CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
August 18, 2025

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Monday, August 18, 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.

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 City Clerk Erin Ford.

PLEDGE

Mayor Lievsay led in the pledge of allegiance.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Lievsay called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 August 4, 2025 City Council Meeting.
- **Liquor License for MS Mart** located at 1900 SW Eastbound US 40 Hwy, Blue Springs, MO 64015 to sell intoxicating liquors in the original package for consumption off premises (Weekdays Only) and Sunday Sales
- **Resolution No. 62-2025** appointing Successor Directors to the Downtown Blue Springs Community Improvement District
- **Resolution No. 63-2025** approving a contract with Callahan Concrete & Asphalt Construction, LLC in the amount of $388,164.04 for miscellaneous concrete construction for sidewalk infill projects

The Consent Agenda was approved with the following vote:

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

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5343 – RETREAT AT CHAPMAN FARMS (PF-06-25-9622)

Councilmember Kaylor introduced Bill No. 5343 approving a Final Plat for The Retreat at Chapman Farms, consisting of fifty-seven lots located East of SW 7 Highway, South of SW Chapman Farms Drive, West of SW Lake Side Drive, and North of SW Mason School Road (PF-06-25-9622). City Clerk Erin Ford made the first reading of Bill No. 5343 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Ericson moved to approve Bill No. 5343 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tholen and carried unanimously.

2ND READING – BILL NO. 5343

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill No. 5343 by title. Councilmember Edmondson moved to adopt Bill No. 5343 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5445,** with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried with the following vote:

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

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5344 – JACKSON COUNTY COMMUNITY BACKED ANTI-DRUG TAX

Councilmember Kaylor introduced Bill No. 5344 approving a contract in the amount of $225,000.00 with Jackson County Community Backed Anti-Drug Tax for a Law Enforcement School-Based Initiative. City Clerk Erin Ford made the first reading of Bill No. 5344 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Ericson moved to approve Bill No. 5344 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tholen and carried unanimously.

2ND READING – BILL NO. 5344

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill No. 5344 by title. Councilmember Edmondson moved to adopt Bill No. 5344 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5446,** with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried with the following vote:

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

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5345 – FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Councilmember Kaylor introduced Bill No. 5345 amending the 2024-25 annual budget increasing the previously adopted and amended budget of $134,339,155 by $8,800,054 to $143,139,209. City Clerk Erin Ford made the first reading of Bill No. 5345 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Ericson moved to approve Bill No. 5345 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tholen and carried unanimously.

2ND READING – BILL NO. 5345

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill No. 5345 by title. Councilmember Edmondson moved to adopt Bill No. 5345 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5447,** with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson 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. 5346 – SURPLUS PROPERTY AND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Councilmember Kaylor introduced Bill No. 5346 declaring as surplus the City-owned real property located at 1500 NW North Ridge Drive and authorizing the issuance of a Request for Proposals for the purchase and redevelopment of the site. City Clerk Erin Ford made the first reading of Bill No. 5346 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Ericson moved to approve Bill No. 5346 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tholen and carried unanimously.

2ND READING – BILL NO. 5346

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill No. 5346 by title. Councilmember Edmondson moved to adopt Bill No. 5346 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5448,** with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brummel and carried with the following vote:

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

PRESENTATION – CITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Mayor Lievsay provided a brief history of City Strategic Plans. Assistant to the City Administrator George Schmitz presented the City's Strategic Plan to Council.

RESOLUTION 64-2025 – CITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Councilmember Kaylor moved to adopt Resolution No. 64-2025 approving the City's Strategic Plan. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Brummel: Local school districts start school on August 19 and 20

Councilmember Edmondson: Bite of Blue Springs is August 23 in downtown Blue Springs

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Summer Music in the Park at Railroad Park is on August 24

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:31 p.m., Councilmember Kaylor moved for the Council go into closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(1) Revised Statutes of Missouri, for the purpose of privileged communications between a governmental body or its representative and legal counsel relating to litigation and 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 Ericson and carried with the following votes:

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

CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS

ATTEST

Erin Ford, City Clerk

Chris Lievsay, Mayor