

**CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI  
MINUTES OF COUNCIL WORK SESSION  
JANUARY 31, 2022**

A Work Session of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Monday, January 31, 2022, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Howard L. Brown Public Safety Building, 1100 Smith Street with Mayor Carson Ross presiding.

<b>COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE IN PERSON</b>	Jerry Kaylor Chris Lievsay Ron Fowler	Galen Ericson Kent Edmondson Susan Culpepper
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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER** Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ANIMAL CONTROLS SERVICES** Councilmember Kaylor stated he had discussions with the previous City Administrator requesting an outside agency's assistance with Animal Control Services. Police Chief Bob Muenz reviewed the proposed services and answered questions from Council relating to the proposed 90-day contract. The Resolution approving a contract with Pawportunities, Inc. will be on the February 7, 2022 City Council agenda for consideration.

**PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM** Public Works Director Chris Sandie presented the 2022 Pavement Management Program and answered Council questions. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to these Minutes and incorporated herein.

**CITY PROSECUTOR** Acting City Administrator Christine Cates reviewed the details outlining the request to bring the City Prosecutor position in-house to be a full-time position reporting to the City Attorney. Ms. Cates reviewed the budget impacts and timelines based on Council direction with the required 90-day notice to the current Prosecutor. Council directed staff to proceed with the timeline of submitting the documents to Council on the February 22, 2022 agenda to initiate the 90-day notice to the current Prosecutor.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT** Councilmember Lievsay shared research on the possibility of the City creating its own Health Department and compared the cost and processes that other cities have identified. Council discussed the benefits of the City having its own health department, or joining another department. Council directed staff to conduct further research to determine an estimated cost for Blue Springs, what authority an LHA would have, and the process to establish an LHA, including Charter approval. Staff will determine costs for a Citizen Survey, as well as an estimate to engage Baker Tilly for the setup and operational estimates. Staff will also contact five cities that have health departments to see what type of services they offer and their expenses.

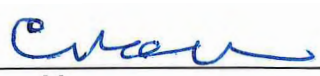
**ADJOURN**

At 7:35 p.m., there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Kaylor moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Councilmember Culpepper and carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

  
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Sheryl Morgan, City Clerk

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Carson Ross, Mayor