CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS, MISSOURI
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
September 18, 2024

A meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Wednesday, September 18, 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
Galen Ericson
Kent Edmondson
Susan Culpepper

Also present were City Administrator Christine Cates, Interim City Attorney John Mullane, and City Clerk Erin Ford.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Pastor Penny Ellwood with Blue Springs Church of the Resurrection gave the invocation and Councilmember Fowler led in the pledge of allegiance.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Lievsay called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 September 3, 2024 Special City Council Meeting and September 3, 2024 City Council Meeting.
- **Resolution No. 66-2024** appointing Successor Directors to the Sunset Plaza Community Improvement District.
- **Resolution No. 67-2024** approving a three-year Labor Agreement with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) Local 778 for certain Public Works employees.
- **Resolution No. 68-2024** approving retention payments for City employees based upon employment through the effective date of November 15, 2024.
- **Resolution No. 69-2024** approving a contract with OATS Transit for transportation services for Site Transportation to and from Vesper Hall.
- **Resolution No. 70-2024** approving a contract with OATS Transit for transportation services for Community Transportation to and from locations within Blue Springs.
- **Resolution No. 71-2024** approving a contract with OATS Transit for transportation services for day trips from Vesper Hall.
- **Resolution No. 72-2024** approving a three-year Labor Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police for Police Officers.
- **Resolution No. 73-2024** approving a three-year Labor Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police for Sergeants.
- **Resolution No. 74-2024** approving a three-year Labor Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police for Lieutenants.

The Consent Agenda was approved with the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING – 2024 TAX LEVY

Mayor Lievsay opened the Public Hearing to consider a the 2024 Property Tax Levy for the City of Blue Springs at 66:02 p.m. The minutes of the public hearing were recorded by a certified court reporter. City Clerk Erin Ford entered one exhibit into the record.

STAFF REPORT

City Administrator Christine Cates reviewed the details of the proposed 2024 Property Tax Levy and addressed questions from the Council.

The Mayor hearing no further comments for or against, closed the public hearing at 6:05 p.m.

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5259 – 2024 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 5259 establishing the 2024 Property Tax Levy. City Clerk Erin Ford made the first reading of Bill No. 5259 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 5259 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried with Councilmember Fowler voting no.

2ND READING – BILL NO. 5259

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill No. 5259 by title. Councilmember Edmondson moved to adopt Bill No. 5259 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5363,** with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Culpepper and carried with the following vote:

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

2ND READING – BILL NO. 5254 – FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 BUDGET

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill No. 5254 approving the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget by title. The Public Hearing was held and the first reading of Bill No. 5254 was approved at the September 3, 2024 City Council meeting. Councilmember Fowler moved to adopt Bill No. 5254 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5364,** with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried with the following vote:

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

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5260– ANNEXATION AGREEMENTS FOR ASHLAR HOMES (ANNX-07-24-9240)

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 5260 approving three Annexation Agreements with the fee simple owners, Judy D. Smith Revocable Living Trust 12-23-1996, Bellington Larry D Estate, and Bruce M Bellington Trust dated 9/30/2003, of property generally located north and south of 40 Highway and east of the Adams Pointe Golf Club (ANNX-07-24-9240). City Clerk Erin Ford made the first reading of Bill No. 5260 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 5260 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried unanimously.

2ND READING – BILL NO. 5260

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill No. 5260 by title. Councilmember Edmondson moved to adopt Bill No. 5260 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5365** with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tholen and carried with the following vote:

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

2ND READING – BILL NO. 5253 – ASHLAR HOMES ANNEXATION (ANNX-07-24-9240)

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill No. 5253 approving the Annexation of real property of approximately 71.62 +/- acres located north and south of 40 Highway and east of the Adams Pointe Golf Club into the City limits by title (ANNX-07-24-9240). The Public Hearing was held and the first reading of Bill No. 5253 was approved at the September 3, 2024 City Council meeting. Councilmember Edmondson moved to adopt Bill No. 5253 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5366** with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tholen and carried with the following vote:

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

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5261 – CODE AMENDMENT REGARDING GOLF CARTS

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 5261 approving a Bill amending Sections 300.020 Definitions and 340.120 All-Terrain Vehicles Prohibited of the Code of Ordinances, City of Blue Springs, Missouri, to update definitions and language. City Clerk Erin Ford made the first reading of Bill No. 5261 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 5261 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried unanimously.

2ND READING – BILL NO. 5261

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill No. 5261 by title. Councilmember Edmondson moved to adopt Bill No. 5261 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5367,** with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Tholen and carried with the following vote:

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

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5262 – CONTRACT WITH LAUBER MUNICIPAL LAW FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 5262 approving a Contract for legal services with Lauber Municipal Law, LLC. City Clerk Erin Ford made the first reading of Bill No. 5262 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 5262 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried unanimously.

2ND READING – BILL NO. 5262

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill No. 5262 by title. Councilmember Edmondson moved to adopt Bill No. 5262 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5368,** with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried with the following vote:

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

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5263 – APPOINTING JENNIFER BAIRD AS CITY ATTORNEY

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 5263 approving appointment of Jennifer M. Baird of Lauber Municipal Law, LLC as City Attorney and establishing the compensation therefor. City Clerk Erin Ford made the first reading of Bill No. 5263 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 5263 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried unanimously.

2ND READING – BILL NO. 5263

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill No. 5263 by title. Councilmember Edmondson moved to adopt Bill No. 5263 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5369** 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
Fowler – Aye
Ericson – Aye
Edmondson – Aye
Culpepper – Aye
Kaylor – Aye
Mayor Lievsay – Aye

INTRODUCTION AND 1ST READING – BILL NO. 5264 – FY 2023-24 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Councilmember Culpepper introduced Bill No. 5264 amending the 2023-24 annual budget increasing the previously adopted and amended budget of $89,097,411 by $2,515,206 to $91,612,617. City Clerk Erin Ford made the first reading of Bill No. 5264 by title; copies of the proposed Bill having previously been made available to the public.

Councilmember Fowler moved to approve Bill No. 5264 upon its first reading and proceed with the second reading. Motion seconded by Councilmember Kaylor and carried unanimously.

2ND READING – BILL NO. 5264

Ms. Ford made the second reading of Bill No. 5264 by title. Councilmember Edmondson moved to adopt Bill No. 5264 upon its second reading and give it **ORDINANCE NO. 5370** with a copy attached hereto and made a part of the minutes. Motion seconded by Councilmember Ericson and carried with the following vote:

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

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Edmondson: Fall Fun Festival this upcoming weekend and National Night Out is October 1, 2024.

Councilmember Kaylor: Expressed gratitude and congratulations to Interim City Attorney John Mullane. Jennifer Baird welcomed as City Attorney.

MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fall Fun Fest is September 20-22.
- National Night Out is October 1, 2024.
- The Examiner's annual event, Women of Distinction, is recognizing: Public Safety Citizens' Advisory Board Chair Carman Booker, Blue Springs Presiding Judge Stephanie Taormina, and former Blue Springs City Attorney Jackie Sommer.
- Recognized Council and staff for creating and passing annual City budget.

CLOSED SESSION

At 6:20 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 Tholen and carried with the following votes:

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

CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS

ATTEST

Erin Ford, City Clerk

Chris Lievsay, Mayor