

**CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 20, 2020**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Monday, April 20, 2020, 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Carson Ross presiding.

A State of Emergency for Jackson County, Missouri was declared on March 12, 2020 and subsequent amendments by Jackson County Executive Order requiring residents to stay at home and limiting public gatherings to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. As provided in Sections 610.020(1) and 610.020(4) RSMo., the City Council participated in this meeting via video-conference and telephone to ensure safe social distancing measures were taken. The public was able to attend via telephone conference.

**CONFIRMATION OF A
QUORUM -
COUNCILMEMBERS IN
ATTENDANCE**

Jerry Kaylor
Chris Lievsay
Ron Fowler

Galen Ericson
Kent Edmondson
Susan Culpepper

Also present were City Administrator Eric Johnson, Assistant City Administrator Christine Cates, City Attorney Jacqueline Sommer, and City Clerk Sheryl Morgan.

**CALL MEETING TO
ORDER**

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Kaylor moved to approve the following Consent Agenda items and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Culpepper.

- **Minutes of the April 6, 2020** City Council Meeting
- **Resolution No. 39-2020** approving contract in the amount of \$2,697,681.44 with Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, L.L.C. for the 2020 Street Program
- **Resolution No. 40-2020** implementing the City's annual insurance programs for health, dental, vision, life and other employee benefit programs for the insurance plan year that begins July 1, 2020
- **Resolution No. 41-2020** approving temporary changes to the enforcement of the Code of Ordinances, City of Blue Springs, Missouri related to Emergency Waivers issued by the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control

The above Consent Agenda items were approved with the following vote:

Kaylor – Aye
Lievsay – Aye
Fowler – Aye

Ericson – Aye
Edmondson – Aye
Culpepper – Aye
Mayor Ross – Aye

**INTRODUCTION AND 1ST
READING – BILL NO. 4745**

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 4745 amending Section 220 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Blue Springs, Missouri, to

**- AMEND SECTION
220.560 VAGRANCY OF
THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES**

repeal Section 220.560 Vagrancy. City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 4745 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 4745 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Culpepper and carried with the following vote:

Lievsay – Aye	Edmondson – Aye
Fowler – Aye	Culpepper – Aye
Ericson – Aye	Kaylor – Aye
	Mayor Ross – Aye

**2ND READING – BILL NO.
4745**

Ms. Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 4745 by title. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 4745 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 4898**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried with the following vote:

Fowler – Aye	Culpepper – Aye
Ericson – Aye	Kaylor – Aye
Edmondson – Aye	Lievsay – Aye
	Mayor Ross – Aye

**INTRODUCTION AND 1ST
READING – BILL NO. 4746
– ADD SECTION 110.195
ACTING MAYOR TO THE
CODE OF ORDINANCES**

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 4746 adding a new Section 110.195 Acting Mayor in Absence of Both Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore to the Code of Ordinances, City of Blue Springs, Missouri, to provide for an Acting Mayor in the event the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore are unable to perform the functions and duties of their positions. City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 4746 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 4746 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Culpepper.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council discussed the procedure in which the Acting Mayor should be determined.

**MOTION TO AMEND BILL
NO. 4746**

Councilmember Edmondson moved to amend Section 1 of Bill No. 4746 adding Section 110.195 by replacing current paragraphs A, B, and C with the following:

- A. In the event that the persons holding the office of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore shall be unable to perform the functions and duties of their position due to absence, incapacitation, or disability, the Councilmember with the longest continuous tenure measured by the number of continuous days that such person has held any Councilmember position shall serve as the Acting Mayor until the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore return to service and are able to perform such functions and duties.
- B. In the event that more than one Councilmember has the same

amount of continuous tenure, the Councilmember selected to serve as Acting Mayor shall be determined by drawing lots among such persons. The drawing will be conducted by the City Administrator or their designee with one witness. The drawing shall be held within 24 hours of the absence of both the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tempore, at a place designated by the City Administrator or their designee.

C. The monthly salary of the Acting Mayor shall be the same as the Mayor Pro Tempore as set out in Section 110.200.

Motion seconded by Councilmember Lievsay and failed with a 2-5 vote as follows:

Ericson – NO	Kaylor – NO
Edmondson – Aye	Lievsay – Aye
Culpepper – NO	Fowler – NO
	Mayor Ross – NO

**VOTE ON 1ST READING –
BILL NO. 4746**

After discussion and failed amendment, the first reading of Bill No. 4746 carried with a 5-2 vote as follows:

Edmondson – NO	Lievsay – NO
Culpepper – Aye	Fowler – Aye
Kaylor – Aye	Ericson – Aye
	Mayor Ross – Aye

**2ND READING – BILL NO.
4746**

Ms. Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 4746 by title. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 4746 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 4899**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Culpepper and carried with a 5-2 vote as follows:

Culpepper – Aye	Fowler – Aye
Kaylor – Aye	Ericson – Aye
Lievsay – NO	Edmondson – NO
	Mayor Ross – Aye

**MAYORAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Ross reminded that the best way to deal with the Coronavirus is to stay strong, stay safe, stay healthy, and stay home.

Thoughts to ponder:

“The best index to a person’s character is how he treats people who can’t do him any good and how he treats people who can’t fight back.”

(Abigail Van Buren)

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:27 p.m., there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Culpepper moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried with the following vote:

Kaylor – Aye
Lievsey – NO
Fowler – Aye

Ericson – Aye
Edmondson – NO
Culpepper – Aye
Mayor Ross – Aye

ATTEST:


Sheryl Morgan, City Clerk

CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS



Carson Ross, Mayor