BLUE SPRINGS
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MINUTES OF AUGUST 13, 2026 CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

MEETING INFORMATION

A Work Session of the City Council of the City of Blue Springs, Missouri, was held on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the 210 Administration Conference Room of City Hall, 903 West Main 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, Assistant to the City Administrator George Schmitz, Parks and Recreation Director Justin Stuart, Director of City Development Nicholas Hutchison, Police Chief Bob Muenz, Senior Director of Finance Karen Van Winkle, Assistant Director of Public Works Nate Lea, Financial Analysist Lori Turner, Senior Director of Human Resources Amy Willyard and City Clerk Erin Ford.

Additional City staff in attendance were Communications Manager Brian Spano, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Mary Herrington, Information Technology Director John Schwenk, Captain Joe Fanara, Captain Don Rapp, Deputy Police Chief Kyle

Flowers, GIS Coordinator Tim Kahmann, Assistant Director of Finance Melissa Braun, and Business Services Coordinator Josh Braman.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Mayor Lievsay called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and a quorum of the Council was present.

FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 ANNUAL BUDGET

City Administrator Christine Cates and staff presented information and addressed questions from Council regarding the upcoming 2026-27 Annual Budget.

A copy of the presentation was not previously included in the Agenda packet and is attached to these Minutes hereto.

USE TAX

Mayor Lievsay led a discussion about a potential Use Tax at the November 3, 2026 General Election and draft ballot language was discussed.

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ADJOURN

At 7:15 p.m., there was no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Lievsay declared the Work Session Adjourned.

SIGNATURES:

CITY OF BLUE SPRINGS

Chris Lievsay, Mayor

ATTEST

Erin Ford, City Clerk