



**CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, July 21, 2021**

A meeting of the Blue Springs Economic Development Council was held at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, in Training Room 210 of the Blue Springs, Missouri City Hall Building, 903 W Main St. Blue Springs, Missouri. The following members, guest and staff were in attendance with Chair Becky Nace presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Becky Nace, Chair
Justin Beal
Jeff Grote
Joey Zarrillo, Vice Chair

Kirk Sampson
James McCullough
Robin Terry-Revels

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT

Ron Baker
Erika Lucas
Michael Scott
Lara Vermillion
Lyle Shaver

STAFF & OTHER ATTENDEES

City Council Liaison Jerry Kaylor
District 3 City Councilmember Susan Culpepper
Director of Community Development Mike Mallon
Director of Public Works Chris Sandie
Economic Development Manager Brandon Keller
City Administrator Eric Johnson
Superintendent of BSSD Bob Jerome
BSSD Board of Education member Bobby Hawk
Guest Laura Bowlin

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Councilmember Sampson moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021 Economic Development Council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Zarrillo and carried with the following votes:

Beal – Aye
Terry Revels – Aye
Grote - Aye
McCullough - Aye
Vice Chair Zarrillo – Aye
Chair Nace - Aye

Shaver – ABSENT
Lucas - ABSENT
Sampson – Aye
Vermillion – ABSENT
Baker – ABSENT
Scott – ABSENT

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair, Becky Nace called the Economic Development Council meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 21 minutes were not approved due to not having a quorum of Council members.

MEMBER UPDATE

Brandon Keller introduced Ron Baker as the new member of the EDC Board. He was unable to attend the meeting.

SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENTATION

Superintendent of the Blue Springs School district gave a presentation for the No Tax Increase Bond ballot initiatives on the August 3rd election. Discussions were had about the effects of road removal near the Blue Springs High School and the aquatics center closing. Chief Grote confirmed that all improvements to the School District facilities will have sufficient safety access routes.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MARKETING

Brandon Keller explained the marketing changes have been delayed due to Facebook not approving the pages to be joined. Updates will be given at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Brandon thanked Justin Beal for showing an example project update format to use for board member updates. Brandon agreed it was a good idea and will be used in the future.

Brandon explained the efforts to assist with the Heartland Basic training course in the Spring of 2022. Ideas were touring local businesses and assisting in marketing efforts for visiting attendees. Other discussion consisted of Workforce issues and the effects it is having on local businesses.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:59 a.m. there was no further business to come before the Economic Development Council, Councilmember Shaver moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Vice Chair Zarrillo.



Becky Nace, Chair

ATTEST:



Brandon Keller, Manager – Economic Development