BLUE SPRINGS
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MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING INFORMATION

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Monday, September 21, 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

Galen Ericson

Brian Markworth

Jeremy Rowan

STAFF ATTENDANCE

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

- Minutes of the September 8, 2026 City Council Meeting
- **Liquor License for Powell Gardens Inc dba Powell Gardens Colonial Farms** located at 27610 E Wyatt Rd to sell intoxicating liquors in the original package for consumption on the premises (weekdays only) and Sunday Sales.
- **Resolution No. 067-2026** approving a one-year contract in the amount of $65,280 with OATS, Inc. DBA OATS Transit for transportation services for seniors and disabled patrons in Blue Springs to and from Vesper Hall, Monday – Friday.
- **Resolution No. 068-2026** approving a one-year contract in the amount of $74,784 with OATS, Inc. DBA OATS Transit for community transportation to and from locations within Blue Springs city limits Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
- **Resolution No. 069-2026** approving a one-year contract in the amount of $4,000 with OATS, Inc. DBA OATS Transit for transportation to day trips from Vesper Hall.
- **Board and Commission Appointments**

  Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Board

  Kennedy Rusert, Student Member, Term expires May 2027, New Appointment
- **Resolution No. 070-2026** approving the revised Planning Division Fee Schedule.

The Consent Agenda was approved with the following:

VOTE

Kaylor – Aye

Tholen – Aye

Brummel – Aye

Ericson – Aye

Markworth – Aye

Rowan – Aye

Mayor Lievsay – Aye

PROCLAMATION – CONSTITUTION WEEK

Mayor Lievsay and Council recognized Constitution Week and presented the Proclamation to representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution

PUBLIC HEARING – CODE AMENDMENT RELATED TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN

Mayor Lievsay opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m. to consider amendments to the Unified Development Code (UDCT-08-26-9959). The City Clerk entered one exhibit into the record.

STAFF REPORT

Senior Planner Shantele Frie reviewed the details of the proposed Unified Development Code Amendment and addressed questions from the Council.

The Mayor hearing no further comments for or against, closed the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 5433 - CODE AMENDMENT RELATED TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PLAN

Councilmember Kaylor introduced Bill Number 5433 amending the Code of Ordinances related to Planned Development Final Plan (UDCT-08-26-9959). City Clerk Erin Ford made the first reading of Bill No. 5433 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Tholen moved to approve Bill No. 5433 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brummel and carried unanimously.

SECOND READING – BILL NUMBER 5433

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill Number 5433 by title. Councilmember Ericson moved to adopt Bill Number 5433 upon its second reading and give it ORDINANCE Number 5525, 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

Brummel – Aye

Ericson – Aye

Markworth – Aye

Rowan – Aye

Kaylor – Aye

Mayor Lievsay – Aye

PUBLIC HEARING – 2026 PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS

Mayor Lievsay opened the Public Hearing at 6:09 p.m. to receive public comment on the 2026 Property Tax Levy for the City of Blue Springs. The City Clerk entered one exhibit into the record.

STAFF REPORT

Finance Senior Director Karen Van Winkle reviewed the details of the proposed tax levy and addressed questions from the Council.

The Mayor hearing no further comments for or against, closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 5434 - 2026 PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS

Councilmember Kaylor introduced Bill Number 5434 establishing the 2026 Property Tax Levy. City Clerk Erin Ford made the first reading of Bill No. 5434 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Tholen moved to approve Bill No. 5434 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Brummel and carried unanimously.

SECOND READING – BILL NUMBER 5434

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill Number 5434 by title. Councilmember Ericson moved to adopt Bill Number 5434 upon its second reading and give it ORDINANCE Number 5526, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Rowan and carried with the following:

VOTE

Brummel – Aye

Ericson – Aye

Markworth – Aye

Rowan – Aye

Kaylor – Aye

Tholen – Aye

Mayor Lievsay – Aye

SECOND READING – BILL NUMBER 5426 – CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 BUDGET

City Clerk Erin Ford made the second reading of Bill Number 5426 by title.

Councilmember Ericson moved to adopt Bill Number 5426 upon its second reading and

give it ORDINANCE Number 5527, with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Rowan and carried with the following:

VOTE

Ericson – Aye

Markworth – Aye

Rowan – Aye

Kaylor – Aye

Tholen – Aye

Brummel – Aye

Mayor Lievsay – Aye

VISITORS

Citizens Robert Jestus and Adrian Klein spoke regarding concerns about Flock camera systems.

COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS

Councilmembers Markworth and Brummel thanked staff, the Chamber of Commerce and Volunteers in Police Service, for their work in making the Fall Fun Fest a success.

MAYORAL COMMENTS

- Former Councilmember and public servant Kent Edmondson was honored as the Blue Springs Citizen of the Year at the Truman Heartland Foundation Awards.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:26 p.m., Councilmember Kaylor moved for the Council go into closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(1), (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 Litigation and Personnel 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 Tholen and carried with the following:

VOTE

Markworth – Aye

Rowan – Aye

Kaylor – Aye

Tholen – Aye

Brummel – Aye

Ericson – Aye

Mayor Lievsay – Aye

September 21, 2026

SIGNATURES:

CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS

Chris Lievsay, Mayor

ATTEST

Erin Ford, City Clerk