BLUE SPRINGS
MISSOURI

MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING INFORMATION

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Monday, July 20, 2026 at 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.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Jerry Kaylor

Katie Tholen

Nick Brummel - ABSENT

Galen Ericson

Brian Markworth

Jeremy Rowan

STAFF ATTENDANCE

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

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 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 Kaylor.

- Minutes of the July 6, 2026 City Council Meeting
- **Resolution No. 052-2026** approving a purchase in the amount of $5,911,144.00 from Athco Acquisition Corp. for the purchase of playground equipment for Southwest Park; CIP-PR-71.
- **Resolution No. 053-2026** approving a purchase and installation in the amount of $325,673.00 from Athco Acquisiton Corp. for the purchase and installation of playground safety surfacing for Southwest Park; CIP-PR-71.

The Consent Agenda was approved with the following:

VOTE

Kaylor – Aye

Tholen – Aye

Ericson – Aye

Markworth – Aye

Rowan – Aye

Brummel – ABSENT

Mayor Lievsay – Aye

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Lievsay and Council recognized the Blue Springs South High School Baseball team for their Class 6 State Championship.

PUBLIC HEARING – FORD PARTS WAREHOUSE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN MOTION TO CONTINUE

Mayor Lievsay opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m. and advised the Council that a continuation is being requested for the public hearing for the consideration of a Planned Development Concept Plan (PDC-04-26-9865) for Ford Parts Warehouse to the August 3, 2026 City Council Meeting.

Councilmember Kaylor moved to continue the public hearing on July 20, 2026 to the August 3, 2026 Council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried unanimously.

WINWATER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WITHDRAWN

Mayor Lievsay advised the Council that the applicant, Bart Fisher, requested the consideration of the Conditional Use Permit for Winwater located at 2601 NW Jefferson St. (CUP-04-26-9863) be withdrawn.

PUBLIC HEARING – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026-2027 – 2030-2031

Mayor Lievsay opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m. to consider Fiscal Years 2026-2027 to 2030-2031 Capital Improvements Program for the City of Blue Springs. The Deputy City Clerk entered two exhibits into the record.

STAFF REPORT

City Administrator Christine Cates reviewed the details of the proposed Capital Improvements Program and addressed questions from the Council.

The Mayor hearing no further comments for or against, closed the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 5418 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2026-2027 – 2030-2031

Councilmember Kaylor introduced Bill Number 5418 approving the Fiscal Years 2026-2027 to 2030-2031 Capital Improvements Program. Deputy City Clerk Megan Rodgers made the first reading of Bill No. 5418 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Tholen moved to approve Bill No. 5418 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried unanimously.

SECOND READING – BILL NUMBER 5418

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill Number 5418 by title. Councilmember Ericson moved to adopt Bill Number 5418 upon its second reading and give it ORDINANCE Number 5512 with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Rowan and carried with the following:

VOTE

Tholen – Aye

Ericson – Aye

Markworth – Aye

Rowan – Aye

Kaylor – Aye

Brummel – ABSENT

Mayor Lievsay – Aye

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens Larry Anderson, Willie Jordan, Andy Quick, Jack Rudnay, Loretta Ross, Linda DeLuna, and Timothy Due spoke in opposition to Winwater General Development Plan.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 5419 – WINWATER GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Councilmember Kaylor introduced Bill Number 5419 approving a General Development Plan for Winwater and Flex Use located at 2601 NW Jefferson St, to allow for the development of approximately 28,500+/- square feet of building area on approximately 5+/- acres of land (GDP-03-26-9850). Deputy City Clerk Megan Rodgers made the first reading of Bill No. 5419 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Tholen moved to approve Bill No. 5419 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Markworth and carried with the following:

VOTE

Ericson – No

Markworth – Aye

Rowan – Aye

Kaylor – No

Tholen – Aye

Brummel – ABSENT

Mayor Lievsay – Aye

SECOND READING – BILL NUMBER 5419

Ms. Rodgers made the second reading of Bill Number 5419 by title. Councilmember Ericson moved to adopt Bill Number 5419 upon its second reading and give it ORDINANCE Number 5513 with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Rowan and carried with the following:

VOTE

Markworth – Aye

Rowan – Aye

Kaylor – Aye

Tholen – Aye

Ericson – No

Brummel – ABSENT

Mayor Lievsay – Aye

SECOND READING ONLY – BILL NUMBER 5413 – COLBERN ROAD ANNEXATION

Ms. Rodgers made the second reading of Bill No. 5413 approving the annexation of property (approximately 2.43 +/-acres) owned by City of Blue Springs located at SW Colbern Road Right-of-Way east of SW 7 Highway (ANNX-05-26-9895) by title. The Public Hearing was held and the first reading of Bill No. 5413 was approved at the July 6, 2026 City Council meeting. Councilmember Ericson moved to adopt Bill No. 5413 upon its second reading and give it ORDINANCE NO. 5514 with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Rowan and carried with the following:

VOTE

Rowan – Aye

Kaylor – Aye

Tholen – Aye

Ericson – Aye

Markworth – Aye

Brummel – ABSENT

Mayor Lievsay – Aye

VISITORS

Citizen Emily Galloway-Morris spoke regarding creek flooding concerns in the Lake Village neighborhood.

MAYORAL COMMENTS

- Congratulations to Spain on winning the World Cup. Spain is the first country to simultaneously hold both the Men's and Women's World Cup titles.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:52 p.m., Councilmember Kaylor moved for the Council go into closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(1) and (3) Revised Statutes of Missouri, for the purpose of privileged communications between a governmental body or its representative and legal counsel relating to litigation and 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 stand adjourned at the completion of such session. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried with the following:

VOTE

Kaylor – Aye

Tholen – Aye

Ericson – Aye

Markworth – Aye

Rowan – Aye

Brummel – ABSENT

Mayor Lievsay – Aye

July 20, 2026

SIGNATURES:

CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS

Chris Lievsay, Mayor

ATTEST

Megan Rodgers, Deputy City Clerk