

**CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Thursday, September 21, 2023, 4:30 p.m. in the Administration Training Room of Blue Springs City Hall, 903 W Main Street, with Mayor Carson Ross presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jerry Kaylor
Chris Lievsay
Ron Fowler

Galen Ericson
Kent Edmondson
Susan Culpepper

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO PUBLISH PRESS RELEASE REGARDING LITIGATION

After Council discussion, Councilmember Lievsay moved to direct staff to publish a Press Release regarding a lawsuit over the 2023 Property Tax Assessments approved in the September 18, 2023 Executive Session relating Litigation (RSMo.610.021(1)). A copy of the Press Release is attached to these Minutes and incorporated herein. Motion seconded by Councilmember Culpepper and carried with the following votes:

Kaylor – Aye
Lievsay – Aye
Fowler – Aye

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

ADJOURNMENT


At 4:41 p.m., there was no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Ross adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:



Sheryl Morgan, City Clerk

CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS



Carson Ross, Mayor

City of Blue Springs plans to join the City of Independence in a lawsuit over property tax assessments

The City of Blue Springs plans to join City of Independence in filing a lawsuit against Jackson County regarding recent property tax assessments.

On Monday, September 18, the Blue Springs Mayor and City Council unanimously voted to direct city staff to move forward with joining the lawsuit against Jackson County over the 2023 property tax assessment.

This action follows the adoption of Resolution 47-2023 in July where the City Council encouraged the Jackson County Executive and the County Legislature to keep the 2023 real property tax assessments the same as 2022.

A joint statement from the Blue Springs City Council reads:

“The Mayor and City Council are authorizing legal action to ensure the residents of Blue Springs receive a fair and consistent process for the assessment of real property in compliance with state law.

We feel it is necessary at this time to take action and represent the citizens of Blue Springs against these unfair assessments amid growing unresolved complaints.”

The City of Blue Springs will not be commenting further at this time as this is a pending legal matter.