CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
May 19, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Monday, May 5, 2025, 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.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

At 5:00 p.m. Mayor Lievsay called the meeting to order.

CLOSED SESSION

Councilmember Brummel moved for the Council to go into closed session pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) and (13) Revised Statutes of Missouri, for the purpose of privileged communications between a governmental body or its representative and legal counsel relating to personnel, and that any minutes, documents and other records discussed or taken during the closed session remain closed, and that the regular meeting of this body reopen at 6:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tholen and carried with the following votes:

Kaylor – Aye
Tholen – Aye
Brummel – Aye
Ericson– Aye
Edmondson – Aye
Rowan – Absent
Mayor Lievsay – Aye

COUNCILMEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jerry Kaylor
Katie Tholen
Nick Brummel
Galen Ericson
Kent Edmondson
Jeremy Rowan

Also present were City Administrator Christine Cates, City Attorney Jennifer Baird, and Deputy City Clerk Megan Rodgers.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Lievsay led in the pledge of allegiance.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Lievsay called the open session of the City Council meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The Deputy 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 Brummel.

- Minutes of the May 5, 2025 City Council Meeting and May 7, 2025 City Council Strategic Planning Session.
- **Resolution No. 33-2025** approving a contract in the amount of $107,479 with Progressive Electronics, Inc. for the replacement of the existing Fieldhouse fire alarm system to connect with the Blue Surf Bay fire alarm system.
- **Resolution No. 34-2025** approving Task Order #14 to Contract No. 2024-166 with SC Engineering, LLC, dba Cochran for Contract

Management Services for the Sni-A-Bar Wastewater Treatment Facility.

- **Resolution No. 35-2025** approving a contract in the amount of $294,100.00 with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for schematic design architectural services for the construction of Southwest Park, CIP PR-71.
- Board and Commission Appointments
  Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee:
  Reappoint: Susan Stokenbury, Planning Commission Rep.
  Ken Horrell, Park Commission Rep
  Jaime Russell, Downtown Review Board Rep
  Lyle Shaver, Downtown Alive! Rep
  Jaime Russell, Vice Chair
  Ken Horrell, Chair

The Consent Agenda was approved with the following vote:

Kaylor – Aye
Tholen – Aye
Brummel – Aye
Ericson– Aye
Edmondson – Aye
Rowan – Aye
Mayor Lievsay – Aye

ITEM 3d – RESOLUTION 35-2025 SOUTHWEST PARK DESIGN SERVICES

Councilmember Ericson requested Item 3d – Resolution No. 35-2025 approving a contract in the amount of $294,100.00 with Stantec Consulting Services Inc. for schematic design architectural services for the construction of Southwest Park, CIP PR-71, be pulled from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and vote.

Councilmember Ericson moved to approve Item 3d – Resolution 35-2025. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION – PROCLAMATIONS FOR BLUE SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT SPEECH TEAMS

Mayor Lievsay and Council recognized Blue Springs School District Speech and Debate Teams and gave special recognition to the following State Champions: Diedra Pierre for Dramatic Interpretation, Marin Heide for Original Oratory, and Coby Garcia for Storytelling.

PUBLIC HEARING – UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT RELATED TO BODY ART SERVICES (UDCT-04-25-9553)

Mayor Lievsay opened the Public Hearing to consider amendments to the Unified Development Code related to the definition of body art services at 6:12 p.m. (UDCT-04-25-9553). The minutes of the public hearing were recorded by a certified court reporter. Deputy City Clerk Megan Rodgers entered one exhibit into the record.

STAFF REPORT

Senior Director of City Development Mike Mallon reviewed the details of the proposed Unified Development Code amendments and addressed questions from the Council.

IN SUPPORT OF

Brittany Manny spoke in support.

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

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5315 – UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT REGARDING BODY ART SERVICES (UDCT-04-25-9553)

Councilmember Kaylor introduced Bill No. 5315 approving amendments to the Unified Development Code related to the definition of body art services. Deputy City Clerk Megan Rodgers made the first reading of Bill No. 5315 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Edmondson moved to approve Bill No. 5315 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tholen and carried with Councilmember Ericson voting no.

2ND READING – BILL NO. 5315

Ms. Rodgers made the second reading of Bill No. 5315 by title. Councilmember Edmondson moved to adopt Bill No. 5315 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5418,** with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tholen and carried with the following vote:

Tholen – Aye
Brummel – Aye
Ericson – No
Edmondson – Aye
Rowan – Aye
Kaylor – No
Mayor Lievsay – Aye

PUBLIC HEARING – B LASHED INK CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP-04-25-9533)

Mayor Lievsay opened the Public Hearing to consider a Conditional Use Permit with Alternative Development Standards allowing body art/microblading services in Downtown Zoning District "T-5" within 500 feet of residential use and a church at 6:33 p.m. (CUP-04-25-9533). The minutes of the public hearing were recorded by a certified court reporter. Deputy City Clerk Megan Rodgers entered one exhibit into the record.

STAFF REPORT

Associate Planner Shantele Frie reviewed the details of the proposed Conditional Use Permit and addressed questions from the Council.

APPLICANT

Applicant Brittany Manney was present and addressed questions from the Council.

The Mayor hearing no further comments for or against, closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5316 – B LASHED INK CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP-04-25-9533)

Councilmember Ericson introduced Bill No. 5316 approving a Conditional Use Permit with Alternative Development Standards allowing body art/microblading services in Downtown Zoning District "T-5" within 500 feet of residential use and a church. Deputy City Clerk Megan Rodgers made the first reading of Bill No. 5316 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Edmondson moved to approve Bill No. 5316 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tholen and carried unanimously.

2ND READING – BILL NO. 5316

Ms. Rodgers made the second reading of Bill No. 5316 by title. Councilmember Edmondson moved to adopt Bill No. 5316 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5419,** with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tholen and carried with the following vote:

Brummel – Aye
Ericson – Aye
Edmondson – Aye
Rowan – Aye
Kaylor – Aye
Tholen – Aye
Mayor Lievsay – Aye

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jen Cline and Erica Knight spoke in support of Bill No. 5318 a Code Amendment related to Backyard Hens.

Ken Horrell and Chuck Zuvers spoke in opposition to Bill No. 5318 a Code Amendment related to Backyard Hens.

Ken Horrell spoke in opposition to Bill No. 5319 a Code Amendment related to Commercial Vehicles.

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5317 – CONTRACT WITH BLUE SPRINGS R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND DISPATCHING SERVICES

Councilmember Edmondson introduced Bill No. 5317 approving a a contract with the Blue Springs R-IV School District for police officers at Blue Springs School District High Schools and dispatching services for the 2025-2026 school year. Deputy City Clerk Megan Rodgers made the first reading of Bill No. 5317 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Ericson moved to approve Bill No. 5317 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tholen and carried unanimously.

2ND READING – BILL NO. 5317

Ms. Rodgers made the second reading of Bill No. 5317 by title. Councilmember Edmondson moved to adopt Bill No. 5317 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5420,** with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brummel and carried with the following vote:

Ericson – Aye
Edmondson – Aye
Rowan – Aye
Kaylor – Aye
Tholen – Aye
Brummel – Aye
Mayor Lievsay – Aye

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5318 – CODE AMENDMENT REGARDING BACKYARD HENS

Councilmember Edmondson introduced Bill No. 5318 amending Chapter 215: Dogs, Cats, and Dangerous Animals, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Blue Springs, Missouri, adding Section 215.127: Regulation of Backyard Hens. Deputy City Clerk Megan Rodgers made the first reading of Bill No. 5318 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Edmondson moved to approve Bill No. 5318 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tholen.

MOTION TO ADD BACKYARD HENS TO THE NEXT ELECTION BALLOT

Councilmember Ericson moved that an Ordinance prepared by staff be placed on the next possible upcoming election ballot and that staff make any necessary adjustments to make sure the Ordinance conforms to all ballot language requirements and to allow 60 days for Council discussion or change of ballot language. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor.

Motion **failed** with the following vote:

Edmondson – No	Tholen – No
Rowan – No	Brummel – No
Kaylor – Aye	Ericson – Aye
	Mayor Lievsay – No

MOTION TO AMEND BILL 5318

Councilmember Brummel moved to amend Bill No. 5318 and Senior Director of City Development Mike Mallon outlined the proposed amendments to Section 215.127 Regulation of Backyard Hens:

- P.1 Permit Required – amended to remove the requirement for an annual permit, remove references to specific City departments and replace with "the City" and add language regarding permits being valid in perpetuity if continued compliance is demonstrated
- P.2 Applications – amended to remove non-refundable fee
- P.3 Conditions for Approval – amended to remove section title, remove requirement for evidence, remove evaluation requirements and remove letters i-l
- P.4 Permit Fee – remove section four (requirement for permit fees)

A copy of the redlined Amended Bill 5318 with all proposed changes is attached to these Minutes and incorporated herein.

Motion to amend seconded by Councilmember Rowan and carried with the following vote:

Rowan – Aye	Brummel – Aye
Kaylor – No	Ericson – Aye
Tholen – Aye	Edmondson – Aye
	Mayor Lievsay – Aye

APPROVE 1ST READING – BILL 5318, AS AMENDED

Approval of first reading of Bill No. 5318, as amended, carried with a vote of 5 to 2, with Councilmembers Kaylor and Ericson voting no.

2ND READING – BILL NO. 5318, AS AMENDED

Ms. Rodgers made the second reading of Bill No. 5318 as amended by title. Councilmember Edmondson moved to adopt Bill No. 5318 as amended upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5421,** with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tholen and carried with the following vote:

Kaylor – No
Tholen – Aye
Brummel – Aye
Ericson – No
Edmondson – Aye
Rowan – Aye
Mayor Lievsay – Aye

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5319 – CODE AMENDMENT REGARDING COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Councilmember Edmondson introduced Bill No. 5319 Amending Section 365.080 Parking In Residential Zones, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Blue Springs, Missouri. Deputy City Clerk Megan Rodgers made the first reading of Bill No. 5319 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

MOTION TO CONTINUE

Councilmember Edmondson moved to continue Bill 5319 to the June 16, 2025 City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tholen and carried with Councilmember Ericson voting no.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Ericson recognized his 52nd wedding anniversary to wife Evelyn on May 19, 2025.

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Recognized Public Works week and extended appreciation to staff for hard work and dedication
- Blue Surf Bay opens May 23, 2025 at noon
- Memorial Day is Monday, May 26, 2025
- Bite of Blue Springs food trucks will be in Downtown Blue Springs on May 24, 2025 and on fourth Saturdays throughout the summer.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:24 p.m., there was no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Kaylor moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brummel and carried unanimously.

CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS

ATTEST

Megan Rodgers, Deputy City Clerk

Chris Lievsay, Mayor