



CITY OF BUCKNER

Board of Alderman Meeting Minutes

Study Session

09/17/2020

CALL TO ORDER

1. The Board of Aldermen of the City of Buckner, Missouri, met in Study Session on September 17, 2020 in the Council Chambers located in Buckner City Hall.
2. Mayor Darrel Box called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The following Aldermen were present:

Alderman Jones Alderman Walcott
Alderman Butts Alderman Norris

The following Alderman were absent: Alderman Hohler and Alderman Ross

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

MINUTES

Alderman Norris made a motion to approve the September 3, 2020 Business Session minutes and the September 17, 2020 Public Hearing Minutes. Alderman Butts seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Administration & Finance** – Mayor Box reported that the city has its second highest balance of the year at \$695,000 in all funds. Water and Sewer Fund has a balance of \$200,000 and the Street fund has a balance of \$100,000.
2. **Public Health & Safety** – No Report
3. **Park Board** – No Report
4. **Planning & Zoning** – No Report
5. **Public Works** – City Administrator Bobadilla reported on the replacement of the water meters that are being replaced under warranty work. The City Administrator also reported that Robert Hunter and Mason Case are attending training to get their water distribution license in Columbia, Mo.; then through the month of October and November Robert Hunter, Mason Case and himself will be going through training for wastewater license in Warrensburg, Mo. Robert Hunter and Mason Case are actually getting their wastewater license while he was going to the classes to maintain his wastewater license since he is the emergency backup operator.
City Administrator Bobadilla stated that WaterNet survey has completed their assessment of leaks and determined that the City has 3 leaks. One of them major at Central and Jefferson; about 20 gallons per minute. Since the city's crew are attending these classes and the city has no equipment to repair the leaks, he is asking for the Boards approval to hire a contractor to do all repairs. Alderman Norris made a motion to allow the City Administrator to hire a contractor for the repairs of the leaking water mains. Alderman Walcott seconded the motion. All Alderman voted aye.
6. **Fairs & Festivals** – Mayor Box stated that he has reached out to the Jackson County Health Department and has not heard back from them about having the Trunk for Treats event. He



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proposed to them that the street will be closed, the cars will be kept 10 feet apart, we would keep a count and not allow 100 people at a time, and provide hand sanitizers throughout the area.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Approval of Awarding Bid for Maintaining and Growing Crops on City Owed Properties.

Mayor Box stated that the under the drafted contract there was no allowances for the cost of rent if the land doesn't produce 30 bushels per acre. As proposed, if the properties produce 30 bushels per acre then rent was \$32 per acre; if not, no rent was due. Mayor Box suggested that if the properties don't produce the required 30 bushels then rent be prorated down by the reduction amount. Alderman Walcott and Alderman Butts stated that they saw the value of having Brock Billings improving the land since the city's crew doesn't have the expense or time. Mayor Box replied that Brock Billings can always come back to the Board and negotiate this portion. Alderman Jones made a motion to approve the contract as recommended by the Mayor. Alderman Walcott seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye.

2. BILL NO. 20-14 ORDINANCE NO. 1047 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 390 OF THE CITY OF BUCKNER MISSOURI MUNICIPAL CODES.

Mayor Box stated that this ordinance was to allow Golf carts and other low speed vehicles on city roads. Alderman Norris made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for a second reading. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye. Mayor Box read the ordinance by title only for a second time. Alderman Jones made a motion to approve. Alderman Walcott seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Alderman Norris, Alderman Walcott, Alderman Jones and Alderman Butts voted aye. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. BILL NO. 20-13 ORDINANCE NO. 1046 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RATE ON TAX LEVY FOR THE YEAR 2020 TO BE PLACED ON ALL PROPERTY LIABLE FOR TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF BUCKNER, MISSOURI FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES.

Mayor Box stated that this ordinance allows for the 2020 Tax Levy to be placed on all properties located in Buckner.

Alderman Butts made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for a second reading.

Alderman Jones seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye. Mayor Box read the ordinance by title only for a second time. Alderman Norris made a motion to approve.

Alderman Walcott seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Alderman Norris, Alderman Walcott, Alderman Jones and Alderman Butts voted aye. Motion passed.



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2. BILL NO. 20-12 ORDINANCE NO. 1045 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 110.310 AND 115.70 OF THE CITY OF BUCKNER, MISSOURI MUNICIPAL CODE.

Mayor Box stated that this ordinance allows for a majority to approve suspending the rules during meetings and for filling vacancies on the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Norris stated that these recommendations were from the Missouri Municipal League.

Alderman Jones made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for a second reading.

Alderman Butts seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye. Mayor Box read the ordinance by title only for a second time. Alderman Jones made a motion to approve.

Alderman Butts seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Alderman Norris, Alderman Walcott, Alderman Jones and Alderman Butts voted aye. Motion passed.

3. BILL NO. 20-15 ORDINANCE NO. 1048 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BUCKNER, MISSOURI FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

Mayor Box stated that this ordinance adopts the 2020-2021 City's budget.

Alderman Butts made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for a second reading.

Alderman Jones seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye. Mayor Box read the ordinance by title only for a second time. Alderman Norris made a motion to approve.

Alderman Walcott seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Alderman Norris, Alderman Walcott, Alderman Jones and Alderman Butts voted aye. Motion passed.

4. BILL NO. 20-16 ORDINANCE 1049 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BUCKNER, MISSOURI FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN OFFICIALS.

Mayor Box stated that this is a state requirement that we adopt this ordinance every two years and best practice is to adopt this every year.

Alderman Norris made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for a second reading.

Alderman Walcott seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye. Mayor Box read the ordinance by title only for a second time. Alderman Jones made a motion to approve.

Alderman Norris seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Alderman Norris, Alderman Walcott, Alderman Jones and Alderman Butts voted aye. Motion passed.



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ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS

Alderman Butts asked if the City could prepare some information to give to the citizens regarding the sales tax issue. Mayor Box stated that the city can give information to what the money is going for but can't fund any advocacy materials. Alderman Norris stated that the money will go to the General Fund. Mayor Box explained that the single largest expense to the General Fund is Public Safety (Police Dept.). Mayor Box stated that the city can provide information but can't take a position.

ADJOURN

- Alderman Jones moved to adjourn. Alderman Walcott seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye. Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Attest

Darrel Box, Mayor

Joe Bobadilla, City Administrator/Clerk