

**CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 18, 2019**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Monday, March 18, 2019, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Howard L. Brown Public Safety Building, 1100 Smith Street with Mayor Carson Ross presiding.

**COUNCILMEN IN
ATTENDANCE**

Jerry Kaylor
Chris Lievsay
Ron Fowler

Dale Carter
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 City Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITION OF MAYOR
CARSON AND FIRST
LADY ELOISE ROSS**

Doc Golden presented the Heroes at Home Award to Mayor Carson and First Lady Eloise Ross, and appointed Mayor Ross as a Lifetime Member of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 317. Mayor Pro Tem Susan Culpepper presented Mayor and First Lady Ross with a Proclamation for their service to the community and country.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Fowler requested Item 3e – 2019 Street Program be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. Councilman Culpepper moved to approve the following Consent Agenda items and the motion was seconded by Councilman Carter.

- **Minutes of the March 4, 2019** City Council meeting
- **Liquor License for EJB Enterprises, Inc. dba Sandy's Restaurant** located at 1255 SW 7 Highway Blue Springs, MO 64015, to sell retail beer and wine only by the drink, or in original package to include Sunday sales
- **Resolution No. 12-2019** approving a task order contract with TranSystems Corporation for conflict of interest engineering and surveying services for the fiscal years of 2019-2022, with an optional fourth- and fifth-year renewal
- **Resolution No. 13-2019** approving a formal Economic Development Policy identifying financial incentives to assist the retention, expansion, and recruitment of businesses in Blue Springs, Missouri

The Consent Agenda, with the exception of Item 3e – 2019 Street Program, was approved with the following vote:

Councilman Kaylor – Aye
Councilman Lievsay – Aye
Councilman Fowler – Aye

Councilman Carter – Aye
Councilman Edmondson – Aye
Councilman Culpepper – Aye
Mayor Ross – Aye

ITEM 3e – 2019 STREET PROGRAM

Councilman Fowler discussed the condition of the County roads within Blue Springs and expressed the hopes of improved work by the County on those roads. Councilman Fowler also stated the 2019 Street Program will direct money toward street sealing which is great preventative maintenance, but said he was concerned about the portion of streets included in the program to keep up with the asphalt overlay.

Councilman Fowler moved to adopt **Resolution No. 14-2019** approving contract in the amount of \$2,389,487.39 with Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, L.L.C. for the 2019 Street Program and the motion was seconded by Councilman Culpepper and carried with the following vote:

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| Councilman Lievsay – Aye | Councilman Edmondson – Aye |
| Councilman Fowler – Aye | Councilman Culpepper – Aye |
| Councilman Carter – Aye | Councilman Kaylor – Aye |
| | Mayor Ross – Aye |

PUBLIC HEARING – MCRC TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 709 W. MAIN ST.

Mayor Ross opened the Public Hearing to consider a Main Center Redevelopment Corporation (MCRC) Tax Abatement of property located at 709 West Main Street, Blue Springs, MO 64015 for the construction of a new 3,371 square foot facility at 6:19 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

Tom Cole, Director of Community and Economic Development, reviewed the specifics of the proposed tax abatement. Mr. Cole stated that other taxing jurisdictions were involved in the creation of the project and were all given notice of the proposed abatement.

APPLICANT

Devin Mirfasihi, applicant’s legal counsel, outlined the five-year plan for the Dental Office.

The Mayor hearing no comments for or against, closed the public hearing at 6:24 p.m.

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 4643 APPROVING MCRC TAX ABATEMENT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 709 W. MAIN ST.

Councilman Culpepper introduced Bill No. 4643 approving the Blue River Family Dental Project under the Amended and Restated Main Center Redevelopment Plan and approving an Abatement Agreement for the Project. City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 4643 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilman Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 4643 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilman Culpepper.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council Lievsay asked staff to clarify the level of abatement of the project. Mr. Cole confirmed the applicant was seeking the highest level of abatement with the minimum of \$1,000,000.

The Motion carried with the following vote:

Councilman Fowler – Aye	Councilman Culpepper – Aye
Councilman Carter – Aye	Councilman Kaylor – Aye
Councilman Edmondson – Aye	Councilman Lievsay – Aye
	Mayor Ross – Aye

2ND READING – BILL NO. 4643

Ms. Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 4643 by title. Councilman Carter moved to adopt Bill No. 4643 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 4802**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Kaylor and carried with the following vote:

Councilman Carter – Aye	Councilman Kaylor – Aye
Councilman Edmondson – Aye	Councilman Lievsay – Aye
Councilman Culpepper – Aye	Councilman Fowler – Aye
	Mayor Ross – Aye

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 4644 – PERMANENT UTILITY EASEMENT FROM DAK REALTY DEVCO, LLC

Councilman Culpepper introduced Bill No. 4644 accepting the conveyance of a Permanent Utility Easement from DAK Realty Devco, LLC, for the Estates at Chapman Farms. City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 4644 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilman Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 4644 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilman Culpepper and carried with the following votes:

Councilman Edmondson – Aye	Councilman Lievsay – Aye
Councilman Culpepper – Aye	Councilman Fowler – Aye
Councilman Kaylor – Aye	Councilman Carter – Aye
	Mayor Ross – Aye

2ND READING – BILL NO. 4644

Ms. Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 4644 by title. Councilman Carter moved to adopt Bill No. 4644 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 4803**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Culpepper and carried with the following vote:

Councilman Culpepper – Aye	Councilman Fowler – Aye
Councilman Kaylor – Aye	Councilman Carter – Aye
Councilman Lievsay – Aye	Councilman Edmondson – Aye
	Mayor Ross – Aye

PRESENTATION – PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

Chairman Eleanor Frasier and Ramon Magee of the Public Art Commission presented the Commission’s annual update to the City Council. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to these Minutes and incorporated herein.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2019 – PUBLIC ART POLICY

Councilman Carter moved to approve **Resolution No. 15-2019** approving the Public Art Conservation and Restoration Task Policy and

Procedure. The motion was seconded by Councilman Culpepper and carried with the following vote:

Councilman Kaylor – Aye	Councilman Carter – Aye
Councilman Lievsay – Aye	Councilman Edmondson – Aye
Councilman Fowler – Aye	Councilman Culpepper – Aye
	Mayor Ross – Aye

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 4645 FY 2018-19 MID-YEAR BUDGET AMENDMENT

Councilman Culpepper introduced Bill No. 4645 amending the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Annual Budget of the City of Blue Springs. City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 4645 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilman Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 4645 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilman Culpepper and carried unanimously.

City Administrator Eric Johnson outlined the item in the budget amendment relating to Blue Springs Downtown Alive! that relates to the legal work needed to create a Downtown Main Street Community Improvement District. Councilman Culpepper stated she would abstain from the vote on this Amendment due to her position on the Board of Downtown Alive!

Councilman Lievsay – Aye	Councilman Edmondson – Aye
Councilman Fowler – Aye	Councilman Culpepper – ABSTAIN
Councilman Carter – Aye	Councilman Kaylor – Aye
	Mayor Ross – Aye

2ND READING – BILL NO. 4645

Ms. Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 4645 by title. Councilman Carter moved to adopt Bill No. 4645 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 4804**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Fowler carried with the following vote:

Councilman Fowler – Aye	Councilman Culpepper – ABSTAIN
Councilman Carter – Aye	Councilman Kaylor – Aye
Councilman Edmondson – Aye	Councilman Lievsay – Aye
	Mayor Ross – Aye

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 4646 AMENDING SECTION 117.010 OF THE CODE RELATING TO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, ETHICS, AND REPORTING OF MISMANAGEMENT AND PROHIBITED ACTIVITY

Councilman Culpepper introduced Bill No. 4646 amending Chapter 117 Conflicts of Interest, Section 117.010 Declaration of Policy, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Blue Springs, Missouri regarding policies relating to Conflicts of Interest, Ethics, and Reporting of Mismanagement and Prohibited Activity. City Clerk Sheryl Morgan made the first reading of Bill No. 4646 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilman Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 4646 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilman Culpepper and carried unanimously.

Councilman Carter – Aye	Councilman Kaylor – Aye
Councilman Edmondson – Aye	Councilman Lievsay – Aye
Councilman Culpepper – Aye	Councilman Fowler – Aye
	Mayor Ross – Aye

2ND READING – BILL NO. 4646

Ms. Morgan made the second reading of Bill No. 4646 by title. Councilman Carter moved to adopt Bill No. 4646 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 4805**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilman Fowler and carried with the following vote:

Councilman Edmondson – Aye	Councilman Lievsay – Aye
Councilman Culpepper – Aye	Councilman Fowler – Aye
Councilman Kaylor – Aye	Councilman Carter – Aye
	Mayor Ross – Aye

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2019 – POLICY FOR REPORTING MISMANAGEMENT OR PROHIBITED ACTIVITY

Councilman Culpepper moved to approve Resolution No. 16-2019 approving a Code of Ethics and Reporting of Mismanagement or Prohibited Activity Policy and Procedure. The motion was seconded by Councilman Carter and carried with the following vote:

Councilman Culpepper – Aye	Councilman Fowler – Aye
Councilman Kaylor – Aye	Councilman Carter – Aye
Councilman Lievsay – Aye	Councilman Edmondson – Aye
	Mayor Ross – Aye

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Ross presented City Clerk Sheryl Morgan with a Proclamation in recognition of her achieving the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association designation as a Continuing Missouri Registered City Clerk, as well as the International Institute of Municipal Clerks designation of Certified Municipal Clerk.

Thoughts to Ponder:

“If you don’t like the road you are walking, start paving a new one.”
(Dolly Parton)

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:47 p.m., there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilman Carter moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Councilman Kaylor and carried with the following vote:

Councilman Kaylor – Aye	Councilman Carter – Aye
Councilman Lievsay – Aye	Councilman Edmondson – Aye
Councilman Fowler – Aye	Councilman Culpepper – Aye
	Mayor Ross – Aye

CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS

ATTEST:



 Sheryl Morgan, City Clerk



 Carson Ross, Mayor