



# CITY OF BUCKNER

## Board of Alderman Meeting Minutes

### *Business Session*

03/03/2022

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

The following Aldermen were absent: Alderman Ross.

The following staff members were present: City Administrator Bobadilla, Police Chief Sutherland, City Attorney Steve Mauer and Public works employee JD Moffet.

#### **MINUTES**

Alderman Butts made the motion to approve the February 17, 2021, Study Session Minutes. Alderman Norris seconded; all Aldermen voted aye.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lesley Couch, President of Fairs and Festival committee, discussed an agreement with Joe's Old-Fashioned Fun, LLC, a carnival company they are wanting to use for this upcoming festival. City Attorney Steve Mauer stated that he would look over the agreement and make any corrections that are needed.

Steven Florea, 616 Vernon Street, stated that his water bill was estimated for several months and that he couldn't afford to pay the bill. He also stated that his street has not been cleared during the past snowstorms.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **1. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding mosquito spraying.**

Mayor Box stated that information was included in the board's packet about the chemical that is being used for mosquito control. Alderman Walcott stated that, based on what he read, the chemical used was dangerous for the bees and he was against using it. Alderman Kolle made a motion to table this discussion for another meeting until more information can be researched. Alderman Butts seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye.

##### **2. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding street signs.** City Administrator Bobadilla reported that the cost to replace all the needed street signs that Alderman Butts indicated at the last meeting was \$517.00, an amount that was within his spending limit and that he will order these signs.



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**3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding the approval of a maintenance agreement for generators at City Hall and Wastewater Treatment Plant.**

Mayor Box stated that staff received another bid from Smart Power services for an annual maintenance agreement for both the generators in the annual amount of \$395.00 for the City Hall generator and \$595.00 for the generator at the wastewater treatment plant. Alderman Butts made the motion to approve Smart Power's agreement. Alderman Walcott seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. BILL NO. 22-02 ORDINANCE NO. 1064 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BUCKNER, MISSOURI , GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO OPERATE A NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITHIN THE CITY TO SPIRE MISSOURI INC.**

Mayor Box explained that this was an agreement with Spire allowing them to sell natural gas within the city. In return, the city receives a portion of their gross revenues. The agreement would last 20 years, and the last signed agreement is ready to expire.

Alderman Norris made a motion to suspend the rules and allow for a second reading by title only. Alderman Butts seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye. City Attorney Steve Mauer read a second reading. Alderman Butts made a motion to approve.

Alderman Kolle seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows: Alderman Butts, Alderman Jones, Alderman Walcott, Alderman Norris, and Alderman Kolle voted aye.

**2. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding a repair to the generator at the wastewater treatment plant.**

Mayor Box stated that the generator at the treatment plant needs to be repaired and that staff has provided bids that are included in their packet. Alderman Butts made a motion to approve Smart Power bid of \$3,012.48. Alderman Kolle seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye.

**3. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding the annual City Wide Clean up.**

Alderman Butts stated that he wanted this on the agenda to start the discussion and possibly chose dates for the annual city-wide cleanup. Alderman Butts asked if staff could provide possible dates and prices for the event. City Administrator stated that he would have the information by the next meeting.

**4. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding MoDOT City Council Authorization for the Missouri Highway Safety Program.**

Police Chief Sutherland stated that this grant provides reimbursement for costs associated with traffic offenses that the State has declared dangerous. Alderman Jones made a motion to approve. Alderman Butts seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye.



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**5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION regarding the hiring of a new police officer.**

Police Chief Sutherland explained that they have another candidate from the academy who graduates in May. According to the new city's policy all new hires must have approval by the Board of Aldermen before an offer can be made. Once the offer is made then the candidate can be placed into the next screening policy. Alderman Butts made a motion to approve. Alderman Kolle seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted aye.

**ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS**

Mayor Box stated that he asked City Administrator Bobadilla to get with the city's engineers to give an update on the road improvement projects. City Administrator stated that he just heard back from the engineers this afternoon. The projects will be put out to bid this week. Bid openings are set for March 31, 2022, and the results, with staff/engineer recommendation, will be presented at the April 7, 2022, Board of Aldermen Business Session.

**ADJOURN**

- Alderman Jones made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Kolle. All Aldermen voted aye.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Darrel Box, Mayor

Attest

Joe Bobadilla, City Administrator/Clerk