

**CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 6, 2020**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Monday, April 6, 2020, 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Carson Ross presiding.

A State of Emergency for Jackson County, Missouri was declared on March 12, 2020 and subsequent amendments by Jackson County Executive Order requiring residents to stay at home and limiting public gatherings to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. As provided in Sections 610.020(1) and 610.020(4) RSMo., the City Council participated in this meeting via video-conference and telephone to ensure safe social distancing measures were taken. 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 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 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Edmondson requested Item 3b – 2020 Fireworks Permits be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. Councilmember Edmondson moved to approve the following Consent Agenda items and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Ericson.

- **Minutes of the March 16, 2020** City Council Meeting and **March 30, 2020** City Council Work Session
- **Resolution No. 33-2020** approving the disposition of Information Technology and Law 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. 34-2020** approving a contract in the amount of \$150,000.00 with Jackson County Community Backed Anti-Drug Tax for Drug Abuse Resistance Education funding
- **Resolution No. 35-2020** approving a contract in the amount of \$100,000.00 with TREKK Design Group, LLC for on-call professional services related to Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study
- **Resolution No. 36-2020** – authorizing the City Administrator to bind insurance rates with Travelers Property Casualty Company of America for property insurance, for the 2020-2021 insurance plan year, ahead of the Spring storm season to avoid higher rates should the city have property damage between now and the insurance plan year that begins July 1, 2020

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

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

APPROVAL OF 2020 FIREWORKS PERMITS

Blue Springs Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is one of the applicants for a 2020 Fireworks Permit. Councilmember Edmondson advised that he serves as Second Vice President of the association and is in charge of its fireworks tent and would be abstaining from the vote. Councilmember Culpepper moved to approve the 2020 Fireworks Permits and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried with the following votes:

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

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Ross gave an update on COVID-19 and how the City and County are working to minimize its impact.

Thoughts to ponder:
“May you live every day of your life.”
(Jonathan Swift)

CLOSED SESSION


At 6:07 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, 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 Ericson and carried with the following votes:

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

ATTEST:


Sheryl Morgan, City Clerk

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Carson Ross, Mayor