

**CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2021**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Monday, February 1, 2021, 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Carson Ross presiding.

Pursuant to Jackson County Executive Order dated November 18, 2020 and any subsequent amendments and Phase 2.5 of the Eastern Jackson County Recovery Plan limiting public gatherings, the City Council participated in this meeting via video-conference and telephone to ensure safe social distancing measures were taken as provided in Sections 610.020(1) and 610.020(4) RSMo. The public was able to attend via telephone conference.

COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jerry Kaylor
Chris Lievsay
Ron Fowler

Galen Ericson
Kent Edmondson
Susan Culpepper

Also present were 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. City Clerk Sheryl Morgan confirmed a quorum of the Council was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- **Minutes of the January 19, 2021** City Council Meeting
- **Resolution No. 04-2021** approving a purchase in the amount of \$136,832.00 from Summit Truck Group of Missouri, LLC dba Summit Truck Group of Kansas City for a Heavy-Duty Dump Truck 36,000 GVW (approx.) Single Axle 6x2 Complete with Hydraulics and Dump Bed with Integral Salt Spreader
- **Resolution No. 05-2021** approving a contract in the amount of \$73,920.00 with Strata Architecture, Inc., for design services to construct restroom facilities throughout the Blue Springs Park system
- **Resolution No. 06-2021** approving the disposition of Information Technology and Administration 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. 07-2021** appointing Successor Directors to the Sunset Plaza Community Improvement District

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

Kaylor – Aye
Lievsay – Aye
Fowler – Aye

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

**INTRODUCTION AND 1ST
READING – BILL NO. 4835
– AGREEMENT FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF
SIDEWALK
IMPROVEMENTS**

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 4835 approving a Municipal and Cost Apportionment Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, in care of MoDOT, for construction of sidewalk improvements, in FY-2021 along NW State Route 7 Highway between Shaw Parkway and Roanoke Drive. City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 4835 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 4835 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Edmondson and carried unanimously.

Lievsay – Aye
Fowler – Aye
Ericson – Aye

Edmondson – Aye
Culpepper – Aye
Kaylor – Aye
Mayor Ross – Aye

**2ND READING – BILL NO.
4835**

Ms. Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 4835 by title. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 4835 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 4979**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Culpepper and carried with the following vote:

Fowler – Aye
Ericson – Aye
Edmondson – Aye

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

**INTRODUCTION AND 1ST
READING – BILL NO. 4836
– AMENDMENT TO THE FY
2020-21 ANNUAL BUDGET**

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 4836 amending the 2020-21 annual budget increasing the previously adopted budget of \$69,153,913 by \$5,105,874 to \$74,259,787.

Amendment Details:	
General Fund	\$ 2,957,706
Public Safety Sales Tax Fund	\$ 345,000
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 1,200,000
Parks Sales Tax Fund	\$ 560,000
Water Fund	\$ 21,584
Sewer Fund	\$ 21,584
Total Amendment	\$ 5,105,874

City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 4836 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 4836 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Edmondson. After questions from Council to Assistant City Administrator Cates, the motion with a 6-1 as follows:

Ericson – Aye
Edmondson – Aye
Culpepper – Aye

Kaylor – Aye
Lievsay – NO
Fowler – Aye
Mayor Ross – Aye

**2ND READING – BILL NO.
4836**

Ms. Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 4836 by title. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 4836 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 4980**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Culpepper and carried with a 6-1 vote as follows:

Edmondson – Aye
Culpepper – Aye
Kaylor – Aye

Lievsay – NO
Fowler – Aye
Ericson – Aye
Mayor Ross – Aye

**PRESENTATION – BUY
BLUE SPRINGS**

Lara Vermillion, President, and Trish Totta, Director of Membership of the Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce presented an update of the Buy Blue Springs and Discover Blue Springs programs. A copy of the presentation is attached to these Minutes and incorporated herein.

**PRESENTATION –
RETIREMENT PLAN
DESIGN REVIEW**

Janet Thompson, Executive Vice President, and Tricia Meysenburg, Consulting Actuary, both with CBIZ Retirement Plan Service, presented the Retirement Plan Design Review which included a summary of neighboring cities' retirement plans, a review of plan designs and assumptions, total monthly benefits, costs by individual, aggregate costs and conclusions drawn from the review. A copy of the presentation is attached to these Minutes and incorporated herein. Ms. Thompson and Ms. Meysenburg answered questions from Council.

**MAYORAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thoughts to Ponder:

“I decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear.”
(Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:49 p.m., Councilmember Ericson moved for the Council go into closed session pursuant to Se610.021(2), (3), and (9), Revised Statutes of Missouri, for the purpose of privileged communications between a governmental body or its representative and legal counsel relating to real estate, personnel matters, and negotiations with employee groups, and that any minutes, documents and other records discussed or taken during the closed session remain closed, and that the special meeting of this body stand adjourned at the completion of such session. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried with the following votes:

Ericson – Aye
Edmondson – Aye
Culpepper – Aye

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

CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS

ATTEST:



Sheryl Morgan, City Clerk



Carson Ross, Mayor