



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

10/01/2020

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Buckner, Missouri, met in a Business Session on October 1, 2020 in the Council Chambers located in Buckner City Hall. Mayor Darrel Box called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Aldermen were present:

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| Alderman Jones | Alderman Norris  |
| Alderman Ross  | Alderman Hohler  |
| Alderman Butts | Alderman Walcott |

The following Aldermen were absent: None

The following staff members were present: City Administrator Bobadilla, Police Chief Sutherland and City Attorney Steve Mauer.

**MINUTES**

Alderman Norris made the motion to approve the September 17, 2020 Study Session Minutes. Alderman Butts seconded; all Aldermen voted aye.

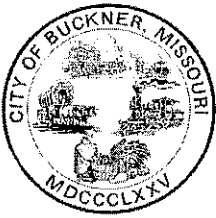
**PUBLIC COMMENTS**      None

**OLD BUSINESS**      None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Discussion of Policies and Procedures for Using City Legal Services.**

Alderman Hohler stated on June 18, he was told that he could not make any request of any city agent as an individual person but only when we are in a collective as a group. He didn't know if that was the case before then, but he assumes that if it wasn't then it is the policy going forward. On August 20 during the golf cart discussion, at 40 minutes and 35 second into the meeting Alderman Walcott said, "I was having our legal counsel looking into it" and we had never discussed that during the meeting. City Attorney Steve Mauer explained that at a meeting Alderman Walcott asked him about changing the codes to allow golf carts. At that point, he sent an email to City Administrator Bobadilla and to the Mayor stating that he had received this request from Alderman Walcott and wanted to know how the city wanted him to proceed. City Administrator Bobadilla replied to hold off because he wanted to take it to the whole board. The discussion of golf carts was placed on the agenda. City Attorney Steve Mauer made it clear that Alderman Walcott did ask him to do something, but he didn't do anything until he received direction from the board and when City Administrator Bobadilla gave him the green light and said that the board said yes. The ordinance was prepared and submitted. Alderman Hohler stated that he assumes that will be his procedure in the future. City Attorney Steve Mauer replied "Yes, as long as the city administrator or the mayor, who has that authority, gives him that direction". Mayor Box stated that he had the City



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Administrator pull policies from other communities which was passed out before the meeting. This policy was from Chesterfield; it has some nice clear delineations and the board could adopt something like Chesterfield's policy. Alderman Hohler stated that he liked the verbiage and that he would to revisit it in another day.

#### **ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS**

Alderman Butts recognized Raquel Miles and the park board for all the hard work that they have done in the Park. Alderman Walcott agreed.

Alderman Jones asked about the annual parade and Trunk for Treats. Mayor Box replied that he has been in contact with the Jackson County Health Department but hasn't received a response back with a plan for trunk for treat. The plan is to wear mask, have hand sanitizer available, keep the social distance space and limit it to under 100 individuals at a time. Mayor Box stated that as far as the parade, he is not so sure that we can get into compliancy, other cities have tried having a parade even though they couldn't be in compliancy with the Jackson County Health Department. He suggests not having a parade. Curtis Kolle stated that the trunk for treats event will be October 31<sup>st</sup> 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm. The event will be held on South Hudson from Madison to Washington and that there will be one entrance and one exit. He also stated that all businesses effected have been contacted and are on board with the event; they will try to keep the parking lot cleared downtown as best as they can.

Alderman Norris asked about the status of the water leak repairs. City Administrator Bobadilla replied that crews will start on repairs this Monday. He had public works contact several companies but only received one response (Triple C) for \$325.00 per hour and \$17.00 per square feet for concrete replacement. Alderman Norris asked about the five repairs because he recalled 3 repairs. City Administrator Bobadilla stated that there are 5 repairs, three that were discovered by the water leak detection report, he added the leak at Vernon Street and a leak at Park Ave that was caused by a fire hydrant that was hit. In addition, there is a valve leaking at 100 Lee Street. City Administrator Bobadilla also stated that he will be working on drafting a contract to have a contractor available to repair all leaks hopefully by the next couple of meetings.

Mayor Box asked the status of repairing the failed water meters. City Administrator Bobadilla replied that city crews have replace 15 meters, received an additional 60 meters and city crews will start changing the other water meters out.

City Administrator Bobadilla informed the Board of Aldermen about a future proposed development to Osage Springs from Tim Camper. The proposed development is to build several multi-family units on Barley Lane in Osage Springs. City Administrator Bobadilla explained that it will have to go through the proper process; Planning and Zoning committee, engineering studies and then Board of Aldermen approval.

Alderman Hohler reported that the field that runs behind and beside Osage Springs needs to be mowed. City Administrator Bobadilla stated that he will get with the property owner about getting it mowed. Alderman Hohler also recognized Police Chief Sutherland for recruiting new police officers, applying for grants, and for starting a reserve officer plan.



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**ADJOURN**

- Alderman Hohler made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Jones. All Aldermen voted aye.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Darrel Box, Mayor

Attest

Joe Bobadilla, City Administrator/Clerk