

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF FAYETTE,
MISSOURI
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 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., June 9, 2026, by Mayor Greg Stidham.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone in the Chamber rose for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Patrick Roll.

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:

5. Discussion and/or Approval of Notice to proceed with CDBG Grant OWN Engineering Preliminary Report
6. Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance Regulating permanent Striping or Marking on City Streets, Bill # 2026-06. 1st Reading by Title only.
7. Discussion and/or Approval of Ordinance to execute a Land use agreement for the operation of a Community Garden on Silvey Street, Bill # 2026-07. 1st Reading by Title only.

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 26, 2026**

Alderman Roll moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 26, 2026. Alderman Patty seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

INVITED GUESTS:

No invited guests.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

- **Ronda Gerlt**

Ms. Gerlt inquired about when Reynolds Street is scheduled to be repaired, as she stated that it is currently in very poor condition. She also requested that the bridge be inspected for any damage, particularly following the recent storm. In addition, she reported a manhole with running water and expressed concern that she is unsure whether the water is stormwater runoff or a sewer-related issue.

Ms. Gerlt also asked whether the City crew could mow the bank near her residence, as overgrown vegetation is creating difficulties for trash collection. Furthermore, she reported that vehicles frequently travel at excessive speeds on her street. Alderman Frees added that vehicles are often parked on both sides of the street, narrowing the roadway and making it difficult for drivers to pass through safely.

- **Angie and Wade Monckton**

Mr. and Ms. Monckton stated that the electric portion of their utility bill did not reflect any energy usage for the past two months, despite their bills being paid on time. They brought the issue to the City's attention, and the Utilities Department informed them that, following the meter replacement, the meter had been configured incorrectly.

Mr. and Ms. Monckton requested additional time to pay their next utility bill, as it will include the previously unbilled electric usage and expressed concern that the upcoming bill will be significantly higher due to the accumulated charges.

- **Tim Jackman**

Mr. Jackman presented to the Council a flyer with the schedule of activities planned for the upcoming Juneteenth celebration.

Mayor Stidham read and signed the Juneteenth Proclamation in the City of Fayette from June 18th to June 21st. Pictures were taken.

CITY STAFF REPORTS

- **Timothy Wells – City Marshal**

Marshal Wells expressed that he had no items to report.

Mayor Stidham stated that he had received several complaints from citizens who had contacted the Police Department but had not received return calls. Marshal Wells explained that he had posted a notice on the Police Department's Facebook page advising residents to call the non-emergency number to contact an officer and to call 911 for emergencies. He further explained that the non-emergency number calls are received by 911 and messages are dispatched to officers by radio.

Mayor Stidham inquired about the Department's policy regarding returning phone calls. Marshal Wells responded that calls and emails should be returned on the same day they are received. Mayor Stidham suggested establishing a formal policy requiring phone calls and emails to be returned before the end of the day or at the end of an officer's shift.

Mayor Stidham reported vandalism to several trees near the old shelter house. Marshal Wells stated that he had driven through the area but was unable to see any damage. Ms. Cooper noted that the arborist stated that the damage was unlikely to have been caused by wind due to the age of the trees.

and because the damage appeared in similar locations on multiple trees. Marshal Wells asked whether the sensitivity of the cameras at the park could be increased to improve their ability to capture activity that triggers them.

Mayor Stidham asked whether the vehicles that had been parked on the sidewalk along Spring Street had been removed. Marshal Wells confirmed that they had been removed.

Mayor Stidham informed Marshal Wells that vehicles at a residence on Lucky Street were parking on the wrong side of the street and within a designated No Parking zone.

Mayor Stidham asked whether any tickets had been issued for parking violations on the square during restricted parking hours. Marshal Wells stated that he was not aware of any tickets being issued related to that violation.

Alderman Patty asked for the average number of speeding tickets issued by the Police Department. Marshal Wells responded that he would need to check the exact number but estimated approximately 40 to 50 traffic stops.

Mayor Stidham recognized Officer Matthew Johnson for his approximately nine years of service and expressed his gratitude for Officer Johnson's dedication and service to the City.

- **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 did not attend the meeting.

- **Jason Hampton – Building Inspector**

Mr. Hampton did not attend the meeting.

- **Deanna Cooper – City Administrator**

Ms. Cooper provided the Council with the following updates:

She reported that it had been a very challenging week for the City's Public Works crews due to weather-related issues and storm recovery efforts.

Ms. Cooper stated that the Electric Department has been working with Central Electric to re-energize an additional transformer. Alderman Waggoner added that the transformer has been warmed up and is expected to be placed into service sometime next week. He noted that the process will require a citywide power outage of approximately 20 minutes during nighttime hours and that the public will be notified in advance. Alderman Waggoner expressed his appreciation to the crews and commended them for their efforts.

Ms. Cooper reported that the Street Department crews have worked extended hours over several days addressing issues related to the dam project and cleaning debris and streets following the recent storm.

She informed the Council that the Building Inspector will be out for approximately one week due to surgery. She also noted that he has been working on issuing letters regarding nuisance properties. Mayor Stidham requested a more detailed report on the Building Inspector's activities related to building inspections.

Ms. Cooper reported that the City is preparing a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the next phase of the street improvement project, which includes Walnut Street, Depot Street, Leonard Street, and Reynolds Street.

Ms. Cooper also informed the Council that staff are currently working on the City's annual budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

2nd and final Reading by Title only

Alderman Patty moved to approve the second and final 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 POLICE DEPARTMENT RELOCATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Frees moved to table the appointment to Police Department relocation committee.

Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. JUNETEENTH PROCLAMATION

This item was addressed under Citizen Participation during the participation of Mr. Tim Jackman.

2. DISCUSSION AND OR APPROVAL OF TRADE-PURCHASE OF SCAG TURF MOWER

Alderman Frees moved to approve the trade-purchase of a Scag Turf Mower for \$6,839 as per quotation presented. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Motion passed.

3. APPOINTMENT OF BRANDY ASBURY TO THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT – CID

Alderwoman Ishmael moved to appoint Brandy Asbury to the Community Improvement District – CID. Alderman Ivy seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Motion passed.

4. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION # 2026-11 APPROVING INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Alderman Frees moved to approve the Resolution #2026-11 approving invoices for payment and salaries in the total sum of \$100,723.87 which includes, General Fund \$57,742.15, Electric Fund \$16,241.55, Water Fund \$10,097.43, Sewer Fund \$16,642.74. Alderman Roll seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – none. Motion passed.

5. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF NOTICE TO PROCEED WITH CDBG GRANT OWN ENGINEERING PRELIMINARY REPORT

Alderman Frees moved to approve the Notice to proceed with CDBG Grant Own Engineering Preliminary Report. Alderman Patty seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Motion passed.

6. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE REGULATING PERMANENT STRIPING OR MARKING ON CITY STREETS, BILL # 2026-06.

1st Reading by Title only

Alderman Roll moved to approve the first reading of the Ordinance regulating permanent striping or marking on City streets. Bill # 2026-06. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion.

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

7. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE TO EXECUTE A LAND USE AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN ON SILVEY STREET, BILL # 2026-07.

1st Reading by Title only

Alderman Roll moved to approve the first reading of the Ordinance to execute a land use agreement for the operation of a Community Garden on Silvey Street, Bill # 2026-07. 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.

BOARD OF ALDERMAN COMMENTS & COMMITTEE UPDATE

Alderman David Frees - East Ward

Alderman Frees recognized the dedication and hard work of the Electric Department crew who worked hard to restore power to the City following the recent storm. He noted that the crew put themselves at risk while performing their duties and expressed his appreciation for their efforts.

Alderman Frees stated that the City should ensure the crew members know how much their service is valued and suggested that they be formally recognized at a future Council meeting.

Alderman Austin Ivy - East Ward

Alderman Ivy recognized the City crew for their hard work. He also expressed his gratitude to Dennis Daniels, Streets Superintendent, for repairing the pothole on Depot Street. Alderman Ivy stated that he has received very positive feedback on this regard.

Alderman Patrick Roll - Northwest Ward

Alderman Roll had nothing to report.

Alderman Bradley Patty - Southwest Ward

Alderman Patty shared that the City should ensure that striping ordinance is properly communicated so residents are aware of its provisions.

Alderwoman Michelle Ishmael - Northwest Ward

Alderwoman Ishmael encouraged Council members to participate in the upcoming Juneteenth celebrations, specifically the opening ceremony scheduled for Saturday, June 21, at 10:00 a.m., and the worship service scheduled for Sunday, June 22, at 10:00 a.m.

Alderwoman Ishmael also emphasized the importance of addressing ongoing vandalism concerns within the City. In addition, she noted that the City should ensure enforcement of RS-1 zoning regulations before students return for the upcoming college semester.

City Attorney Erin Wiseman explained that RS-1 zoning is designated for single-family residential use and stated that potential violations could be identified by reviewing a list of rental properties within the City.

Alderman JB Waggoner - Southwest Ward

Alderman Waggoner inquired about ways to expedite enforcement of the City's tall grass and weed regulations. He suggested exploring the possibility of hiring a contractor to perform the mowing work rather than utilizing City crews and then assessing the cost to the property owner through the utility billing to recover the City's expenses.

Alderman Waggoner also requested an update on the transition to electronic Council packets. Ms. Cooper reported that she and the City Clerk have been researching available platforms, including CivicPlus and eScribe.

Alderman Waggoner stated that the City must continue moving forward despite current challenges. He referenced previous discussions regarding scooters, mini bikes, and other motorized recreational vehicles being operated on City streets by minors who do not always observe traffic signs. He suggested that the City increase public awareness of the regulations for the operation of such vehicles on public streets.

Finally, Alderman Waggoner reiterated the need for the City to enforce RS-1 zoning regulations.

TO CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Waggoner motioned to move to closed session at 7:25 p.m. Alderman Frees 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 Roll moved to adjourn closed session at 9:00 p.m. and go into open session. Alderman Waggoner 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 9:00 p.m. Alderwoman Ishmael seconded the motion. Six voting Aye. Nays – 0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:


_____ Maria Rogers, City Clerk


_____ Greg Stidham, Mayor