

**CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**August 7, 2023**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Monday, August 7, 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 – ABSENT  
Susan Culpepper

Also present were Interim City Administrator Christine Cates, City Attorney Sarah Carnes, and City Clerk Sheryl Morgan.

**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 City Clerk 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 July 17, 2023** City Council Meeting and **July 21, 2023** Special City Council Meeting
- **Resolution No. 48-2023** approving a purchase in the amount of \$60,032.98 from Logicalis Inc. for new UPS Batteries for all city locations
- **Resolution No. 49-2023** approving a purchase in the amount of \$72,314.26 from Coleman Equipment, Inc. for a Kubota M5 Tractor and Flail Mower
- **Resolution No. 50-2023** approving a contract in the amount of \$64,390.00 with C&C Sales, Inc. dba C&C Group for access control door security for Blue Surf Bay Waterpark
- **Resolution No. 51-2023** approving the disposition of Information Technology, Police, and Community Development 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. 52-2023** approving a purchase in the amount of \$52,779 from Blue Springs Ford Sales, Inc., for a 2023 Ford F-350 chassis
- **Resolution No. 53-2023** approving a purchase in the amount of \$38,502 from Kranz of Kansas City, Inc. for a utility box
- **Resolution No. 54-2023** approving Amendment #2 in the amount of \$10,000 with JCI Industries, Inc. now JCI Industries, LLC for pump and motor repair contract #2015-152
- **Resolution No. 55-2023** approving a contract for four one-year terms in the amount of \$125,000 with Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC, for Bioxide Purchase & NID Lift Station Maintenance

- **Resolution 56-2023** approving a purchase from Logicalis, Inc. in the amount of \$144,201.14 for upgrading all city-wide network switches
- **Liquor License for Mojitos Mexican Grill LLC** located at 2003 NW 7 Highway, Blue Springs, MO, 64014, to sell retail intoxicating liquors by the drink for consumption on premises, Restaurant- Bar/ Lounge Bar, to include Sunday retail selling of intoxicating liquors by the drink, on the premises; or in original package for consumption on or off premises
- **Resolution 57-2023** approving a contract in the amount of \$105,923.37 with Big Fish, LLC dba Picasso Exotic Aquatics, for the construction, installation, and marine life setup of a saltwater fish tank; this project is approved as CIP PR-40 for \$39,643,384.29
- **Resolution 58-2023** approving a monthly maintenance agreement in the amount of \$20,280 with Big Fish, LLC dba Picasso Exotic Aquatics for cleaning and maintaining the fish tank; the total for the three-year contract is \$60,840

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

Kaylor – Aye  
Lievsay – Aye  
Fowler – Aye

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

**PUBLIC HEARING –  
2023-2024 COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT BLOCK  
GRANT ANNUAL  
ACTION PLAN**

Mayor Ross opened the Public Hearing to consider the 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan at 6:01 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**

Assistant Director of Community Development Cara Elbert reviewed the details of the proposed 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan and addressed questions from the Council.

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Council discussed the allocations to the First Time Homebuyers Program, Hope House, Community Services League and a request for funds by The Company of Champions.

The Mayor hearing no further comments for or against, closed the public hearing at 6:14 p.m.

**RESOLUTION 59-2023**

Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Resolution 59-2023 approving the 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lievsay.

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Councilmember Lievsay moved to amend the Annual Action Plan to transfer the \$24,000 from the First Time Homebuyers Program to the Minor Home Repair Program. Motion seconded by Councilmember Culpepper and carried unanimously.

**SECOND MOTION TO AMEND**

Councilmember Lievsay moved to reduce the allocation to Community Services League by \$3,000.00 and transfer the allocation to the 501(c)3 applicant, The Company of Champions. The motion died due to lack of a second.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 59-2023, AS AMENDED**

Councilmember Culpepper moved to approve Resolution No. 59-2023, as amended. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried unanimously.

**INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5115 – FINAL PLAT FOR CAMBRIDGE PARK 2<sup>ND</sup> PLAT (PF-05-23-8776)**

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 5115 approving a Final Plat for Cambridge Park 2nd Plat, located north of SE Major Road and directly west of Cambridge Park 1st Plat (PF-05-23-8776). City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 5115 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 5115 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lievsay and carried unanimously.

**2ND READING – BILL NO. 5115**

Ms. Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 5115 by title. Councilmember Kaylor moved to adopt Bill No. 5115 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5242**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried with the following vote:

Lievsay – Aye  
Fowler – Aye  
Ericson – Aye

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

**INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5116 – MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL DISPATCHING FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 5116 approving a memorandum of understanding between the City of Blue Springs and the Mid-America Regional Council for a centralized dispatching feasibility study. City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 5116 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 5116 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Lievsay and Bill No. 5116 failed on the first reading with the following vote:

Fowler – Aye  
Ericson – No  
Culpepper – No

Kaylor – No  
Lievsay – No  
Edmondson – Absent  
Mayor Ross – Aye

**INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5117 – MID-**

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 5117 approving an Agreement with Mid-America Regional Council for reimbursement to continue meal preparation for congregate meals and homebound

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SERVICES**

meals and meal delivery for homebound recipients as well as continuing to provide site transportation via OATS Inc to and from Vesper Hall. This contract will also include evidence-based programming and the administration of Vesper Hall. City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 5117 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 5117 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried unanimously.

**2ND READING – BILL  
NO. 5117**

Ms. Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 5117 by title. Councilmember Kaylor moved to adopt Bill No. 5117 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5243**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Culpepper and carried with the following vote:

Ericson – Aye  
Culpepper – Aye  
Kaylor – Aye

Lievsay – Aye  
Fowler – Aye  
Edmondson – Absent  
Mayor Ross – Aye

**VISITORS**

George Ferguson spoke on behalf of Hunter’s Dell East requesting funding for replacement of subdivision signs. Council advised that creating a Homeowner’s Association may be a solution.

**LAGERS PUBLIC  
SAFETY SUBGROUP**

City Clerk Sheryl Morgan read a Notice published in the Examiner on August 4, 2023 regarding a LAGERS change in Public Safety Subgroup.

**MAYORAL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thoughts to Ponder:

“Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up.”

(Nelson Mandela)

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:38 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 unanimously.

ATTEST

  
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Sheryl Morgan, City Clerk

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Carson Ross, Mayor