CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
December 2, 2024

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Monday, December 2, 2024, 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 Chris Lievsay presiding.

COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jerry Kaylor
Katie Tholen
Ron Fowler - ABSENT
Galen Ericson
Kent Edmondson
Susan Culpepper

Also present were City Administrator Christine Cates, City Attorney Jennifer Baird, and City Clerk Erin Ford.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Shawn Apking with Cornerstone Church gave the invocation and Mayor Lievsay led in the pledge of allegiance.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Lievsay called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The City Clerk confirmed a quorum of the Council was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Ericson moved to approve the Consent Agenda and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kaylor.

- Minutes of the November 18, 2024 City Council Meeting.
- A list of Mayoral appointments to the City's Boards and Commissions is as follows – Continued from November 18:
  Economic Development Council:
  New appointments: Becky Nace (term expiring 5/2027)
  Roy Boyd (term expiring 5/2026)
  Zachary Harrell (term expiring 5/2026)
  Becky Nace, Chair (term expiring 5/2025)
- **Resolution No. 96-2024** approving a purchase in the amount of $1,100,173 from Premier Truck Group of Kansas City and American Equipment Co. for five 2026 Freightliners with Snow Outfit, CIP Project ST-24 and Vehicle Replacement Program.
- **Resolution No. 97-2024** approving a purchase in the amount of $272,680.75 from Bergkamp Incorporated for a Patch Truck through the Vehicle Replacement Program.
- **Resolution No. 98-2024** approving a contract not to exceed $370,000 with Icon Grading & Construction, Inc. for silt removal from Railroad Lake at Rotary Park.
- **Resolution No. 99-2024** approving a purchase in the amount of $183,553.72 from Murphy Tractor & Equipment Company Inc. for nine Felling trailers through the Vehicle Replacement Program.
- **Resolution No. 100-2024** approving the disposition of Information Technology and Public Works 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.

- A list of Mayoral appointments to the City's Boards and Commissions is as follows:
  Public Art Commission:
  New appointment: Valerie Montgomery (term expiring 5/2027)
- **Resolution No. 101-2024** approving a purchase in the amount not to exceed $95,000 from Logicalis Inc for one year Microsoft Licenses.
- **Resolution No. 102-2024** approving a purchase in the amount of $112,850.99 from Shawnee Mission Ford and Viking-Cives Midwest, Inc. for a 2024 Ford F-550 Cab and Chassis with Snow Outfitting, CIP ST-26.
- **Resolution No. 103-2024** approving a contract in the amount of $421,600 with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., for architectural design services and construction oversight related to the 12th Street extension project.
  Resolution No. 104-2024 approving Task Order #4 to Contract No. 2024-166 with SC Engineering, LLC dba Cochran for Main Street Streetscape Improvements and Water Main Replacement in the amount of $575,400.

The Consent Agenda was approved with the following vote:

Kaylor – Aye	Edmondson – Aye
Tholen – Aye	Culpepper – Aye
Ericson– Aye	Fowler – Absent
	Mayor Lievsay – Aye

PRESENTATION – PROCLAMATION FOR BLUE SPRINGS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CHEER

Mayor Lievsay presented a Proclamation to Blue Springs South High School Cheer Varsity and Junior Varsity teams for outstanding performances at regional and state competitions.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Councilmembers Kaylor and Ericson led Council in a discussion regarding amending Sections 340.350 Electronic Communication Device, Use Of While Driving Prohibited and 385.050 Seat Belts, of the Code of Ordinances City of Blue Springs, Missouri to allow these offenses to be a primary basis for a stop or detention.

MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF

Councilmember Kaylor moved to direct staff to prepare a Code Amendment related to adding seatbelts and texting as a primary offense for a traffic stop and increasing the seatbelt fine to $50. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Kaylor expressed appreciation for the City Public Works Department's diligence in clearing streets during the recent snowfall.

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting and North Pole Trail of Lights is December 3 at 5:30 pm at Rotary Park.
- Downtown Alive! is hosting Christmas on Main on December 7.
- Santa Claus Lane and Chapman Farms have Christmas lights on display.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:13 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 Culpepper and carried with the following votes:

Tholen – Aye
Fowler – Aye
Ericson – Aye
Edmondson – Aye
Culpepper – Aye
Kaylor – Aye
Fowler - ABSENT
Mayor Lievsay – Aye

ATTEST

Erin Ford, City Clerk

CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS

Chris Lievsay, Mayor