REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE, MISSOURI TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Fayette was called to order at 6:05 p.m., March 11, 2025 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 three Board Members present for the meeting.

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

Mayor Stidham informed the Council members and public present that the required quorum was not met, therefore, the meeting will not take place as scheduled. However, Mr. Stidham said that comments and citizen participation will still take place as planned.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Deanna Cooper - Downtown Fayette

Ms. Cooper informed the Council of her resignation as President of the Downtown Fayette organization and Ms. Alyssa Watkins assuming the position. Ms. Cooper also noted that the organization is currently short of a couple of members. Additionally, Ms. Cooper said that she is looking forward to beginning to work with the City.

Grafton Cook - CID

Mr. Cook stated that he will attend the next meeting to talk about the sign ordinance.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL - DAVID FORD

Nothing to report.

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CITY CLERK - MATI ROGERS

Nothing to report.

<u>CITY ATTORNEY – NATHAN NICKOLAUS</u>

City Attorney, Mr. Nathan Nickolaus, informed the Council that Lauber Municipal Law will host its annual City Officials training in Jefferson City on May 2nd, from 8:30 to 3:00 pm. The cost of the training is \$35 per person and includes breakfast and lunch. Interested may register at www.laubermunicipallaw.com. He also noted that the training provides credits for government officials' programs.

NEW BUSINESS

Arbor Day Proclamation
 Mayor Stidham read the Arbor Day Proclamation in the City of Fayette for April 25th, 2025.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATE

Alderwoman Stephanie Ford - East Ward

Absent.

Alderwoman Ronda Gerlt - East Ward

Alderwoman Gerlt informed the Council that the Parks Commission currently needs two additional members and inquired about placing an advertisement to fill the positions. She also asked for an update on the Lifeguard job advertisement for the upcoming Pool season.

Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell - Northwest Ward

Absent.

Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael - Northwest Ward

Alderwoman Ishmael thanked the efforts of Dennis Daniels – Street Superintendent and crew for repairing the potholes near Casey's. Ms. Ishmael also reported citizens concern about a young man in town walking a leashed pitbull dog that approaches pedestrians with an aggressive behavior.

Alderwoman Marsha Broadus - Southwest Ward

Nothing to report.

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MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Mayor Stidham informed the Council that the Auditor is finalizing the audit and expect to work on a draft for next week.
- Meco Engineering is working on the wing wall project at DC Rogers Lake and has presented it to the State. Engineers recommended draining water and lowering it by five feet. Additionally, Peters Lake should be drained to prevent overflow into DC Rogers Lake in case of rain.
- The roads at DC Rogers Lake have been leveled, and the gates have been reopened.
- Dennis Daniels Street Superintendent, will work on the shoulder in front of Hillside Church.
- The City purchased a new Bucket truck at an auction for \$37,800. The old bucket truck will be put up for sale.
- The Mayor is working to clarify the situation with the Fairgrounds and the sewer connection for the annexation.
- He visited the Dog Pound and reported it is well-maintained, clean and in good condition.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Alderwoman Broadus motioned to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. Alderwoman Gerlt seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted by:

_____ Maria Rogers, City Clerk

Greg Stidham, Mayor