



CITY OF BUCKNER
Board of Alderman Meeting Minutes
Business Session

02/04/2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Buckner, Missouri, met in a Business Session on February 4, 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 Butts made the motion to approve the January 21, 2021 Study Session Minutes. Alderman Kolle seconded; all Aldermen voted aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding hiring police officers who are presently in the Police Academy.

Mayor Box stated that after the last meeting he spoke with Police Chief Sutherland about hiring police officers while they are attending the academy. Instead of what was done in the past, which was hiring a police officer and then paid for them to attend the academy; instead, hire cadets and pay 90% of their salary and provide benefits while they are attending the academy. Alderman Butts made a motion to approve. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye.

2. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding MoDOT Highway Safety Grants for the FY 2022.

Police Chief stated that Captain Wright has applied for grants to include the cost of 2 radar units. Alderman Ross made a motion to approve. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye.

3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION for replacing the City of Buckner sign on 24 Highway.

City Administrator Bobadilla stated that currently the City pays MoDOT \$100 per year for placing the sign on 24 Highway and that the quote for a new sign was just for information only. The purpose of this discussion was to see what direction the Board



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wanted to go as far as keeping the sign. Alderman Ross asked if we could move the sign somewhere else on 24 Highway. Bobadilla replied that right now the permit is for the current location of the sign, but he can talk with MoDOT to see if we could move it to another location. Alderman Ross asked if the City, the Chamber of Commerce, and local businesses can come together and split the cost of the sign. Alderman Kolle asked if we could get a cost on all types of signs; vinyl, wood, wrought iron and brick.

4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding sidewalk study.

Mayor Box stated that in the packet was the written report that the Jackson County Health department provided based on their walkability study. The report mention the use of Federal Funds. City Administrator Bobadilla stated that the Mid American Regional Council (MARC) is responsible for distributing the Federal Funds. Marc Hansen at MARC told him that the Funds are already spoken for through 2024 and that the next funding opportunity would be in January 2022 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The funds are up to 80% of construction costs and must include a 20% match from the city. Marc Hansen also informed him that this is a very competitive process due to the numbers of cities competing for the funds and suggested to applying for the Transportation Alternative Funds as well. The Board of Aldermen instructed to proceed with applying for the funds.

5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding updating the City's Website.

Alderman Butts stated that he was approached by Mrs. Miles about getting some updated photos placed on the city's website. Alderman Butts asked what the cost for our website is. City Administrator replied that we pay Zen Group \$75 per month for hosting and backup services. Alderman Butts asked if the main page of our website could have several pictures that could automatically scroll. Bobadilla said that he will check with Zen Group and see if there will be any additional cost.

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding the Farmer's Market.

Alderman Norris stated that he asked the City Administrator if the Farmer's Market was sponsored by the Buckner Chamber of Commerce and if the Farmer's Market had insurance listing the City as a named additional insured. City Administrator Bobadilla stated that he tried to call the President of the Chambers of Commerce but didn't get a response; but he spoke with Raquel Miles and the Chamber of Commerce does sponsor the Farmer's Market and has insurance. Alderman Ross recommended that we have some guidelines on who can use the city owned parking lot. Mayor Box suggested that the Admin and Finance Committee develop these guidelines and bring it back to the Board.



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ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS

Alderman Butts recognized the police department for applying for all the grants and asked if the City Administrator could contact MoDOT regarding repairing the concrete approaches on 24 Highway.

Mayor Box reported that the total cash on hand was up 6.8% from the first of the year and the total of all funds is a little over \$648,000.

ADJOURN

- Alderman Norris made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Butts. All Aldermen voted aye.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Darrel Box, Mayor

Attest

Joe Bobadilla, City Administrator/Clerk