

**CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI  
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 3, 2020**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Monday, August 3, 2020, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Howard L. Brown Public Safety Building, 1100 Smith Street with Mayor Carson Ross presiding.

Face coverings were required pursuant to Order of the Jackson County Health Director dated July 1, 2020, and Phase 2.5 of the Eastern Jackson County Recovery Plan.

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

- **Minutes of the July 20, 2020 City Council Meeting**
- **2020 Board and Commission Appointments** - The list of the Mayor's annual appointments and reappointments for terms expiring in 2020 for approval by Council are as follows:

Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee:

Reappointment:

Cindy Miller – Downtown Alive!  
Representative

Downtown Review Board:

Reappointment:

Jen Hauschild – Downtown  
Alive! Representative

New appointment:

Jaime Russell – Chamber  
Representative

Economic Development Board:

Reappointment:

Lara Vermillion – Chamber  
Representative

New appointment:

Lyle Shaver – Downtown Alive!  
Representative

Historic Preservation Commission:

Reappointment:

Kay Burrus – Historical Society  
Representative

Main Center Redevelopment Corporation:

Reappointment:	Ken Billups, Jr. – Downtown Alive! Representative Jen Hauschild – Downtown Alive! Representative Cindy Miller – Downtown Alive! Representative Vickie Jack – Downtown Alive! Representative
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Park Commission:

New appointment:	Gabriel Mejia
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- **Resolution No. 56-2020** approving the disposition of Information Technology and Community Development department records which have met the required retention period as prescribed by the Blue Springs Records Retention, Management, and Destruction Policy dated November 28, 2016 and in accordance with the Missouri Secretary of State’s records retention guidelines
- **Resolution No. 57-2020** approving a contract with the Blue Springs School District for the loan and placement of public art entitled “Cultivate”
- **Resolution No. 58-2020** approving a contract in the amount of \$921,600.00 with DRT Biosolids, Inc., for Sludge Removal
- **Resolution No. 59-2020** approving a contract in the amount of \$61,500 with Turf Tank for the six-year lease of a robotic paint machine to be used at Hidden Valley Park sports fields

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 60-2020  
– DIRECT STAFF TO  
REVIEW OPTIONS FOR  
LAGERS PLANS**

Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Resolution No. 60-2020 proposed by Mayor Ross formally directing staff to evaluate funding options and budget scenarios for changing the City’s LAGERS L-7 plan to the LAGERS L-6 plan. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lievsay.

Councilmember Fowler identified a scrivener’s error in the fourth WHEREAS clause of Resolution No. 60-2020 and stated the proper Fiscal Year should be 2021-2022. Staff distributed a printed copy of the corrected Resolution No. 60-2020.

**MOTION TO AMEND  
RESOLUTION 60-2020**

Councilmember Fowler moved to amend Resolution No. 60-2020 to add a Section Number 3, directing staff to follow the items numbered in 1, 2, and 3 as outlined in the Council Information Form submitted with the proposed Resolution. Motion seconded by Councilmember Culpepper and carried with a 4-3 vote as follows:

Lievsay – NO  
Fowler – Aye  
Ericson – Aye

Edmondson – NO  
Culpepper – Aye  
Kaylor – NO  
Mayor Ross – Aye

**2<sup>nd</sup> MOTION TO AMEND  
RESOLUTION NO. 60-2020**

Councilmember Edmondson moved to further amend Resolution No. 60-2020 by making the following changes:

- Change the title of the Resolution to “RESOLUTION DIRECTING STAFF TO EVALUATE SCENARIOS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A CHANGE TO CITY’S LAGER’S RETIREMENT PLAN TO L-6”
- Change Paragraph 3 of the Resolution to read: “WHEREAS, the City Council is formally directing staff to review and evaluate a change to the LAGERS L-6 Plan”
- In Paragraph 5, delete the word “potentially”

Motion seconded by Councilmember Lievsay and, after Council discussion, **failed** with a vote of 3-4 as follows:

Fowler – NO  
Ericson – NO  
Edmondson – Aye

Culpepper – NO  
Kaylor – Aye  
Lievsay – Aye  
Mayor Ross – NO

**VOTE ON RESOLUTION  
NO. 60-2020, AS  
AMENDED**

After Council discussion, Resolution No. 60-2020, as amended, **failed** with a vote of 2-4 (Councilmember Lievsay did not vote) as follows:

Ericson – NO  
Edmondson – NO  
Culpepper – NO

Kaylor – NO  
Lievsay – DID NOT VOTE  
Fowler – Aye  
Mayor Ross – Aye

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING – BILL NO.  
4774 – ANNEX LAND AT  
SE CORNER OF NW 7  
HWY AND E ARGO RD**

City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 4774 approving Annexation of property (approximately 11.5 +/- acres) located at the southeast corner of NW 7 Highway and E. Argo Road into the City limits (ANNX-06-20-7381) by title. The public hearing and first reading of Bill No. 4774 were held on July 20, 2020. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 4774 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 4920**, 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  
Ericson – Aye  
Edmondson – Aye

Culpepper – Aye  
Kaylor – Aye  
Lievsay – Aye  
Mayor Ross – Aye

**PUBLIC HEARING –  
REZONE 2209 SW  
WESTBOUND US 40  
HIGHWAY (RZ-07-20-7383)**

Mayor Ross opened the Public Hearing to consider rezoning the approx. 3.25 +/- acre property located at 2209 SW Westbound US 40 Highway, generally located on the north side of Westbound US 40 Highway in between Quarry Road and SW 19th Street, from General

Business and Single-Family to Regional Commercial (RZ-07-20-7383) at 6:57 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**

Senior Planner Nathan Jurey outlined the details of the proposed rezoning.

**APPLICANT**

Kerry and Cynthia Copenhaver addressed Council with information on the project.

The Mayor hearing no further comments for or against, closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

**INTRODUCTION AND 1ST  
READING – BILL NO. 4775  
– REZONE 2209 SW  
WESTBOUND US 40  
HIGHWAY (RZ-07-20-7383)**

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 4775 rezoning the approx. 3.25 +/- acre property located at 2209 SW Westbound US 40 Highway, generally located on the north side of Westbound US 40 Highway in between Quarry Road and SW 19th Street, from General Business and Single-Family to Regional Commercial (RZ-07-20-7383). City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 4775 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 4775 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lievsay and, after Council discussion, carried unanimously.

**2ND READING – BILL NO.  
4775**

Ms. Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 4775 by title. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 4775 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 4921**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried with the following vote:

Ericson – Aye  
Edmondson – Aye  
Culpepper – Aye

Kaylor – Aye  
Lievsay – Aye  
Fowler – Aye  
Mayor Ross – Aye

**PRESENTATION – HUMAN  
RELATIONS COMMISSION  
ANNUAL REPORT**

Gino Bueno, the Vice Chair of the Human Relations Commission, Commission members Courtney McGinnis and Lucas Taylor presented the 2019 Annual Report. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to these Minutes and incorporated herein.

**MAYORAL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tomorrow is primary election day in the State of Missouri. Everyone is encouraged to vote

Thoughts to ponder:

“The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter.”

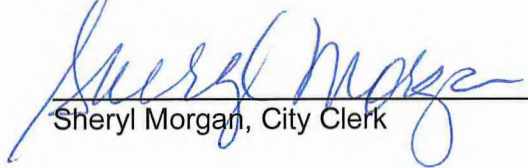
(Winston Churchill)


**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:26 p.m., there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Edmondson moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried unanimously.

CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS

ATTEST:

  
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Sheryl Morgan, City Clerk

  
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Carson Ross, Mayor