



City of Berkeley, Missouri
City Council Meeting
Special Meeting
April 29, 2020
Minutes

Mayor Hoskins called the special meeting to order and request the reading of the notice at 1:00 pm.

Special Meeting Notice

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Berkeley, Missouri shall hold a Special Virtual Meeting with a vote to go into closed session on: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 1:00 pm.

This meeting is called for the following purposes:

- 1) Discussion - Budget
- 2) Closed Session: Litigation-RSMo. 610.021(1), Real Estate-RSMo. 610.021(2), Personnel-RSMo. 610.021(3)

In light of the current public health crisis and the Federal, State, and County Emergency Declarations, and in accord with the provision of Sec. 610.020, RSMo., the City recognizes that it would be dangerous and impractical, if not impossible, for meetings to be physically accessible to the public. The City also recognizes the need for the public's business to be attended to in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. In order to balance both the need for continuity of government and protection of the health and safety of our residents, business persons, and employees, this meeting of the City of Berkeley was not open to public attendance in person. The meeting was accessible by the public in real time ONLY by video/audio webinar.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Mitchell (W1)	present – seen	Councilwoman Williams (W2)	present – seen
Councilwoman Hoskins (W3)	present – seen	Councilwoman Anthony (W4)	present – seen
Councilman Hindeleh (W5)	present – seen	Councilwoman-at-Large Greene	present – seen
Mayor Hoskins	present – seen	Quorum established.	

City Manager Irvin, Finance Director Camp and City Clerk Jones were in attendance.

Finance Director Camp and City Manager Irvin cut the revenue and expenses by 25% of the FY2020. The budget was found to be in a deficient of \$4M. The council was not given an approved FY2020 budget. The current balance is in the black due to the decrease in spending of budgeted items. The City Manager and Finance Director must identify how to cut the budget by \$4M. There will not be any salary increases in the FY2021 budget.

Councilman Hindeleh moved and Councilwoman-at-Large Greene seconded the motion to hold a virtual budget meeting on May 13th at 1pm. Roll Call: Mayor-Aye, Hoskins-Aye, Mitchell-Aye, Williams-Aye, Greene-Aye, Hindeleh-Aye, and Anthony-Aye (Aye-7).

For the safety of the receptionist desk and inspection desk a protective glass must be installed. This will be included in the reentry plan.

The Mayor and City Manager will submit to the council a plan on how the city hall employees will return to work and what rules and regulations will be required for the public to correspond within the city buildings. Example: the number of people allowed in the building at one time, wearing mask, etc....

The Council directed the City Manager to create an ordinance with procedures for a cashless system. This will eliminate the accepting of cash, money orders, and cashier's check; accepting debit and credit card payments only. The city manager will correspond with the courts to see if this is feasible, and how long will it take to phase in the rule. This is for the safety and welfare of the clerks by not having to touch cash from customers or residents.

The council will revisit allowing the renting of the parks in June.

Councilwoman-at-Large Greene moved, Councilwoman Anthony seconded, and the motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 1:47pm.

Approved: This 18th day of May 2020.

Attest:

Theodore Hoskins, Mayor

Deanna Jones, City Clerk