

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE,
MISSOURI
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025**

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., March 25, 2025, by Mayor Greg Stidham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ROLL CALL

Roll Call verified five Board Members present for the meeting.

Responding to the Roll Call: Alderwoman Stephanie 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 the following addition:

- New Business:
 5. Opening of bids for Cemetery mowing

Alderwoman Ishmael motioned to approve the March 25, 2025 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 FEBRUARY 25, 2024

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 25, 2025. Alderwoman Ishmael 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 MARCH 11, 2024

Alderwoman O'Connell motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 11, 2025. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

VISITORS

- **Brian Spielbauer – Optimist Club, Cornhole Tournament**

Mr. Spielbauer informed the Council that a Cornhole Tournament will be held on August 23rd from 10 am to 5 pm on one side of the square. The event will have 14 cornhole sets, with an expected participation of 60 teams and an attendance of 200 visitors. Chief Ford will coordinate the street closure.

- **Gary Kunze – Fire Department, New Air Packs for fire calls**

Mr. Kunze reported that in recent years, one or two air packs have failed testing, so the district is considering purchasing several new units and is proposing the City purchase four air packs. Mr. Kunze noted that each air pack costs \$8,119.00 with an additional bottle at no extra charge.

Alderwoman O'Connell made a motion to approve the purchase of four Air Packs for the fire Department, conditioned to the City Clerk's verification of the available funds. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

- **Dennis Daniels – Street Superintendent, DC Rogers Dock boards**

Mr. Daniels couldn't attend the meeting.

Mayor Stidham commented that Mr. Daniels is going to repair the holes in the dock boards and at the next meeting he will discuss the possibility of replacing the entire dock.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

JB Waggoner

Mr. Waggoner presented the annual request for support for the largest fund raising for the Optimist Club tractor pull that will take place on June 14th at Howard County Fairgrounds. He mentioned that the city has traditionally donated water that is used to keep the track at the right moisture level. The amount of water is around 10,000 to 20,000 gallons depending on how dry it is by that time.

Alderwoman Gerlt made a motion to approve the water donation for the Optimist Club Tractor Pull. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

CITY MARSHAL - DAVID FORD

Mr. Ford reported that the newly hired Officer, Curtis Robinson, has started working and is currently starting his FTO Training. He also informed that Officer Boyce resigned. Additionally,

Mr. Ford inquired if the Street Department has “No Trespassing” signs available to prevent vehicles from parking on the grass in the parking lot beside City Hall.

CITY CLERK - MATI ROGERS

Ms. Rogers reported that advertisements for lifeguards’ positions have been posted in the newspaper and on the website. She also noted that currently 4 lifeguards from previous year are interested in working this pool season.

CITY ATTORNEY – NATHAN NICKOLAUS

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION ON SIGN ORDINANCE AND ANY COMMENTS FROM HPC, P&Z, DOWNTOWN FAYETTE OR CID

No comments.

2. DISCUSSION ON SEWER WAIVER FOR 203 OAKLAWN STREET

Alderman Ford motioned to approve the Sewer Waiver for \$860.40 for 203 Oaklawn Street. Alderman O’Connell seconded the motion. Four voting Aye. Nays – one. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. PAY RESOLUTION 2025-07 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Alderman Ford motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2025-07, approving invoices for payment and salaries in the total sum of \$148,635.54 which includes, General Fund \$34,428.72, Electric Fund \$18,640.80, Water Fund \$66,542.21, Sewer Fund \$29,023.81. Alderman O’Connell seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

2. LINE-ITEM REQUEST FOR MIXER MOTOR AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mr. AJ Stone, Wastewater Superintendent, reported that the Council had previously approved the repair of the old mixer that was replaced. However, after testing the motor, it failed. Mr. Stone is asking for the approval to replace the motor which will cost \$5,310.

Alderman Ford motioned to approve the Line-Item Request for the replacement of one mixer motor for \$5,310.00. Alderman Gerlt seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

3. SEWER WAIVER 204 S MULBERRY STREET

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the Sewer Waiver for \$651.74 for 204 S. Mulberry Street. Alderwoman Gerlt seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

4. BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION FOR ADVANCED PLUMBING CORP

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the Business License for Advanced Plumbing Corp. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

5. OPEN THE BIDS FOR MOWING THE CEMETERY

Mayor Stidham opened the three sealed bid envelopes received for cemetery mowing.

The Bids were as follows:

- Mark Bogan \$1,120.00
- Travis Wies \$1,260.00
- Anthony Shiflett \$1,700.00

Alderwoman Ford made a motion to award the cemetery mowing to Mark Bogan. Alderwoman O’Connell seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATE

Alderwoman Stephanie Ford - East Ward

Alderwoman Ford expressed a concern about the depth of the manholes in Cleveland Street after the overlay which could cause potential car damages. Mayor Stidham stated that he will discuss this issue with Dennis Daniels, Streets Superintendent. Mr. AJ Stone, Wastewater Superintendent, noted that MO Dot’s contractor was supposed to contact the City to get riser for the manholes before the overlay, but they never did it. Mr. Stone suggested that the solution would be to install risers and apply concrete since the cold patching will not hold and could lead to further potholes.

Additionally, Alderwoman Ford presented a proposal for self-service kayak rentals for DC Rogers Lake through a company called Rent Fun. The company offers locker sets of 4, 8 or 12 units with a one-time payment of \$20,000, \$35,000 or 50,000 respectively. The kayaks can be rented through a QR code at \$25 with 50% revenue for the City. The one-time payment can be split into two installments, payable in July 2025 and July 2026. Ms. Ford also mentioned that the City could explore the possibility of raising money with local organizations for this investment.

Alderwoman Ronda Gerlt - East Ward

Alderwoman Gerlt inquired why the Cemetery Association cannot mow the portion for which the City is hiring services. She offered to contact the Association for clarification. Alderwoman Gerlt also asked whether the City has a Street Sweeper and was informed that the Street crew sweeps the City every Friday morning.

Alderman Peggy O'Connell - Northwest Ward

Alderman O'Connell asked when the lines for parking in the square will be painted to what Mayor Stidham responded that they are awaiting estimates to remove the previous lines before proceeding with the painting.

Alderman Michelle Ishmael - Northwest Ward

Alderman Ishmael presented a complaint regarding a covered car with a metal bar parked in the parking area beside City Hall. She also informed the Council that there is a 15 m/h sign in Corprew and Mulberry Street that is sliding down.

Alderman Marsha Broadus - Southwest Ward

Alderman Broadus inquired about a temporary 4 way stop temporary sign on West Davis Street. She was informed that the City is waiting for MO DOT to make the repairs.

She also informed the Council that on Sunday, following an event on Saturday, 6-7 bags of trash were left on the street in front of Alexander's building. Ms. Broadus noted that the owners need to be informed that leaving the trash on the street is not permitted.

Ms. Broadus also inquired whether the City had received any applications for the Building Inspector position and was informed that no applications have been received.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Mayor Stidham informed the Council that DNR approved the construction permit for the repairs on DC Rogers Lake. Meco Engineering is writing up the bid to post it.

TO CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Broadus motioned to move to closed session at 6:50 p.m. Alderman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Passed.

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

Alderman Broadus moved to adjourn closed session at 7:10 p.m. and go into open session. Alderman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Alderwoman Broadus motioned to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:


_____ Maria Rogers, City Clerk


_____ Greg Stidham, Mayor