

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE,
MISSOURI
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 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., July 28, 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 addition of the following item:

New Business:

4. Bids Review and selection for residential and commercial mowing.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN
HELD ON JULY 14, 2026**

Alderman Waggoner requested to amend the minutes to include the dates on which the budget meetings were posted for public notice and the dates on which they were held for discussion.

Alderwoman Ishmael moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 14, 2026, with the revisions requested. Alderman Waggoner seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

INVITED GUESTS:

No invited guests.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

- Ronda Gerlt
Ms. Gerlt extended her congratulations to Alderman Austin Ivy on his recent marriage.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

- **Timothy Wells – City Marshal**

Marshal Wells did not attend the meeting. Officer Abbott commended the Electric Department for its prompt response following the vehicle accident involving a utility station. He also recognized the Street Department for its assistance with barricades and traffic control. Officer Abbott further expressed his appreciation to City Administrator Ms. Cooper for providing new air conditioning units for the Police Department offices.

- **Sonny Conrow – Electric Superintendent**

Mr. Conrow did not attend the meeting.

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

Mr. Daniels did not attend the meeting.

- **Curtis Hammons – Water Superintendent**

Mr. Hammons reported that the Water Department crew has been replacing water meters. He also informed the Council that additional smart points will need to be ordered and that he is obtaining quotes for the purchase, noting that the cost has increased.

Mr. Hammons stated that he is working with MECO Engineering to amend the City's Five-Year Owner-Supervised Plan by adding a water line that requires replacement. He also reported that he has been working with Richard Vaughn to adjust the timer on the SCADA system.

Additionally, Mr. Hammons informed the Council that the City of Glasgow is considering selling its water treatment plant. He explained that if Glasgow joins the Howard County Regional Water Commission, it could help reduce THMs.

Alderman Waggoner clarified that the Five-Year Owner-Supervised Plan is a requirement of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for drinking water production and distribution systems and is intended to ensure continuous improvements to the City's water system.

- **Jason Hampton – Building Inspector**

Mr. Hampton reported that he has identified seven structurally hazardous properties that are unoccupied, have no utility services, and should be considered for demolition. He also stated that an additional seven properties are considered borderline cases and could be remodeled.

Mr. Hampton informed the Council that certified letters regarding dangerous buildings, tall grass, brush, and other nuisance violations were scheduled to be mailed on Thursday. He also reported that he has contacted local landlords to begin rental inspections.

In response to a question from Alderman Ivy, Mr. Hampton stated that double-wide modular homes are required to have a concrete foundation.

- **Deanna Cooper – City Administrator**

Ms. Cooper provided the Council with the following updates:

She reported that the Administration Department has been busy completing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application. Ms. Cooper also announced that a new business will be opening in the City.

Ms. Cooper informed the Council that the 2023 audit is nearing completion and that the 2024 and 2025 audits are expected to be completed by the end of the year.

She also reported that the City is working with BS&A on data conversion and gathering the information necessary to complete the process.

Regarding the North Main Street project, Ms. Cooper stated that the contract allows for a 90-day construction period, but the project is expected to be completed ahead of schedule.

Concerning the Spring Street and Lucky Street project, Ms. Cooper reported that the City is waiting for the delivery of a pipe casing and that work would resume at the beginning of the following week. She added that the contractor is aware of the upcoming start of the school year and is making every effort to complete the work before school begins.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF SEWER WAIVER REQUEST, 701 REYNOLDS STREET

Alderman Roll moved to approve the Sewer Waiver Request for 701 Reynolds Street. Alderman Ivy seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A UTV FOR THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT USING PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS DODGE BUCKET TRUCK

Ms. Cooper, City Administrator, reported that the Electric Department sold an older Dodge bucket truck through Purple Wave for \$16,000. She stated that the department is requesting approval to use the proceeds from the sale to purchase a UTV. Ms. Cooper explained that the UTV would enable Electric Department crew to access areas around utility poles more efficiently when performing light-duty work.

Alderman Ivy moved to approve the purchase of a UTV for the Electric Department using proceeds from the sale of the surplus Dodge Bucket Truck. Alderman Patty seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

2. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION # 2026-15 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Alderman Roll moved to approve the Resolution #2026-15 approving invoices for payment and salaries in the total sum of \$159,788.66 which includes, General Fund \$70,545.25, Electric Fund \$14,148.97, Water Fund \$68,508.20, Sewer Fund \$6,586.24. Alderman Ivy seconded the motion.

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

3. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF SEWER WAIVER REQUEST, 204 WAYLAND STREET

Alderman Frees moved to approve the Sewer Waiver Request for 204 Wayland Street. Alderman Ivy seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

4. BIDS REVIEW AND SELECTION FRO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL MOWING

Ms. Cooper reported that only one bid was received. However, the bid specifications require separate pricing for the first and second mowings, distinguish between commercial and residential properties, and clarify that the bid is for Fiscal Year 2027 services. The request for bids will be published again, and the bid selection was postponed until the next Council meeting.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATE

Alderman David Frees - East Ward

Nothing to report.

Alderman Austin Ivy - East Ward

Nothing to report.

Alderman Patrick Roll - Northwest Ward

Nothing to report.

Alderman Bradley Patty - Southwest Ward

Nothing to report.

Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael - Northwest Ward

Alderwoman Ishmael reported that she had received questions regarding the park's pond and stormwater flowing onto school property during heavy storms, causing damage and expense to the school. She expressed concern that a similar incident could occur again and stated that the Council should consider possible solutions. Alderman Waggoner suggested that the City work with the Fayette School District to conduct a watershed study and pursue the project jointly to help prevent similar incidents in the future. Alderwoman Ishmael also thanked Downtown Fayette for the flowers displayed throughout the downtown area. She reminded the Council and the public that the Festival of the Arts would be held the following Saturday and invited everyone to attend.

Alderman JB Waggoner - Southwest Ward

Alderman Waggoner requested clarification on whether the City has a policy requiring landlords to be responsible for utility payments when tenants fail to pay. City Administrator Ms. Cooper responded that revisions to the current City Ordinance will be prepared for stronger enforceability.

Alderman Waggoner also stated that similar revisions should be made to the City's RS-1 zoning Ordinance and communication with landlords regarding occupancy by unrelated individuals in single-family residential properties.

Alderman Waggoner inquired about the status of Hank Hilderbrand's claim. Mayor Stidham reported that the contractor's liability insurance carrier had paid the claim.

Finally, Alderman Waggoner asked whether the City had received additional volunteers for the Animal Committee. He encouraged the Council to move forward with the process promptly so that volunteers do

not lose interest, stating that once the Committee submits its recommendations, the Council should take action and begin enforcement as appropriate.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Frees moved to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – None. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:



Maria Rogers, City Clerk



Greg Stidham, Mayor