

# CITY OF BUCKNER

## Board of Alderman Meeting Minutes

### *Business Session*

02/03/2022

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Buckner, Missouri, met in a Business Session on February 3, 2022, 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 Ross
Alderman Walcott	Alderman Norris
Alderman Kolle	Alderman Butts

The following staff members were present: City Administrator Bobadilla.

#### **MINUTES**

Alderman Butts made the motion to approve the January 20, 2021, Study Session Minutes. Alderman Ross seconded; all Aldermen voted aye.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS None**

Alderman Butts made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss Fireworks in the Park. Alderman Kolle seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye.

#### **OLD BUSINESS None**

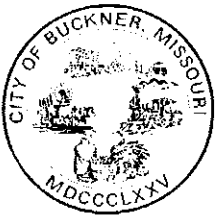
#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **1. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding mutual aid agreement.**

City Administrator Bobadilla stated that the EPA required the city to create and send them a copy of an emergency response plan for the water and wastewater system. During the process our staff came upon the mutual aid program by Missouri Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (MoWARN). MoWARN has partnered with the Missouri Department of Public Safety (SEMA) to provide emergency equipment and resources during natural disasters at no cost to the city. Alderman Kolle made a motion to approve the mutual aid agreement. Alderman Jones seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye.

##### **2. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding a new contract for maintenance on generators.**

City Administrator Bobadilla provided the Board of Aldermen with a contract from Clifford Power to provide annual maintenance for the generators at City Hall and Public Works. The cost was \$1,397.00 for City Hall and \$2,056.00 for the one at Public Works. Mayor Box stated that he wanted to postpone until staff could get a quote from the same company that the hospital uses.



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**3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding a request to waive water bill.**

Mayor Box stated that there is a letter from a citizen explaining that her bill was being estimated for the past nine months and is requesting that her bill be waived since it wasn't her fault that the city didn't read her meter. Mayor Box also noted that the city's attorneys' statement was that if the city waives this bill that other citizens in the same situation could ask for the same request and the best plan may be placing her on a payment plan. Mayor Box asked for staff to investigate printing the word "estimate" on the bill when the meter can't be read. Alderman Butts made a motion to table this discussion for the next meeting, exclude her from the shut-off list, and for staff to bring back numbers based on the different tiers. Alderman Ross seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye.

**4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding Fireworks in the Park display.**

Raquel Miles, Park Board President, asked for a budget of \$10,000.00 for this year's Firework in the Park event. Raquel stated that J&M Display has experienced a 20% increase due to shipping and has offered her the same package as last year. Last year's cost for the fireworks was \$5,000.00 and this year will be \$5,500.00. Raquel stated that last year the city gave her \$8,000.00 for the fireworks, a band to play at the event, and rides. She also stated that this year they are wanting to put the same event on. Alderman Butts made a motion to give the \$10,000.00 for the fireworks display event. Mayor Box asked if this would all come out of the general fund. Alderman Butts stated yes. No other aldermen seconded the motion. Alderman Butts asked Raquel to reach out to other vendors for prices and have it ready by the next meeting. Alderman Kolle asked for more bids. Alderman Norris made a motion to table the discussion until the Board receives other bids. Alderman Kolle, Alderman Norris, Alderman Walcott and Alderman Ross voted aye. Alderman Butts voted nay.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS**

Alderman Butts stated that he would like to have a Board of Aldermen discussion at a future meeting to talk about hiring one more public works employee.

Mayor Box asked about the plowing of downtown during that last snow event and how the center lane was packed with snow. City Administrator Bobadilla explained that during that snow event the truck and spreader that was just fixed had broken down again. The gear box that controls the spreader and auger got hot and seized up. So, the public works crew couldn't spread salt. The truck was back in the shop to get that gear box replaced.

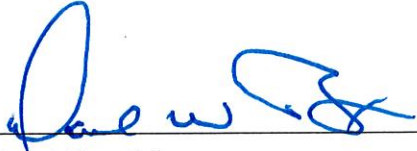


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**ADJOURN**

- Alderman Kollé made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Norris. All Aldermen voted aye.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

  
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Darrel Box, Mayor

Attest

  
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Joe Bobadilla, City Administrator/Clerk