

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 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 22, 2024 by Mayor Greg Stidham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Roll Call verified five Board Members present for the meeting.

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

ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderwoman Ishmael asked for an addition in new business #7 Discussion and/or approval of Business License for Mc. Millan's Café.

Alderwoman Broadus motioned to approve the October 22, 2024 agenda with the above addition. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2024

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held October 8, 2024. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

VISITORS

No visitors.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

- Regina Powell - reported that there are some trees that are hanging over in the lines on Watts St.
- Tim Jackman - Informed about a program called lights after School that will take place on October 24th on the square. The kids will make lanterns, light them (without fire) and place them around the Courthouse for the night. Mr. Jackman asked if he needed City or County approval and was informed that he would need approval by the Courthouse.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL DAVID FORD

City Marshall informed that the incinerator was received by the County and requested the issuance of the check for \$3,005, previously approved.

CITY CLERK MATI ROGERS

Nothing to Report.

CITY ATTORNEY NATHAN NICKOLAUS

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus informed the Council that Jeff Parks’ sign is not in compliance with the code. Mayor Stidham informed that Mr. Parks has submitted a form requesting a permit for the sign and noted that the building inspector would need to review it before any further action. The Attorney expressed concerns about the structure of the sign.

Mr. Nickolaus also mentioned that the revised sign code is currently in limbo. Alderwoman Ford added that the Council had sent it to Planning and Zoning, but no response has been received.

Regarding home-based businesses, Mr. Nickolaus stated that they drafted an ordinance and was sent to Planning and Zoning as well. Mr. Nickolaus noted that the legislative changes now allow home-based businesses, however City’s current ordinance generally prohibits them, so it is not in conformity with State law.

OLD BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2024-11, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 405 AND 415 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING HISTORIC BUILDINGS.

1st Reading by Title Only

2nd Reading by Title Only

Attorney Nickolaus explained the different versions of the ordinance. Version E states that property owners don’t need permission to do anything except for demolition, and then if the permission is not granted, they can wait 90 days to demolish the building. Version C states that nobody has to get a permit at any time. Version A states that every building in the historic district needs a permit to make any changes to the building.

Mayor Stidham commented that, since we have a historic district to preserve historic buildings, it seems that we wanted to be mandatory that we would provide the property owners with our recommendations allowing them to decide what they wanted to do.

Alderwoman Ford made a motion to approve it, Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Alderwoman Ford, Alderwoman Broadus. Nays: Alderwoman O'Connell, Alderwoman Ishmael, Alderwoman Gerlt. Motion didn't pass.

2. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE ON VACATION OF ALLEY WAY ON WEST HACKBERRY, JEFF DAVIS.

Tabled. Ordinance not ready.

3. DISCUSSION AND / OR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE ON VACATION OF ALLEY WAY ON 400 BLOCK OF SOUTH PARK, CARLOS NEVELS.

Tabled. Ordinance not ready.

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

Alderwoman O'Connell made a motion to deny the sewer waiver for 200 W. Morrison because the water went to the sewer, Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Nay, motion didn't pass.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PAY RESOLUTION 2024-21 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT.

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2024-21, approving invoices for payment and salaries in the total sum of \$145,264.94 which includes, General Fund \$79,564.55, Electric Fund \$33,805.17, Water Fund \$13,862.51, Sewer Fund \$18,032.71. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

2. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BILL # 2024-20 CALLING FOR AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF FAYETTE ON APRIL 8, 2025.

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve Bill # 2024-20; Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Alderwoman Ford, Alderwoman Broadus, Alderwoman O'Connell, Alderwoman Ishmael, Alderwoman Gerlt. Motion passed.

3. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF LINE-ITEM REQUEST FOR ELECTRIC DEPT.

Alderwoman Ford made a motion to approve the Line-Item Request for Platform for Digger Derrkk, for the Electric Department, in the amount of \$7,555.75, plus \$400 labor and the freight cost. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

4. DISCUSSION AN/OR APPROVAL OF ADDING THE "FRIENDS OF FAYETTE POOL" LINK TO THE CITY'S WEBSITE.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve adding the "Friends of Fayette Pool" link to the City's website. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

5. DISCUSSION AN/OR APPROVAL OF REQUEST TO ADD BTC BANK AS A BUSINESS TO THE CITY'S WEBSITE.

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve adding BTC Bank as a business to the City's website. Alderman Broadus seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

6. PROCLAMATION OF VETERAN'S DAY.

Mayor Stidham said he was invited to participate in the Veteran's Day at the Fayette High school and read the Proclamation.

Alderman Broadus made a motion to approve the Proclamation of Veteran's Day. Alderman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

7. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF NEW BUSINESS LICENSE FOR MC MILLAN'S CAFÉ

Alderman Ford made a motion to approve the Business License for Mc Millan's Café. Alderman Broadus seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. One abstained.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Alderman Stephanie Ford - East Ward

Nothing to report.

Alderman Ronda Gerlt - East Ward

Nothing to report.

Alderman Peggy O'Connell - Northwest Ward

Nothing to report.

Alderman Michelle Ishmael - Northwest Ward

Alderman Ishmael reported that the Administrative Assistant position will be open till November 1st. Alderman Ishmael thanked the city for painting the shelter house at the city park. Alderman Ishmael also thanked in advance to Police Chief Ford for the Department presence at the Sunday Trunk or Treat event.

Alderman Marsha Broadus - Southwest Ward

Nothing to report.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Stidham reported that October 15th was CMU Cleanup day, we had 10-12 football players that helped clean up around town. Mr. Stidham thanked CMU for that. He also reported that Rickets Lake repair is completed.

Mayor Stidham informed again that Alderwoman Leanna Shiflett – Southwest Ward, resigned on October 8th.

Mayor Stidham asked the Attorney Nathan Nickolaus if the term for the appointed Alderman for the Southwest Ward will end in April 2025 and then he/she can run to complete the remainder of the term through April 2026. Attorney Nickolaus confirmed this is correct.

Mayor Stidham reported that he met with Main Street and had a conference call with the engineers involved and talked about the North main Street sidewalk project that is basically replacing the concrete sidewalk from Davis to Elm Street. They expect to complete the project in September 2025. This project is an 80-20, 80% MoDot Grant and 20% CID's paid for.

Mayor Stidham asked the City Attorney about a company that failed to drill a hole in the main sewer line to a house in South Main Street. The sub-contractor of the original company that performed the work has billed us, so Mr. Stidham asked if we should pay this bill and go back against the general contractor. The City Attorney advised that we must pay the bill even if we decide to take action against the general contractor.

TO CLOSED SESSION

Alderwoman Ford motioned to move to closed session at 6:59 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Passed.

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

Alderwoman Broadus moved to adjourn closed session at 7:37 p.m. and go into open session. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes - Alderwoman Broadus, Alderwoman Ishmael, Alderwoman O'Connell, Alderwoman Gerlt, Alderwoman Ford.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderwoman Broadus motioned to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:


 _____ Maria Rogers, City Clerk


 _____ Greg Stidham, Mayor