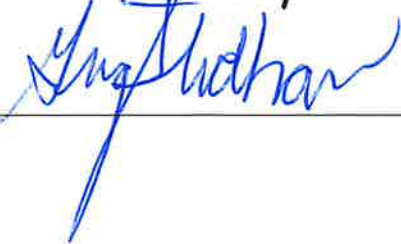
Responding to Roll Call: Alderwoman Broadus, Alderwoman Ishmael, Alderwoman O’Connell, Alderwoman Shiflett, Alderwoman Gerlt, Alderwoman Ford. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderwoman O’Connell motioned to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

 _____ Judith Thompson, City Clerk

 _____ Greg Stidham, Mayor