



CITY OF BUCKNER
Board of Alderman Meeting Minutes
Business Session

01/07/2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Buckner, Missouri, met in a Business Session on January 7, 2021 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:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

OLD BUSINESS

1. BILL NO. 21-01 ORDINANCE NO. 1050 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 215.040 OF THE CITY OF BUCKNER, MISSOURI MUNICIPAL CODE.

Alderman Ross made a motion to be table the discussion. Alderman Norris seconded the motion. All Alderman voted aye.

2. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding the approval to purchase VoIP Services.

City Administrator stated that after the last meeting he received an additional bid from Comcast and that all three bids were in the packet. City Administrator stated that he recently went over a demo of the software with Batts Communication and staff is recommending that service which will save the city about \$200 per month. Police Chief Sutherland explained that Batts is currently the phone system that is being used on both the city side and police department. The new system will allow the police department to transfer calls directly to the Jackson County Sheriff Department; a function that the old system doesn't allow. The police chief stated that the police department alone will save the city \$100 per month. City Administrator Bobadilla explained that Batts Communication's system has seven servers throughout the United States; the city's phone plan will always be hosted on two servers to prevent outages. Also, Batts can look at all servers, determine which one has the fastest speed and switch our phone system to that server automatically. Alderman Butts made a motion to approve. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye.



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NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION, CONSIERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding the purchase of a new handheld for the water meters.

City Administrator Bobadilla explained that our current handheld that is used to program the meters is not working properly. The quote from Blue Springs Winwater for a new upgraded handheld is \$3,950.00; they will give the city \$1,500.00 trade in value for our old handheld which brings the purchase price to \$2,450.00. The new handheld comes with a 1-year warranty for free; afterwards the city will be back on the current maintenance agreement which is \$300 per year. The purchase of the new handheld will save the city \$300 this year. Alderman Butts made a motion to approve. Alderman Norris seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye.

2. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding returning employees back to an 80-hour pay period.

Alderman Walcott made a motion to table the discussion. Alderman Norris seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye.

ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS

Mayor Box reported on the cash on hand; January 2019 the city had \$422,000, January last year the city had \$552,000 and this year it's at \$604,000. Mayor Box also reported that in 2019 no fund had over \$82,000, today, every fund has at least \$100,000. Today the sum of all accounts is 607,859.72. Mayor Box also stated that the Administration and Finance committee will be meeting shortly to look over all benefits.

Alderman Butts asked about a smoke test study for the sewer lines. City Administrator Bobadilla stated that he has spoken with the city's engineers about getting a price to do a full Inflow and Infiltration study; to include smoke testing and wet weather flow study and have it ready for the first meeting in February.

Alderman Norris asked for a status on the water meters. City Administrator Bobadilla stated that out of 90 meters 60 have been fixed and that public works is waiting on more meters from the manufacturer. Bobadilla explained that the manufacturer's warranty plan only gives us so many meters. Once the new meters are installed, public works crews must send the bad meters by mail to the manufacturer before they will ship out more meters.

Mayor Box stated that Lesley Couch from the Fairs and Festival is asking to use the city's parking lot to hold a Mobile Vet clinic. The dates that they are looking at are Friday January 22nd or Wednesday January 27th. Attorney Mauer stated that the city should not allow this event because it could leave the city open for other individuals or organizations who want to use this same area. Alderman Ross stated that he agrees with legal and that it should not be allowed. Alderman Butts agreed but stated that he would like to see if we can help with this cause and maybe bring it back for discussion at the next meeting.

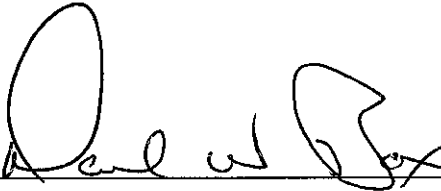


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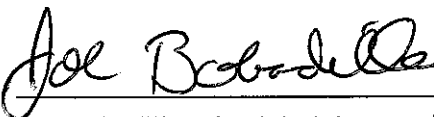
ADJOURN

- Alderman Norris made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Butts. All Aldermen voted aye.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.



Darrel Box, Mayor

Attest



Joe Bobadilla, City Administrator/Clerk