



**CITY OF BUCKNER**  
**Board of Alderman Meeting Minutes**  
*Study Session*

08/20/2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

1. The Board of Aldermen of the City of Buckner, Missouri, met in Study Session on August 20, 2020 in the Council Chambers located in Buckner City Hall.
2. Mayor Darrel Box called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The following Aldermen were present:

Alderman Jones  
Alderman Ross

Alderman Walcott  
Alderman Norris  
Alderman Hohler

The following Alderman were absent :

4. The following staff members were present: City Administrator/Clerk Bobadilla and Police Chief Sutherland.

**MINUTES**

Alderman Norris made a motion to amend the August 6, 2020 Business Session Minutes as follows: Discussion Item#2 under Old Business; at the end of the first paragraph add " In response to Alderman Hohler's concern that the city would effectively be doubling down on the taxes if a sales tax increase were passed, Mayor Box stated that the parks capital use tax does not stack on top of a sales tax increase. The use tax is for internet purchases only and the sales tax is for brick and mortar purchases". Alderman Jones seconded the motion to amend. All Aldermen voted aye. Alderman Norris made a motion to approve the August 6, 2020 Business Session Minutes as amended. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kirk Kellough , Owner of Tuscono's, 312 South Hudson reported that several customers are complaining that a man is walking his dog by his outdoor patio and the dog is barking at the customers. Police Chief Sutherland stated that he would investigate this complaint.

Brandon Payne, 307 Echo Ridge, commented that the 1% Sales Tax increase was back on tonight's agenda. His concern is that it failed twice by the voters and failed by the Board of Aldermen at the last meeting; he just wants the Board of Aldermen to consider the voices of the citizens.

**Approval and Swearing in Mayor's Appointment for the Vacant Alderman Seat**

Mayor Box introduced Corey Butts as his appointment to fill the vacant Ward 2 Aldermen Seat and asked if any Board of Aldermen had any questions for Corey. Alderman Hohler thanked Corey for offering his services. Alderman Hohler asked about his residency and how long he has lived at that house. Corey answered 315 Prairie Street and he has lived there since July 8, 2019. Aldermen Hohler asked Corey if he had a business license for his vegetable stand; Corey's response was that it was not required because it is a home grown produce. Alderman Ross asked if he was planning on running at the next Municipal Elections. Corey's response was yes. Mayor Box explained that was one of his criteria to be considered for the vacant seat.



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Mayor Box asked for a motion to approve Corey's appointment. Alderman Hohler made a point of order that this was a Study Session and asked if we needed to suspend the rules to make the vote. Alderman Jones made a motion to suspend the rules. Alderman Norris seconded the motion. Alderman Jones, Alderman Ross, Alderman Walcott and Alderman Norris voted aye. Alderman Hohler voted nay.

Mayor Box asked for a motion to approve Corey Butts. Alderman Hohler made a point of order that it takes the unanimous consent of the Board of Alderman to suspend the rules and that since he voted nay then the motion failed. Alderman Hohler referenced Ordinance 110.310 Amendment and Suspension of Rule. Alderman Hohler stated to Corey that at the next meeting he will gladly vote for him and that blocking his appointment would block the sales tax increase from being placed on the November ballot. Mayor Box asked Alderman Hohler that if he pulled the 1% sales tax from the agenda then would he allow for the suspension of the rules. Alderman Hohler stated yes.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Administration & Finance** – Mayor Box reported that the city has \$645,000 cash on hand that is up \$92,000 from the start of the year and down 2 ½ % since August 1<sup>st</sup>; and that they have a budget worksheet to look at before the next meeting.
2. **Public Health & Safety** – No Report
3. **Park Board** – No Report
4. **Planning & Zoning** – No Report
5. **Public Works** – City Administrator Bobadilla reported that he received two estimates for the storm drain system behind the house located at Tarsney Lane between Millview Drive and Lake City Road. One of the estimates is to replace approximately 220 feet of pipe for a cost of \$30,459.00; the other estimate is to do a CIPP process which is less invasive; the process is basically pulling a hot plastic pipe through the existing pipe and as it cools the plastic will adhere to the metal pipe. The cost for this process is \$110,200. Mr. Bobadilla also stated that these prices were just estimates and that if the city chooses to do this project that it will have to go through the proper bidding process.
6. **Fairs & Festivals** – No Report

After the Committee reports Mayor Box ask for a motion to suspend the rules and allow for Corey Butts to be approved and sworn in as Ward 2 Alderman. Alderman Hohler made the motion to suspend the rule. Alderman Jones seconded the motion All Aldermen voted aye. Motion passed

Corey Butts was sworn in as Alderman for Ward 2.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Bill No. 20-11 Ordinance No. 1044 An Ordinance Imposing A Tax For General Revenue Purposes on All Sellers for the Privilege of Engaging in the Business of Selling Tangible Personal Property or Rendering Taxable Services in the City of Buckner, Missouri at Retail at the Rate of One Percent (1%) on the Receipts From the Sale at Retail of All Tangible Personal Property or Taxable Services at Retail Within Said City, If Such Property and Services are Subject to Taxations by the State of Missouri Under the Provisions of Section 144.10 to 144.527 RSMO, Pursuant to the Authority Granted By and Subject to the Provisions of Section 94.500 to 94.550**



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**RSMO, and Providing for Submission of This Ordinance to the Qualified Voters of Said City for Their Approval at the General Elections Called and to Be held in Said City on November 3, 2020.**

Withdrawn from the Agenda

**2. Discussion and Consideration of Awarding Bid for Maintaining and Growing Crops on City Owned Property.**

City Administrator Bobadilla stated that the Request for Proposal was posted in the Examiner and that he received only one bid that is included in the packet. City Administrator Bobadilla also stated that Brock Billings was present and is available if anyone has questions. Alderman Hohler asked about paying something for the first year to cover legal expense. Mr. Billings replied that he was not going to pay for the City's legal expense. Alderman Butts asked if he was planning on cleaning the ditches on these properties but not affect any citizen's properties. Mr. Billings stated that was correct. Alderman Ross stated that he didn't have an issue with the proposal but instead had a problem with the short time that it was posted. The City Administrator explained that the Examiner only publishes on certain days and that he sent the ad in the next day but didn't get a response that the ad was published on Friday until the following Monday; otherwise he would have changed the date. Alderman Ross asked about specifically stating soybeans in the proposal. City Administrator replied that we wanted a low growing crop instead of tall crops like corn. Alderman Norris asked Mr. Billings what his time constraints for the board is to decide. Mr. Billings stated that he needed to know by January. Alderman Ross asked that the ad be placed on the city's Facebook page and other means. City Administrator stated that from now on he will use the Kansas City Star which will be more expensive. Mayor Box stated that we will run the ad in a larger circulation and other media and have an answer before the end of September.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Discussion of Creating an Ordinance Allowing the Operation of Golf Carts on City's Road.**

Alderman Walcott stated that he would like to allow golf carts on city streets. Police Chief stated that he would like to see an ordinance that covers all types of vehicle such as ATV's. Alderman Hohler stated that he would like the Police Chief to be involved with the creation of the ordinance.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS**

Mayor Box thanked everyone for attending this meeting.



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**ADJOURN**

- Alderman Norris moved to adjourn. Alderman Butts seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye. Adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Darrel Box, Mayor

Attest

Joe Bobadilla, City Administrator/Clerk