

**CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 17, 2021**

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Monday, May 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Howard L. Brown Public Safety Building, 1100 SW Smith Street., Blue Springs, Missouri and via video-conference, with Mayor Carson Ross presiding.

The City Council participated in this meeting in person, via video-conference and/or telephone as provided in Sections 610.020(1) and 610.020(4) RSMo. The public was able to attend via telephone conference and in person.

**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 Deputy City Clerk Julia Porter.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Boy Scout Troop 175 of Timothy Lutheran Church led in the pledge of allegiance. Deputy City Clerk Julia Porter 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 Kaylor.

- **Minutes of the May 3, 2021** City Council Meeting
- **Resolution No. 28-2021** approving a contract with Fleming Auto Center, Inc. dba Jackson County Tow Service for towing services
- **Resolution No. 29-2021** approving a purchase in the amount of \$199,640.51 from MicroMan Industries LLC for Ford Utility SUV Police Equipment

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

Kaylor – Aye  
Lievsay – Aye  
Fowler – Aye

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – VACATION OF UTILITY EASEMENT FOR WHATABURGER (VAC-04-21-7742)**

Mayor Ross opened the Public Hearing to consider vacating a platted 10-ft. Utility easement located generally at 905 NW 7 Highway (VAC-04-21-7742) at 6:04 p.m. The minutes of the public hearing were recorded by a certified court reporter. Deputy City Clerk Julia Porter entered one exhibit into the record.

**STAFF REPORT**

Matt Wright, Assistant Director of Community Development, outlined the proposed vacation.

The Mayor hearing no further comments for or against, closed the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

**INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 4855 – VACATION OF UTILITY EASEMENT FOR WHATABURGER (VAC-04-21-7742)**

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 4855 vacating a platted 10-ft. Utility easement located generally at 905 NW 7 Highway (VAC-04-21-7742). Deputy City Clerk Julia Porter made the first reading of Bill No. 4855 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 4855 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried unanimously.

**2ND READING – BILL NO. 4855**

Ms. Porter made the second reading of Bill No. 4855 by title. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 4855 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 4999**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried with the following vote:

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

**INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 4856 – FINAL PLAT FOR WHATABURGER (PF-04-21-7743)**

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 4856 approving the Final Plat for Blazer Center 2nd Plat, Lot A “Whataburger” (PF-04-21-7743), located at 905 NW 7 Highway. Deputy City Clerk Julia Porter made the first reading of Bill No. 4856 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 4856 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried unanimously.

**2ND READING – BILL NO. 4856**

Ms. Porter made the second reading of Bill No. 4856 by title. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 4856 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5000**, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried with the following vote:

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

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2021-2022 TO 2025-26 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM - MOTION TO CONTINUE**

Mayor Ross advised the Council that City Staff has requested a continuance of the public hearing to the June 7, 2021 Council Meeting. Councilmember Edmondson moved to continue the public hearing for consideration of Fiscal Years 2021-22 to 2025-2026 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for the City of Blue Springs to the Monday, June 7, 2021 City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried unanimously.

**MAYORAL  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CDC updated their recommendations on face masks and Jackson County lifted the face mask requirement, especially for those who are vaccinated.

Thoughts to Ponder:

"If the words don't add up, it's usually because the truth wasn't included in the equation."

*(Unknown)*

**CLOSED SESSION**

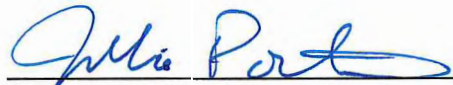
At 6:09 p.m., Councilmember Kaylor moved for the Council go into closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(1), (2), and (9), Revised Statutes of Missouri, for the purpose of privileged communications between a governmental body or its representative and legal counsel relating to litigation, real estate, and negotiation with employee groups, 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 Edmondson and carried with the following votes:

Ericson – Aye  
Edmondson – Aye  
Culpepper – Aye

Kaylor – Aye  
Lievsey – Aye  
Fowler – Aye  
Mayor Ross – Aye

CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS

ATTEST



Julia Porter, Deputy City Clerk



Carson Ross, Mayor