

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Fayette was called to order at 6:01 p.m., August 27, 2024 by Mayor Greg Stidham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderwoman O'Connell.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call verified six Board Members present for the meeting.

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

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Alderwoman Ishmael added to the agenda number eight discussion and/or approval of Housing Authority reappointment of Ann Schnell.

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the August 27, 2024 agenda with the above addition. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD ON AUGUST 13, 2024

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 13, 2024. Alderwoman Shiflett seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING BEGINS

6:02 PM Public Hearing was open for discussion to set the ad valorem property tax rate for 2024 year. Citizen Pam Hutsell asked what we were doing. City Clerk Thompson stated property tax rate was going up slightly from 0.5907 last year to 0.5929.

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus added that it is a bad sign when property tax raises, meaning property values are decreasing. He stated that higher interest rates might be a factor.

PUBLIC HEARING ENDS

Public hearing closed at 6:04 PM.

VISITORS

No visitors.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

No citizens participation.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD

City Marshal David Ford has nothing to report except for line-item discussion and/or approval.

CITY ELECTRIC SUPERINTENDENT SONNY CONROW

Mr. Conrow was unable to attend but provided updated information for new information system at the Electric Switch Gear Building.

CITY STREET SUPERINTENDENT DENNIS DANIELS

Mr. Daniels stated no comments but was there for a line-item discussion and/or approval.

CITY CLERK JUDY THOMPSON

City Clerk Judy Thompson announced there would be a city insurance renewal next week.

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus asked whether the city wanted to move forward with the gambling ordinance. Council agreed to move forward.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF REPLACING AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM AT THE ELECTRIC SWITCH GEAR BUILDING.

Electrical Superintendent Sonny Conrow recommended the bid from Vaughn Heating and Cooling. Alderwoman Broadus made the motion to approve using Vaughn Heating and Cooling. Alderwoman Shiflett seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2024-11, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 405 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING HISTORIC BUILDINGS.

Tabled until next Board of Alderman meeting.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2024-12, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 415 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING HISTORIC BUILDINGS.

Tabled until next Board of Alderman meeting.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT JOEY SMITH.

Alderwoman Ford made the motion to reappoint Joey Smith to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a two-year term. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2024-16, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 205.100, LICENSE FOR DOGS, ISSUANCE OF LICENSE, ANNUAL FEE, VACINATION.

Tabled until next Board of Alderman meeting.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2024-17 AMENDING THE TRASH SERVICE FEE.

Alderwoman Broadus made the motion to approve Bill No. 2024-17. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion.

First reading by title only. Alderwomen Broadus, Ishmael, O'Connell, Ford, Gerlt, Shiflett – Ayes.

Second reading by title only. Alderwomen O'Connell, Ishmael. Broadus, Ford, Gerlt, Shiflett – Ayes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE APPROVED PURCHASE AMOUNT OF THE NEW INCINERATOR

The purchase expense will be shared by the city and Howard County. The city will pay \$3,005.

Alderwoman Shiflett made a motion to approve the purchase of the incinerator. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF CMU CHURCH STREET PROJECT

Alderwoman O'Connell made a motion to show favor of the project for safety. Alderwoman Shiflett seconded the motion. Vote taken by roll call. Alderwoman Shiflett – Aye, Alderwoman Gerlt – Nay, Alderwoman Ford – Yay, Alderwoman Broadus – Yay, Alderwoman Ishmael – Yay, Alderwoman O'Connell – Yay. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

PAY RESOLUTION 2024-17 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Alderman Ford motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2024-17, approving invoices for payment. Alderman O'Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL FOR LINE-ITEM REQUEST FOR STREET DEPARTMENT

Street Superintendent Dennis Daniels requested tires.

Alderman O'Connell motioned to approve the line-item request for tires. Alderman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2024-18, AN ORDINANCE FIXING AL VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATES OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the tax rate. Alderman Shiflett seconded the motion.

First reading by title only. Aldermen O'Connell, Ishmael, Broadus, Ford, Gerlt, Shiflett – Ayes.

Second reading by title only. Aldermen Shiflett, Gerlt, Ford, Broadus, Ishmael, O'Connell – Ayes.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF NEW BUSINESS LICENSE FOR JEREMY GAGA CONSTRUCTION, LLC

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the new business license for Jeremy Gaga Construction, LLC. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays - none. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF NEW BUSINESS LICENSE FOR HEARTLAND PREMIER HOMES, D/B/A HEARTLAND HOMES REMODELING AND ROOFING

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the business license for Heartland Premier Homes, D/B/A Heartland Homes Remodeling and Roofing. Alderman Shiflett seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENT OF PAM HUTSELL

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Pam Hutsell to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term. Alderman Shiflett seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENT OF JOHN BAYLOR

Alderman O'Connell made a motion to approve the re-appointment of John Baylor to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term. Alderman Ford seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF HOUSING AUTHORITY RE-APPOINTMENT OF ANN SCHNELL

Alderman O’Connell made a motion to re-appoint Ann Schnell to the Housing Authority for a two-year term. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Alderman Broadus abstained. Nays – none. Motion passed.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN & MAYOR COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Alderman Stephanie Ford – East Ward

Alderman Ford said that a citizen reported to her that there is a missing “One way street” sign on College Street and a “Do Not Enter” sign on the opposite side of the street. Street Superintendent Dennis Daniels will order the sign.

Alderman Ronda Gerlt – East Ward

Alderman Gerlt has no comments.

Alderman Peggy O’Connell – Northwest Ward

Alderman O’Connell requested the spending limit ordinance be on the next agenda. She thanked the Street Superintendent for filling the potholes.

Alderman Michelle Ishmael – Northwest Ward

Alderman Ishmael also thanked the Street Superintendent for pothole patrol and for taking care of the green issue at N Church and Besgrove. Now there is a tree issue but it appears the property owner is taking care of it. Alderman Ishmael commented that she has been working with Angie Malone on several areas that needed cleaned up. Ishmael thanked her for that. 240 looks amazing. There is a sign on Corprew and Gridiron that is not visible. Downtown Fayette moved their main office to 106 S Main last week.

Alderman LeeAnna Shiflett – Southwest Ward

Alderman Shiflett reported again that when you drive through Watts and Depot Streets is bad. Street Superintendent Dennis Daniels stated that he was going to asphalt the area.

Alderman Marsha Broadus – Southwest Ward

Alderman Broadus thanked Street Superintendent Dennis Daniels for missing her pothole. She asked for a bigger stop sign by Perry and S. Park. Street Superintendent Dennis Daniels stated that he would order a larger sign.

Mayor Greg Stidham

Mayor Stidham complimented Street Superintendent Dennis Daniels and his team on being good employees.

Superintendent Dennis Daniels and Mayor Stidham went to Ricketts Lake and there was water bubbling out 20 – 25 feet down the dam. The valve was opened and the water went down 4 ½ feet. We need to get an expert out to look at it to see what needs done. There is \$25,000 in the budget for repair, will need to determine if this is enough or will need more funds.

TO CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Broadus motioned to move to closed session at 6:48 p.m. Alderman Shiflett seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Passed.

Responding to Roll Call: Alderman O’Connell, Alderman Ishmael, Alderman Broadus, Alderman Shiflett, Alderman Gerlt and Alderman Ford.

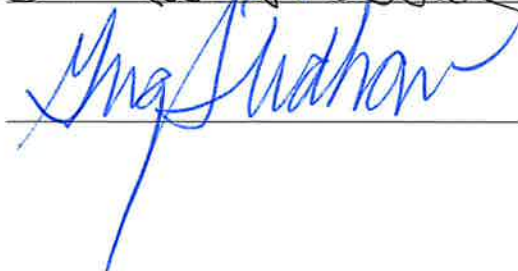
Alderman Ford moved to adjourn closed session at 7:31 p.m. and go into open session. Alderman O’Connell seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Ishmael motioned to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Alderman Shiflett seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

 _____ Angie L. Malone

 _____ Greg Stidham, Mayor