

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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., October 8, 2024 by Mayor Greg Stidham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Roll Call verified four Board Members present for the meeting.

Responding to the Roll Call: Alderwoman Marsha Broadus, Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael, Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell and Alderwoman Ronda Gerlt.

Alderwoman LeeAnna Shiflett and Alderwoman Ford were absent.

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the October 8, 2024 agenda. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 24, 2024. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

VISITORS

- Angie Malone – REH Solutions. Mayor Stidham said that Angie Malone could not make it to the meeting. Mayor Stidham stated that Angie Malone had met with Dairy Queen and that it looks like they have fixed the big hole on the driveway.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Jeff Parks

Jeff Parks informed about a new internally lit sign installed on his building. Questions were asked if it meets the guidelines for the National Register District and if it requires a building/sign permit. Attorney Nathan Nickolaus mentioned that this requires a building inspector. Mr. Parks mentioned that there is a reference on the City's ordinance that mention that a sign permit is required but there is nothing said on

the City's website. Mr. Parks would like to fasten the more permanent fixture because it's being hold up on a fairly sturdy wood frame, he would like to fabricate a metal bracket. Mr. Parks is asking for a variance to put the sign, however the Attorney said that he doesn't need it. Attorney Nathan Nickolaus suggested to don't do any more work on the sign.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD

Nothing to report.

CITY ELECTRIC SUPERINTENDENT SONNY CONROW

City Electric Superintendent Sonny Conrow presented two line-item requests for restocking line items that they've used, in the amounts of \$4,286.24 and 3,519.09, which will be voted on in New Business. Mr. Conrow also reported their trip to Florida for the City of Tallahassee mutual aid. He said it went well; the storm didn't hit as strong as it was expected. He also showed the Council the tree limb that was burnt when it rubbed against the power lines in an alley and mentioned that's part of their problems.

CITY CLERK MATI ROGERS

Nothing to Report.

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus informed the Police Chief that there is a new legislation stating that the Municipal Court can't issue a warrant of arrest for a person failing to attend, but their interpretation of it is that only applies in a very limited circumstances, that's only to vehicle equipment violations.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Attorney Nathan Nickolaus clarified that the new Ordinance drafts include the amending of Chapter 405 and 415. Attorney Nickolaus stated that there are two version of the Ordinance to discuss. Option E includes demolition only, a Certificate of appropriateness shall be required and FHPC shall issue or deny the demolition permit in any designated Historic District. Option C is all voluntary, a Certificate of appropriateness may be requested but shall not be required for any construction alteration or demolition within the historic district. Alderwoman O'Connell said that on previous meetings they talked about changing to 45 days instead of 30 days, for FHPC to issue o deny the demolition permit.

Alderwoman O'Connell made a motion to table it to discuss it when the complete board is present, Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Tabled until next meeting.

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

First reading: all in favor

Second reading: Roll call vote: Ayes: Alderwoman Broadus, Alderwoman Ishmael, Alderwoman O’Connell, Alderwoman Gerlt. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF REVISED PURCHASING AUTHORITY. THIS INCLUDES REMOVAL OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR AND ADD WATER, SEWER, ELECTRIC AND STREET SUPERINTENDENTS TO INCIDENTAL PURCHASES. REVISION INCLUDES INCREASING INCIDENTAL PURCHASES TO LESS THAN \$2,500, MINOR PURCHASES TO LESS THAN \$5,000 AND MAJOR PURCHASES TO \$5,000 OR MORE

First reading: all in favor

Second reading: Roll call vote: Ayes: Alderwoman Broadus, Alderwoman Ishmael, Alderwoman O’Connell, Alderwoman Gerlt. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

PAY RESOLUTION 2024-20 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Alderwoman O’Connell motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2024-20, approving invoices for payment and salaries in the total sum of **\$160,697.25** which includes, General Fund \$67,504.00, Electric Fund \$14,289.74, Water Fund \$66,234.72, Sewer Fund \$12,668.79. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF 2 LINE-ITEM REQUESTS ON ELECTRICAL

Alderwoman O’Connell made a motion to approve, Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

DISCUSSON AND/OR APPROVAL OF SEWER WAIVER FOR 200 W. MORRISON

Tabled until getting more information about where the water leak went.

VACATION OF ALLEY WAY ON WEST HACKBERRY, JEFF DAVIS

Attorney Nathan Nickolaus said an ordinance is required to be recorded. Mayor Stidham asked the attorney to do an ordinance. Tabled.

VACATION OF ALLEY WAY ON 400 BLOCK OF SOUTH PARK, CARLOS NEVELS

Attorney Nathan Nickolaus will do an ordinance. Tabled.

DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF CITY'S PLEDGE AND IN-KIND HOURS FOR LAND WATER GRANT

Alderswoman O'Connell motioned to approve the City's Pledge of \$10,000 and in-kind hours for Land and Water Grant. Alderswoman Broadus seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN & MAYOR COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATES

Alderswoman Stephanie Ford – East Ward

Absent

Alderswoman Ronda Gerlt – East Ward

Nothing to report.

Alderswoman Peggy O'Connell – Northwest Ward

Mrs. O'Connell asked if it's the property owner to pick the gravel that washes out of the streets or is it the street sweeper. Mayor said it would be the Street Department.

Alderswoman Michelle Ishmael – Northwest Ward

Alderswoman Ishmael thanked Dennis Daniels for refreshing some no parking and snow route signs, she said they are visible again. Mrs. Ishmael thanked also the Police Chief and staff for all the help given to the city in the Downtown Fayette Saturday night, the Street Dance.

Mrs. Ishmael commented that the Street Dance was great, they had about 375 people.

Alderswoman LeeAnna Shiflett – Southwest Ward

Absent.

Alderswoman Marsha Broadus – Southwest Ward

Alderswoman Broadus commented that people is still speeding in the street in front of her house, despite of the new stop signs.

Mayor Greg Stidham

Mayor Stidham reported that he's been at Ricketts Lake and saw they've started digging and already have a huge hole out there to repair the dam.

Mr. Stidham also reported that Mati Rogers was promoted to City Clerk and the swearing in will be sometime this week.

TO CLOSED SESSION

Aldерwoman Broadus motioned to move to closed session at 6:55 p.m. Aldерwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Passed.

Responding to Roll Call: Aldерwoman Broadus, Aldерwoman Ishmael, Aldерwoman O’Connell, Aldерwoman Gerlt.

Aldерwoman O’Connell moved to adjourn closed session at 7:50 p.m. and go into open session. Aldерwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Aldерwoman Broadus, Aldерwoman Ishmael, Aldерwoman O’Connell, Aldерwoman Gerlt.


Aldерwoman Gerlt asked the attorney about the gambling machines. Attorney Nickolaus answered he will work on it. Aldерwoman Gerlt also asked if a person that is not an employee can take the minutes, attorney Nickolaus answered that anybody the city wants can take the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Aldерwoman O’Connell motioned to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Aldерwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:


_____ Maria Rogers, City Clerk


_____ Greg Stidham, Mayor