

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE,  
MISSOURI  
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 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., April 8, 2025, by Mayor Greg Stidham.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**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. Sewer waiver 512 W. Davis St.

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the April 8, 2025 Agenda with the above addition. Alderwoman O'Connell 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 25, 2024**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 25, 2025. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

**VISITORS**

- **Caleb Walker – Heritage Insurance**  
Mr. Walker informed the Council that MU Health is no longer in-network with Anthem, however negotiations are still ongoing hoping to reach an agreement. He also stated that he is providing a Continuity Care Form for the employees with ongoing serious health issues to allow them to continue receiving in-network service for a limited time. Mr. Walker presented quotes of two alternative options, including one with Cigna Network

which offers a more robust network but with a higher cost, in case the Council wants to consider other options.

- **Sherry Beeler – Howard County 911**

Ms. Beeler explained the reason the tornado warning sirens in Fayette didn't go off this past Wednesday. She noted that it was a human error, a mistake on their end. Ms. Beeler said that they have implemented some changes in procedures to prevent such incidents in the future. She also encouraged anyone interested to sign up for RAVE Alert system, which provides notification alerts on your cell phone, land line, email or text message.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

### **Jeff Parks**

Mr. Parks shared a letter he received from the City Attorney regarding the sign on his business. He expressed his intent to comply with the Ordinances of the City of Fayette and requested clarification on the Sign Ordinance. Mr. Parks mentioned that other businesses have illuminated signs and questioned why he is the only one that is not in compliance with the ordinance. He referenced that the letter mentioned that he can appeal to the Board of Adjustment, so he inquired about who the board of adjustment in Fayette is.

City Attorney Nathan Nickolaus responded that Mr. Parks has three signs which exceed the number of signs allowed. He also mentioned that since there is currently no Board of Adjustment, Mr. Parks can submit a letter to the City Clerk to file an appeal.

## **CITY STAFF REPORTS**

### **CITY MARSHAL - DAVID FORD**

Mr. Ford reported that the new Officer, Curtis Robinson, is partially on his own and is expected to be ready to work on his own in about a week. He also provided an update on the other new officer that is currently attending the academy, noting that he is performing excellent.

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR – DEANNA COOPER**

Ms. Cooper reported that she met with the heads of the City departments and administrative personnel to find out where we are at, what we are looking for and discuss some proactive visioning, as well as budgeting discussions. Ms. Cooper mentioned that she worked on a task list, had meetings with the Mayor, Commercial Trust, MML and some citizens, and addressed several complaints. Additionally, she reported that during CMU service day and the City received the baseball team who helped to haul many filing boxes down for disposal review.

### **CITY ATTORNEY – NATHAN NICKOLAUS**

Nothing to report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing on Agenda.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. PAY RESOLUTION 2025-08 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to approve Pay Resolution 2025-08, approving invoices for payment and salaries in the total sum of \$142,709.324 which includes, General Fund \$66,218.62, Electric Fund \$36,776.14, Water Fund \$11,280.86, Sewer Fund \$28,433.70. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

### **2. LINE-ITEM REQUESTS FOR ELECTRIC LINE MATERIAL**

Mr. Sonny Conrow, Electric superintendent expressed to the Council that most of the materials requested is poles and it's all within the budget.

Alderwoman Gerlt motioned to approve the Line-Item Requests for electric line materials for \$23,810.35 and \$ 6,888.75. Alderwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

### **3. SEWER WAIVER 307 N CHURCH STREET**

Alderwoman Gerlt motioned to DON'T approve the Sewer Wavier for \$271.87 for 307 N. Church Street since the water running from the toilet went down the sewer. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

### **4. BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION FOR FLY BY**

The application was tabled until the application is completed with all the information required.

### **5. SEWER WAIVER 512 W. DAVIS ST.**

Since the water went down the sewer, Alderwoman Gerlt made a motion to DON'T approve the Sewer Waiver for \$292.97 for 512 W. Davis Street. Alderwoman Broadus seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

## **BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATE**

### **Alderwoman Stephanie Ford - East Ward**

Alderwoman Ford expressed her gratitude to the City for the opportunity to serve the City for the past 10 years.

### **Alderwoman Ronda Gerlt - East Ward**

Alderwoman Gerlt shared her research on kayak rental in nearby cities. She noted that Moberly recently started so they said it's too early to determine its success. A representative from Jefferson City's Park and Rec reported that they have four units which are frequently used by the public.

### **Alderwoman Peggy O'Connell - Northwest Ward**

Alderwoman O'Connell presented a complaint regarding a tree across the DC Rogers lake that is blocking access. She also mentioned that a resident is interested in learning more about the City's 10-year plan.

### **Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael - Northwest Ward**

Alderwoman Ishmael thanked the Chief for removing the wrecked car parked on the square. She reported another car covered with a blue tarp, parked at Ocha restaurant. Chief Ford responded that nothing can be done since it is on private property. Additionally, Ms. Ishmael mentioned that she got several comments about the alley next to the jail and she was informing them that it's going to be cleaned up.

### **Alderwoman Marsha Broadus - Southwest Ward**

Alderwoman Broadus inquired whether a back door is required on the back wall of the Mercantile building. Mayor Stidham responded that he would look into it. Ms. Broadus mentioned that there is a ditch that needs to be installed on South Park Avenue because rain causes mud to run onto the road.

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- Mayor Stidham informed the Council that DC Rogers wingwall project has been approved and the City will begin receiving bids within the next couple of weeks.
- Mr. Stidham also mentioned the excellent work CMU students did on the cleanup day. They worked hard moving the files dated prior to 2015 to the garage. Mr. Stidham added that Ms. Deanna Cooper will be organizing and planning the filing system.

### **TO CLOSE SESSION**

Alderwoman Ford motioned to move to closed session at 6:48 p.m. Alderwoman O'Connell seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Passed.

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

Aldерwoman O'Connell moved to adjourn closed session at 7:10 p.m. and go into open session. Aldерwoman Ford seconded the motion. Five voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted by:

  
\_\_\_\_ Maria Rogers, City Clerk

  
\_\_\_\_ Greg Stidham, Mayor