

**CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 18, 2020**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Monday, May 18, 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 Ericson.

- **Minutes of the May 4, 2020** City Council Meeting
- **Resolution No. 44-2020** approving a Memorandum of Understanding allowing the sharing of License Plate Reader data with the United States Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – RGH
REDEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION 353
REDEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Mayor Ross opened the Public Hearing to consider the tax abatement of the improvements constructed on real property for the renovation and construction of a commercial project for RGH Land, LLC at 6:03 p.m. The minutes of the public hearing were recorded by a certified court reporter. City Clerk Sheryl Morgan entered two exhibits into the record.

APPLICANT

Collin Braham of IRR Corporate & Public Finance presented on behalf of the applicant, RGH Redevelopment Corporation. A copy of Mr.

Braham’s PowerPoint presentation is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein. Rich Hoffman and Mark Bredameier were present on behalf of the applicant to address any questions from Council.

Sid Douglas of Gilmore & Bell outlined the details of the tax abatement and answered questions from Council.

The Mayor hearing no further comments for or against, closed the public hearing at 6:23 p.m.

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 4749 – RGH REDEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 353 REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 4749 approving the tax abatement of the improvements constructed on real property for the renovation and construction of a commercial project for RGH Land, LLC. City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 4749 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 4749 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried with a vote of 6-1 as follows:

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

2ND READING – BILL NO. 4749

Ms. Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 4749 by title. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 4749 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 4902**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried with a vote of 6-1 as follows:

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

PUBLIC HEARING – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FY 2020-21 TO 2024-2025

Mayor Ross opened the Public Hearing to consider the Fiscal Years 2020-21 to 2024-2025 Capital Improvements Program for the City of Blue Springs at 6:28 p.m. The minutes of the public hearing were recorded by a certified court reporter. City Clerk Sheryl Morgan entered one exhibit into the record.

STAFF REPORT

Mike Mallon, Acting Community Development Director, presented details of the proposed 2020-21 to 2024-2025 Capital Improvements Program.

The Mayor hearing no further comments for or against, closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 4750 – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FY 2020-21 TO 2024-2025

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 4750 adopting the Fiscal Years 2020-21 through 2024-2025 Capital Improvements Program for the City of Blue Springs. City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 4750 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 4750 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried with the following vote:

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

2ND READING – BILL NO. 4750

Ms. Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 4950 by title. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 4950 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 4903**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried with the following vote:

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

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 4751 – FINAL PLAT FOR HOOT OWL RIDGE (PF-12-19-7146)

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 4751 approving the Final Plat for Hoot Owl Ridge, Lots 1-44 and Tracts A-F, located east of SE Adams Dairy Parkway and north of SE Major Road (PF-11-19-7146). City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 4751 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 4751 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried with the following vote:

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

2ND READING – BILL NO. 4751

Ms. Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 4751 by title. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 4751 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 4904**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried with the following vote:

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

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 4752 – TERMINATE EAGLES RIDGE CID

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 4752 terminating the Eagles Ridge Community Improvement District and authorizing actions related to termination of the District. City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 4752 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 4752 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Culpepper and carried with the following votes:

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

2ND READING – BILL NO. 4752

Ms. Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 4752 by title. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 4752 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 4905**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried with the following vote:

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

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 4753 – AMEND SECTION 625.020 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RAISING THE MINIMUM AGE TO PURCHASE TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 4753 amending Chapter 625 Cigarettes, Section 625.020 Sales Prohibited of the Code of Ordinances, City of Blue Springs, Missouri, to raise the sales age for tobacco products from eighteen to twenty-one. City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 4753 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 4753 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried with the following votes:

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

2ND READING – BILL NO. 4753

Ms. Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 4753 by title. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 4753 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 4906**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried with the following vote:

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| Edmondson – Aye | Lievsay – Aye |
| Culpepper – Aye | Fowler – Aye |
| Kaylor – Aye | Ericson – Aye |

Mayor Ross – Aye

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 4754 – TEMPORARY EMERGENCY POWERS FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Councilmember Culpepper Bill No. 4754 granting temporary emergency powers to the Mayor and the City Administrator. City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 4754 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 4754 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried with the following votes:

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

2ND READING – BILL NO. 4754

Ms. Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 4754 by title. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 4754 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 4907**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Culpepper and carried with the following vote:

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

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Ross encourages everyone to stay safe, healthy and strong during the COVID-19 pandemic as we will get through this.

Thoughts to ponder:

“A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.”

(George Bernard Shaw)

VISITORS

Councilmember Culpepper stated that Jerry Arbeau contacted her with his concern about people not wearing masks when they were out in public. Mr. Arbeau was not in attendance at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:59 p.m., there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Kaylor moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried with the following vote:


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

ATTEST:



Sheryl Morgan, City Clerk

CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS



Carson Ross, Mayor