

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE,  
MISSOURI  
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026**

**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., May 26, 2026, by Mayor Greg Stidham.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Austin Ivy.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call verified Six Board Members present for the meeting.

Responding to the Roll Call: Alderman David Frees, Alderman Austin Ivy, Alderman Patrick Roll, Alderman Bradley Patty, Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael and Alderman JB Waggoner.

**ADDITIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Alderwoman Ishmael requested the following additions to the Agenda:

New business:

6. Discussion of Animal Control Ordinance

Alderwoman Ishmael moved to approve the Agenda with the addition presented. Alderman Frees seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN  
HELD ON MAY 12, 2026**

Alderman Roll moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 12, 2026. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

**INVITED GUESTS:**

- **Erin Wiseman – New City Attorney**  
Attorney Wiseman introduced herself to the City Council. She stated that she has been a partner with Brydon, Swearingen & England, P.C. since 2015, has 20 years of legal experience with a focus on litigation, and serves as legal counsel for the cities of Bunceton, Pilot Grove, Glasgow, and New Franklin.

## **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

- **Marsha Broadus**

Ms. Broadus reported concerns about a property located near Silvey Street and Walter Street and requested that the Building Inspector visit the property due to the accumulation of junk. Ms. Regina Powell stated that the house had previously been condemned and expressed her opinion that it should remain condemned because of its current condition. Mayor Stidham stated that the Building Inspector would be notified about the property.

City Administrator Deanna Cooper stated that she had also spoken with the Building Inspector regarding the former funeral home property, noting concerns about six-foot-tall grass and broken windows.

- **Regina Powell**

Ms. Powell stated that Ms. Broadus had covered the point she wanted to express.

## **CITY STAFF REPORTS**

- **Timothy Wells – City Marshal**

Marshal Wells informed the Council that he has received an application from a prospective Police Officer and indicated that he had an additional matter to discuss in Closed Session.

Marshal Wells stated that no citations have been issued recently for parking on the square during prohibited hours and noted that he assumes it has not been a problem lately.

- **Sonny Conrow – Electric Superintendent**

Mr. Conrow was not present but was represented by Electric Department crew members Caleb Smedley and Cody Hilgedick.

Mr. Smedley reported that the crew has been trimming trees throughout the City and working with Central Electric to energize the second transformer at the substation. He also reported that the Electric Department plans to sell two bucket trucks through Purple Wave rather than by sealed bids to maximize the sale proceeds.

Mr. Smedley informed the Council that the Fayette Housing Authority plans to install new transformers on Villar Street and solar systems on James Road. He stated that the Fayette Housing Authority has requested that the City assume ownership of the transformers, which would then be maintained by the City. Mr. Smedley recommended that the Council accept ownership of the transformers.

- **Dennis Daniels – Street and Park Superintendent**

Mr. Daniels informed the Council that the Street Department has been mowing rights-of-way and will begin patching potholes.

He also reported that the street improvement project is progressing well. Mr. Daniels stated that contractors left a concrete patch on Morrison Street near the new CMU Building and asked the Council whether the patch should be milled to match the asphalt surface or left as is. He explained that the patch is in good condition, is level with the asphalt, and covers a water line. Mr. Daniels recommended leaving the patch in place. Mayor Stidham suggested applying a seal coat over it.

Mr. Daniels reported that the contractor working on the DC Rogers project was not on-site on Monday or Tuesday. He also informed the Council of a drainage issue near the car wash, where a drain line is beginning to collapse toward the highway. Mr. Daniels stated that he is obtaining bids

to line the drainpipe. Alderman Waggoner noted that the area is located within the CID District and stated that if a quote is received soon, the matter could be discussed at the CID meeting scheduled for the following day.

Mr. Daniels shared photographs of the affected pipes and noted that similar drainage issues exist at other locations throughout the City.

- **Curtis Hammons – Water Superintendent**

Mr. Hammons was not in attendance at the meeting. City Administrator Deanna Cooper provided an update on behalf of the Water Department, reporting that the crew had been working on issues at the Splash Pad related to a malfunctioning valve. She stated that the problem has been resolved. Ms. Cooper also informed the Council that a break-in occurred at the swimming pool during the night. Entry was gained through a window, and several concession items were stolen. The Police Department was notified. Ms. Cooper explained that the security cameras were not operational at the time of the break-in because an electrical outlet had failed, causing the breaker to trip and shut off power to the cameras. She reported that the Electric Department repaired the electrical issue, and the cameras are now functioning properly.

- **Jason Hampton – Building Inspector**

Mr. Hampton did not attend the meeting.

- **Deanna Cooper – City Administrator**

Ms. Cooper provided the Council with updates on several ongoing projects:

She reported that there has been significant coordination and progress on the Street Repair Project. Repairs on Davis Street and Morrison Street are currently underway, while work on Herndon Street and Lucky Street is expected to begin in mid-June. Ms. Cooper stated that the seal coat project is scheduled for early September and that a public hearing regarding street striping is expected to be held prior to that work.

Ms. Cooper also noted that the North Main Sidewalk Project is expected to begin during the summer months.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF PURCHASING AUTHORITY ORDINANCE, BILL#2026-04**

**2<sup>nd</sup> and Final Reading by Title only**

Alderman Frees moved to approve the second reading of the Purchasing Authority Ordinance. Alderman Ivy seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Alderman Frees, Alderman Ivy, Alderman Roll, Alderman Patty, Alderwoman Ishmael, Alderman Waggoner. Nays – none. Motion passed.

2. **BID AWARD CDBG GRANT WRITING AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES**

City Administrator Deanna Cooper explained that the City received four proposals for CDBG grant writing and administration services. She noted that the proposals included separate costs for grant writing and grant administration:

- Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission: \$0 for grant writing and \$25,000 for grant administration.
- Jonsie Z, LLC: \$3,000 for grant writing and \$30,000 for grant administration.
- Grants by Design, LLC: \$500 for grant writing and \$35,000 for grant administration.
- Halo RRS: \$12,500 for grant writing and an open-ended administration fee ranging from \$65 to \$175 per hour.

The Council discussed Ms. Cooper's service on the Board of Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission and determined that no conflict of interest existed.

Alderman Waggoner moved to award the CDBG Grant Writing and Administration Services contract to Mid-Missouri Regional Planning Commission. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARY FOR THE CITY MARSHAL, BILL #2026-05**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading by Title only**

Alderwoman Ishmael moved to approve the first reading of the Ordinance establishing the annual salary for the City Marshal. Alderman Waggoner seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Ayes: Alderman Frees, Alderman Ivy, Alderman Patty, Alderwoman Ishmael, Alderman Waggoner. Nays: Alderman Roll. Motion passed.

### **2. APPOINTMENT TO ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE**

The following appointments to the Animal Control Committee were presented: Kelly Beeler, Co-Chair; Shelley Day, Co-Chair; Emily Doolan; Caitlin Foster; Tyler Proctor; Cindy Dudenhofer; Kim Thompson; Marshal Timothy Wells; Alderman Austin Ivy; and Mayor Greg Stidham.

Alderman Roll moved to approve the appointment to the Animal Control Committee as mentioned before. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

### **3. APPOINTMENT TO POLICE RELOCATION COMMITTEE**

Alderman Waggoner moved to table the appointment to Police Relocation Committee for next Council meeting. Alderman Frees seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

### **4. BID AWARD FOR NORTH MAIN PROJECT, MODOT TAP GRANT TAP-9901 (543)**

City Administrator Deanna Cooper explained that the City received two bids for the North Main Project, MODOT TAP Grant TAP-9901(543). The first bid was submitted by Drinkard Construction,

LLC of Jefferson City in the amount of \$219,514.30, and the second bid was submitted by JD Bishop Construction, LLC in the amount of \$342,509.00.

Ms. Cooper reported that Great River Engineering reviewed the bids and recommended awarding the project to Drinkard Construction, LLC. She also stated that Drinkard Construction, LLC had completed the required e-filing with MoDOT and met all applicable requirements and obligations.

Alderman Frees moved to award the North Main Project, MODOT TAP Grant TAP-9901(543), to Drinkard Construction, LLC. Alderman Roll seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

**5. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION # 2026-10 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT**

Alderman Roll moved to approve the Resolution #2026-10 approving invoices for payment and salaries in the total sum of \$76,444.33 which includes, General Fund \$36,024.79, Electric Fund \$19,641.91, Water Fund \$14,852.28, Sewer Fund \$5,925.35. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

**6. DISCUSSION OF ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE**

Alderman Waggoner stated that the Council is seeking solutions to situations throughout the City where residents keep multiple animals in small areas without regard for the impact on neighboring properties, particularly concerning noise and odor. He noted that he has received numerous complaints regarding these issues and suggested that both the Police Department and the Building Inspector should be involved in enforcing the ordinance.

The Council discussed the current animal control ordinance, and Mayor Stidham requested that City Attorney, Ms. Wiseman, review the ordinance and provide guidance. Attorney Wiseman explained that Missouri's constitutional "Right to Farm" amendment could potentially affect the enforceability of certain regulations, as property owners may raise related legal arguments. She advised that any proposed amendments to the ordinance should be carefully reviewed to ensure they are enforceable and compliant with state law.

**BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**Alderman David Frees - East Ward**

Alderman Frees expressed his disappointment with the actions of the Ambulance District, stating that he believed its decision disregarded the concerns of residents in the affected neighborhood. He further stated that he viewed the Ambulance District's actions as disrespectful to the citizens of Fayette following the Council's decision to deny the rezoning request for the proposed ambulance facility. Alderman Frees added that the Council was elected to represent the citizens of Fayette and should ensure that their concerns and voices are heard.

Alderman Waggoner added that he found the Ambulance District's use of quotation marks around the term "zoning" in its public announcement to be offensive. He stated that the wording appeared to dismiss the Council's zoning authority and implied that the City's RS-1 zoning designation lacked significance.

### **Alderman Austin Ivy - East Ward**

Alderman Ivy reported that the grass at the property located at 609 Watts Street is very tall.

### **Alderman Patrick Roll - Northwest Ward**

Alderman Roll echoed the comments made by Alderman Frees and stated that the Council should do everything within its authority to address the matter.

Alderman Frees added that the Council was elected to represent the citizens of Fayette and should ensure that their concerns and voices are heard.

### **Alderman Bradley Patty - Southwest Ward**

Alderman Patty expressed frustration regarding the Ambulance District's relocation plans. He stated that members of the Ambulance Board were placed in their positions through public processes and noted that citizens could hold board members accountable through the same process. Alderman Patty also noted that, according to the data provided by the Ambulance District, Highway 5 was identified as the preferred site for the new facility and stated that multiple location options are available in that area. Alderman Patty further stated that the City has the authority to require the Ambulance District to bear the costs associated with any necessary water and electrical utility upgrades related to the proposed project.

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

Alderwoman Ishmael reported ongoing concerns regarding children riding motorized scooters on City streets and failing to stop at stop signs. She also reported complaints about strong odors from chickens being kept on a property adjacent to a house that was being auctioned. Alderwoman Ishmael stated that she was pleased to see citizens enjoying the City Lake and thanked Mayor Stidham for participating in the Liberty Tree celebration.

Regarding efforts to clean up Fayette, Alderwoman Ishmael respectfully asked whether the City could assist the residents of the former school property with cleanup to help improve the appearance of the area.

### **Alderman JB Waggoner - Southwest Ward**

Alderman Waggoner suggested conducting a public information campaign to remind residents of the regulations and obligations regarding open burning within the City limits and annual registration for side-by-sides, scooters, and similar vehicles. He stated that before burning, citizens must notify the City and that any fire must be always attended while burning is taking place.

Alderman Waggoner also expressed his appreciation for the Liberty Tree celebration, stating that the event was a great success and that community events such as this help strengthen the community.

He further inquired about when City crews would be mowing the grass on the lot located north of Fireside and in the downtown area.

**TO CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Roll motioned to move to closed session at 7:05 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion Passed.

Responding to the Roll Call: Alderman Frees, Alderman Ivy, Alderman Roll, Alderman Patty, Alderwoman Ishmael, Alderman Waggoner.

Alderman Frees moved to adjourn closed session at 8:50 p.m. and go into open session. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Responding to the Roll Call: Alderman Frees, Alderman Ivy, Alderman Roll, Alderman Patty, Alderwoman Ishmael, Alderman Waggoner.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Frees moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
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Maria Rogers, City Clerk

  
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Greg Stidham, Mayor