

**CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Monday, February 6, 2023, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Howard L. Brown Public Safety Building, 1100 SW Smith Street, Blue Springs, Missouri with Mayor Carson Ross presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jerry Kaylor
Chris Lievsay
Ron Fowler

Galen Ericson
Kent Edmondson
Susan Culpepper

Also present were City Administrator Mike Ekey, Deputy City Administrator Christine Cates, City Attorney Sarah Carnes, and Assistant City Clerk Erin Ford.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance. The Assistant City Clerk confirmed a quorum of the Council was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Edmondson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Culpepper.

- **Minutes of the January 17, 2023** City Council meeting, **January 30, 2023** Special City Council Meeting and **January 30, 2023** Council Work Session
- **Resolution No. 06-2023** approving a contract in the amount of \$145,000 with K.C. Metro Lawn & Snow L.L.C., for infield grooming at Hidden Valley Park, Keystone Park, and Wilbur Young Park
- **Resolution No. 07-2023** approving an amendment to Contract No. 2021-005 with Game Time Graphics, Inc in the amount not to exceed \$68,000 to design graphics and print various apparel items Recreation Programs and staff use

• **Board and Commission Appointments**

Economic Development Council:

New Appointment: Lyle Shaver, Vice Chair (Term expiring 05/2023)

Historic Preservation Commission:

New Appointment: Bob Morton, Planning Commission Liaison (Term expiring 5/2023)

Park Commission:

New Appointment: Tara Johnson (Term exp. 05/2023)

Planning Commission:

New Appointment: Chris Henning (Term exp. 05/2025)

- **Liquor License for Birdies Indoor Golf LLC** located at 863 SW 7 Highway Blue Springs, MO 64014, to sell Intoxicating Liquors – Consumption on Premises/Original Package/Retailer-Packaged,

to include retail selling on Sunday intoxicating liquor on the premises where sold, in original package at retail not to be opened or consumed on the premises where sold, or in retailer – packaged container for off-premises consumption

The Consent Agenda was approved with the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING AND ECONOMIC INCENTIVE UPDATE

Mayor Ross opened the Public Hearing to provide the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and Economic Development Incentive update at 6:02 p.m. The minutes of the public hearing were recorded by a certified court reporter. Assistant City Clerk Erin Ford entered one exhibit into the record.

STAFF REPORT

Deputy City Administrator Christine Cates reviewed the details of the Tax Increment Financing and Economic Development Incentive update as required by Section 99.865 RSMo and responded to questions from Council. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to these Minutes and incorporated herein.

The Mayor hearing no further comments for or against, closed the public hearing at 6:10 p.m.

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5057 – CONTRACT WITH KCATA

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 5057 approving a contract in the amount of \$29,331 with the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority to provide commuter bus services from Blue Springs to the downtown Kansas City area. Assistant City Clerk Erin Ford made the first reading of Bill No. 5057 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 5057 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor.

Mayor Ross stated that he would be recusing himself from the vote on this matter as his son-in-law is the Chief Executive Officer of KCATA.

After Council discussion the motion carried with a 6-0 vote, Mayor Ross having recused himself.

2ND READING – BILL NO. 5057

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill No. 5057 by title. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 5057 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5186**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried with the following vote:

Lievsay – Aye
Fowler – Aye
Ericson – Aye

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

**INTRODUCTION AND
1ST READING – BILL
NO. 5058 – CODE
AMENDMENT – SEXUAL
CONTACT**

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 5058 amending Section 220.300 of the City of Blue Springs Code of Ordinances related to the definition of Sexual Contact. Assistant City Clerk Erin Ford made the first reading of Bill No. 5058 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 5058 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and, after Council discussion, carried unanimously.

**2ND READING – BILL
NO. 5058**

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill No. 5058 by title. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 5058 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5187**, 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

**INTRODUCTION AND
1ST READING – BILL
NO. 5059 – CODE
AMENDMENT –
ESCAPE CUSTODY**

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 5059 amending Section 220.615 of the City of Blue Springs Code of Ordinances related to Escape Or Attempted Escape From Custody. Assistant City Clerk Erin Ford made the first reading of Bill No. 5059 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 5059 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and, after Council discussion, carried unanimously.

**2ND READING – BILL
NO. 5059**

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill No. 5059 by title. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 5059 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5188**, 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

**INTRODUCTION AND
1ST READING – BILL**

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 5060 amending Section 385.050 and Section 385.051 to revise the definition of a School Bus

**NO. 5060 – CODE
AMENDMENT –
SCHOOL BUS**

in the City of Blue Springs Code of Ordinances. Assistant City Clerk Erin Ford made the first reading of Bill No. 5060 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 5060 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and, after Council discussion, carried unanimously.

**2ND READING – BILL
NO. 5060**

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill No. 5060 by title. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 5060 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5189**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried with the following vote:

Edmondson – Aye
Culpepper – Aye
Kaylor – Aye

Lievsay – Aye
Fowler – Aye
Ericson – Aye
Mayor Ross – Aye

**PRESENTATION – BUY
BLUE SPRINGS**

Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce President Lara Vermillion introduced the 2022-23 Chamber LEADership Class and Melodie Chrisman, Chair of the Buy Blue Springs/Discover Blue Springs Task Force, presented program updates.

**PRESENTATION –
VOLUNTEERS IN
POLICE SERVICE**

Police Chief Bob Muenz presented the Volunteers in Police Service Annual presentation.

VISITORS

Wash House Blue Springs business owner Ed Reese presented concerns regarding adequate parking and addressed questions from Council. Council took the matter under advisement.

**MAYORAL
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Ross spoke about the upcoming Blue Springs Chamber of Commerce luncheon where he will interview author Alvin Brooks.

Thoughts to Ponder:

“I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed.”

(Booker T. Washington)

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:51 p.m., Councilmember Kaylor moved for the Council go into closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(2) Revised Statutes of Missouri, for the purpose of privileged communications between a governmental body or its representative and legal counsel relating to Real Estate matters, 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 Culpepper and carried with the following votes:

Culpepper – Aye
Kaylor – Aye
Lievsey – Aye

Fowler – Aye
Ericson – Aye
Edmondson – Aye
Mayor Ross – Aye

ATTEST



Erin Ford, Assistant City Clerk

CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS



Carson Ross, Mayor