# CITY OF BOONVILLE
# COUNCIL MEETING
# AGENDA
## August 6, 2018
## 7:00 p.m.

**City Council Chambers**
**525 E. Spring Street**
**Boonville, Missouri**

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**I. Call to Order – Pledge and Prayer (Susan Meadows)**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Hearing of Citizens' Comments**

**IV. Approval of the Minutes of the July 16, 2018 Council Meeting**

**V. Consent Items**

a. Consider Pay Request No. 6 from Lehman Construction, LLC in the amount of $125,864.40 for Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Flow Equalization
b. Consider Change Order No. 3 from Lehman Construction LLC in the amount of **<$0.00>** for Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Flow Equalization
c. Consider Pay Request No. 4 from Qualite Sports Lighting, LLC in the amount of $189,329.00 for Soccer Complex

**VI. Presentation of Accounts and Claims**

**VII. Unfinished Business**

A) None.

**VIII. New Business**

A) First Reading of Bill No. 2018-017 Amending Code of General Ordinances Reference City Counselor Position
B) Consider Resolution R2018-08 Approving and Agreement with Phillip Wooldridge
C) Discussion and Action of Interim Agreement with Doug Abele.

**IX. Reports of Standing Committees**

A) Housing Authority – July 11, 2018 (Morris Carter)
B) Board of Public Works – July 26, 2018 (Susan Meadows)
C) Street, Alley, and Sanitation Board – July 25, 2018 (Michel Stock)
D) Industrial Development Authority – July 26, 2018 (Steve Young)
E) Municipal Facilities Authority – July 26, 2018 (Steve Young)
F) Parks and Recreation – July 17, 2018 (Vanessa Dorman)

## X. Reports of City Officials

City Administrator

Mayor

- Committee Appointments

City Clerk

## XI. Miscellaneous

## XII. Adjourn

**NOTICE:** The City of Boonville will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Individuals who require an accommodation due to disability to attend this meeting should contact our office at 660-882-2332 or Relay Missouri, 1-800-735-2966 TTY at least 48 hours in advance.

***DRAFT COPY PENDING CITY COUNCIL REVIEW AND APPROVAL***

City of Boonville
City Council Meeting
Minutes
July 16, 2018

The Boonville City Council met in Regular Session on July 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The following officers were present: Ned Beach, Mayor; Irl Tessendorf, City Administrator; and Teresa Studley, City Clerk. City Counselor position vacant.

**CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE AND PRAYER**

The meeting was called to order and Mr. Steve Young led the prayer after the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The following Council Representatives were present: Steve Young, Susan Meadows, Brent Bozarth, Henry Hurt, Morris Carter, Whitney Venable, and Michael Stock. Council Representative Vanessa Dorman was absent.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Jennifer Sell and Jason Gallup, Ward 1, stated that they live at 516 Spruce Street and they have had an ongoing problem with a retaining wall that is on the East side of the property, alongside of the alley. The retaining wall runs from Spruce Street, heading south to behind the AT&T building. Ms. Sell stated that she has spoken with Mr. M.L. Cauthon, Mr. Steve Hage, and Mr. Michael Stock regarding the wall. Ms. Sell advised that she was told by Mr. Cauthon that the City of Boonville would pay to have it replaced or that City of Boonville crews would replace the wall. Once Ms. Sell realized that gas lines run through the wall, she chose to have the City of Boonville replace it. And still, the wall is yet to be replaced. Ms. Sell advised that the retaining wall is very close to caving in onto the alley and her driveway is about to cave in as a result. Ms. Sell wants the retaining wall to be replaced as soon as possible because she is wanting to put her house up for sale and the failing of the retaining wall will not make it possible to sell. Ms. Sell advised that she has copies of emails in reference to this. Mayor Beach informed Ms. Sell that once the council meeting progresses through the agenda to Miscellaneous, this will be addressed. Mayor Beach advised that they were welcome to stay.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 2, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING**

The minutes were approved as presented.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

None.

## PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS

Ms. Studley read the ordinance appropriating money in its entirety and a second time by title only, since a copy of the ordinance had been made available prior to the meeting. Mr. Carter moved, and Mr. Venable seconded the motion for approval. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Young, Meadows, Bozarth, Hurt, Carter, Venable, and Stock. Total (7). Opposed: None. Total (0). Absent: Dorman. Total (1). Motion Carried.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

### *CONSIDER INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES PROPOSAL FOR 2018 SEWER LINE REHAB PROJECT*

Mr. Tessendorf advised the council that the proposal is a continuation of the City's sewer line rehab project that has been completed in previous years from Insituform Technologies. Mr. Cauthon has included a memo in the Council packet where the Council will find a brief overview of the project. Mr. Tessendorf advised that the City of Boonville has worked with Insituform for several years and it is a very good product. It is suggested to move forward with the project. Mr. Bozarth moved, and Mr. Stock seconded the motion for approval. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Young, Meadows, Bozarth, Hurt, Carter, Venable, and Stock. Total (7). Opposed: None. Total (0). Absent: Dorman. Total (1). Motion Carried.

### *MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT FOR CITY LEGAL SERVICES AND ASSOCIATED ACTION*

Mayor Beach advised the Council that placed at their seats, is the ordinance 2863 referencing Section 2-72 (2) the Term of Office; Election and Appointment, which includes the City Counselor. This is only for informative purposes for the Council. Mayor Beach advised that he, Mr. Tessendorf, and Ms. Fjell have spoken with four different firms regarding Legal Counsel for the City of Boonville. Mayor Beach referenced the memo that was included in the council packet. Mayor Beach explained the reason he has chosen this approach for Legal Counsel for the City of Boonville was that he wanted to make sure the City had the legal services that was needed, at the time that it was needed, and to make it where the separate counsels can act on their own specialties.

Mayor Beach advised the three firms recommended for legal services are as follows:

1. Doug Abele – will serve as primary (routine) City Counselor for the City of Boonville.
2. Phillip Wooldridge, Mark Wooldridge Law Office) – will assist the City with code enforcement, property maintenance work, and other projects that may arise.
3. Lauber and Associates – will assist with unique, one-time projects, such as: water line construction project and right of way acquisition for the Hwy 87 Annexation; and an intergovernmental agreement for the soccer fields and the agreement between the City and Boonville Soccer Academy for maintenance, etc. of complex. Mayor Beach advised that they specialize in small municipalities.

Mayor Beach opened the floor for any questions from Council. Mr. Young questioned that since the budget is already in place, will this affect the budget very much. Mr. Tessendorf stated that the budget was originally in place for an employee, and those funds will roll over for the use of legal counsel under contractual use. Mr. Tessendorf anticipates that the City will save money because you will only use the legal counsel when it is needed verses paying an employee on a full-time basis with benefits. Mr. Bozarth questioned the experience of Ms. Sydney Mayfield, who, most likely, will be the legal counsel utilized with Lauber and Associates. Mr. Bozarth is concerned that Ms. Mayfield does not have much experience with legal counsel for municipalities. Mayor Beach stated that he does not believe that she has been there very long. Mayor Beach feels that if there is a challenging project for Ms. Mayfield, she would confer or defer to her fellow counselors at Lauber and Associates. Mr. Tessendorf named off a few cities that Ms. Mayfield has worked for in her career. Mr. Bozarth feels that Mr. Abele and Mr. Wooldridge should be enough legal counsel for the City of Boonville. Mayor Beach stated that he is recommending three different firms because of the way the projects can be spread out. Mayor Beach feels that if Ms. Mayfield is having difficulties in one of the projects, the City will be able to utilize the fellow counsel that is at the firm. That is why Lauber and Associates was chosen, the strength of the firm can help. Mr. Bozarth is concerned because he feels that Mayor Beach wants the Council to approve his recommendations and then will talk about the money later. Mr. Bozarth would like to have a dollar figure before he is asked to pass the recommendation. Mayor Beach stated that each of the firms have different hourly rates. They are as follows:

1. Doug Abele -- $170 per hour
2. Phillip Wooldridge -- $175 per hour
3. Lauber and Associates -- $160-$195 per hour. (depending upon the project)

Ms. Meadows inquired how these prices compare to a full-time counselor. Mayor Beach responded that it depends on how much they are used. Mayor Beach agrees with Mr. Tessendorf that the City should be saving money with using the firms on a contractual basis verses having a full-time employee with benefits. After brief discussion by Council, there were no further questions.

Mr. Venable moved, and Mr. Stock seconded the motion to consent to the Mayor's recommendations for Legal Counsel. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Young, Meadows, Hurt, Venable, and Stock. Total (5). Opposed: Bozarth and Carter. Total (2). Absent: Dorman. Total (1). Motion Carried.

***POTENTIAL ACTION OF AIRPORT GRANT PER MEMO ENCLOSED***

Mayor Beach advised that there has been nothing received from the State of Missouri regarding the Airport Grant. Mayor Beach stated that it would be carried over the next meeting if there are no objections. There were no objections.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

***BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – JUNE 28, 2018***

Ms. Meadows reported that the board met and considered a request for a waiver and the board toured the Wastewater Treatment Plant Flow Equalization construction site. Ms.

Meadows reported that it is very impressive.

***PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION – JULY 10, 2018***

Mr. Venable reported that the meeting was cancelled.

**REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS**

***CITY ADMINISTRATOR***

Mr. Tessendorf stated that there was a draft of an ordinance that was included in the council packet regarding the counselor issue. The ordinance is necessary to change the counselor from an employee position to a contractual position. This will be brought back to the Council in the near future.

***MAYOR***

Mayor Beach informed the Council that included in the Council Packet is a list of vacant committee positions that need to be filled. Mayor Beach thanked Ms. Studley for including the list in this and past packets.

Mayor Beach advised that there are two committee appointments that need approval by council. The appointments are Liz Davis for the Cemetery Board and Jim Gann for the IDA. Mr. Carter moved, and Mr. Young seconded the motion to accept the Mayor's committee appointments. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Young, Meadows, Bozarth, Hurt, Carter, Venable, and Stock. Total (7). Opposed: None. Total (0). Absent: Dorman. Total (1). Motion Carried.

Mayor Beach brought the Council's attention to the financial pages that were included in the council packet. Mr. Beach requested that Mr. Tessendorf explain to the council the reason why some of the figures are at a negative balance. Mr. Tessendorf explained that some funds look like a deficit because the actual money being used for the project is already there; however, it is not considered a revenue for this fiscal year because there has been no revenue for that fund for this fiscal year. Due to that, it will look like a deficit, but it is not.

Mayor Beach brought the Council's attention to the gaming revenues that was included in the council packet. Mayor Beach inquired of Mr. Tessendorf as to how much money he believes the City of Boonville had lost due to the casino being shut down for three to four days. Mr. Tessendorf believes that the City lost approximately $20,000.

Mayor Beach brought the Council's attention to the picture of the painting of the water tower on Riviera Drive. Mayor Beach appreciates the hard work of Alliance Water Resources.

***CITY CLERK***

Ms. Studley reminded everyone that the next regular Council meeting would be held in three weeks on August 6, due to the month of July having five Mondays in the month.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Cauthon came before the Council regarding the retaining wall at 516 Spruce Street, along the East side of the property, alongside of the alley. Mr. Cauthon explained that the retaining will is owned by Jennifer Sell, the owner of the property at 516 Spruce Street. It is the owner's responsibility to rebuild the retaining wall, not the City of Boonville's. Mr. Cauthon advised that the City offered $1,800 to assist Ms. Sell in repairing the retaining wall. Because of the removal of trees along the alleyway, the City wanted to compensate Ms. Sell for that. Mr. Cauthon advised that Ms. Sell investigated how much the project would cost and since it would be more than the $1,800, she asked the City for more money and the City declined. Mr. Cauthon stated that this may be where the confusion began, when the City declined to pay more than $1,800. Mr. Cauthon stated that he still intends to rebuild the alley approach, sidewalk approach, and the area between the driveway and the alley. Mr. Cauthon added that the retaining wall is on private property and it is for the benefit of the private property. It is not the City's responsibility for the retaining wall. After some discussion, Mayor Beach suggested that Mr. Cauthon, Mr. Stock, and Ms. Sell sit down and discuss a resolution for this problem.

Mr. Hurt commended Mr. Cauthon that the curbing on 7th Street Terrace looks very good.

Ms. Fjell informed the Council that she received a call from Mr. Josh Black, manager at Hail Ridge, regarding the golf course greens which are experiencing a nematode issue. Mr. Black informed Ms. Fjell that he is taking the necessary action to kill the fungus.

Mr. Stock stated that he helped with the Boonslick Heartland YMCA running event. During that event, Mr. Stock had noticed that the ground maintenance at the Kemper football field and the surrounding area looked exceptionally good. Mr. Stock commended the City crew on their hard work in maintaining the area.

## ADJOURN

With no further discussion, Mr. Carter moved, and Mr. Young seconded the motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. and the voice vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Teresa Studley, City Clerk

Approved:

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Ned Beach, Mayor

# APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT
## (PAY ESTIMATE)

Original _____ of 6
Page ____ of

CONTRACTOR: Lehman Construction, LLC

APPLICATION NO: 6

PROJECT NO: 454-267

OWNER: City Of Boonville MO

APPLICATION DATE: 6-Aug-18

Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Flow Equilization

PERIOD FROM:

| | |
|---|---|
| ORIGINAL CONTRACT SUM: | $2,195,102.00 |
| NET CHANGE BY CHANGE ORDERS: | $0.00 |
| CONTRACT SUM TO DATE: | $2,195,102.00 |
| MATERIALS STORED: | $0.00 |
| TOTAL COMPLETED & STORED TO DATE: | $1,533,134.00 |
| RETAINAGE 10%: | $153,313.40 |
| TOTAL EARNED LESS RETAINAGE: | $1,379,820.60 |
| LESS PREVIOUS CERTIFICATES OF PAYMENT: | $1,253,956.20 |
| CURRENT PAYMENT DUE: | $125,864.40 |
| CONTRACT TIME LIMIT DATE: | November 2, 2018 |

| ORDER NO. | DATE APPROVED | ADDITIONS | DEDUCTIONS |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 5/7/2018 | | $0.00 |
| 2 | 7/2/2018 | | $0.00 |
| | TOTALS | $0.00 | $0.00 |

NET CHANGE BY CHANGE ORDERS: $0.00

The undersigned Contractor certifies that to the best of the Contractor's knowledge, information and belief the Work covered by this Application for Payment has been completed in accordance with the Contract Documents, that all amounts have been paid by the Contractor for Work for which previous Certificates for Payment were issued and payments received from the Owner, and that current payment shown herein is now due.

In accordance with the Contract Documents, based on site observations and the data comprising this application, the Engineer certifies to the Owner that to the best of the Engineer's knowledge, information and belief the Work has progressed as indicated, the quality of the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents, and the Contractor is entitled to payment of the AMOUNT CERTIFIED OF $

(Attach explanation if amount certified differs from the amount applied for. Initial all figures on this Application and on the Continuation Sheet that are changed to conform to the amount certified.)

CONTRACTOR:

BY: Brett Hall

DATE:

OWNER:

BY:

ENGINEER:

BY: Byron L. Shaw, Jr.

MECO ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC.
ENGINEERS * SURVEYORS

2701 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE
JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65109 (573)893-5558

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER
SECTION 00941

Change Order No. 3
Project No. 454-267

Sheet of
Original _ of 6

Recommended: MECO Engineering Co., Inc. (Engineer)

To: Lehman Construction Company, LLC (Contractor)

From: City of Boonville (Owner)

You are hereby directed to make the following changes:

I. Reason for change and effect on completion time (if any):

Line item # 59: Existing return activated sludge piping was not to plan location and in the way of the new proposed headworks structure

II. Cost of work affected by this Change Order:

| Item No. | Item Description | Bid Amount | | | Previous Change Orders | This Change Order | | | Revised Contract |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Quantity/Units | Unit Price | Value | C.O. # | Quantity Changed | Increase Qty. Decrease Qty. | Amount Added or Deducted | Quantity/Unit |
| 42 | Contingency | 1 EA | $100,000.00 | $100,000.00 | 1, 2 | -0.45 EA | -0.18 EA | -$17,766.17 | 0.82 EA $37,299.11 |
| 59 | Return Activated Sludge Piping Relocated at Headworks | | $17,766.17 | | | | 1 LS | $17,766.17 | 1 LS |
| Total This Sheet: | | | | | | | | $0.00 | |

1. Original Contract Amount: $2,195,102.00
2. Add or Deduct This Order Totals: $0.00
3. Add or Deduct Previous: $0.00
   (Line 4 of previous order)
4. Total Add or Deduct to Date (2+3): $0.00
5. Revised Contract Amount (1+4): $2,195,102.00

Byron L Shaw Jr. 7/30/2018
Recommended: Engineer - MECO Engineering Company Date

Ordered: Owner Date

Brett Hall
Accepted: Contractor Date

Change Order is subject to all provisions of the Contract Documents and is not in effect unless signed by all parties.

# APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT

Produced by Document G702



To (Owner):
CITY OF BOONVILLE
401 MAIN STREET BOONVILLE, MO 65233

From (Contractor)
QUALITE SPORTS LIGHTING, LLC
215 W. MECHANIC ST HILLSDALE, MI 49242

Contract For: General Construction Services / Design Build

Project:
BOONVILLE CITY SOCCER COMPLEX AT
BOONVILLLE HIGH SCHOOL

Via Architect:

Period to: 07/27/18
Start date: 10/18/17
Architect:
Project No. QL 18832 D25 FINAL
Contract Date: 10/18/17

4 Distribution to:
Owner: CITY OF BOONVILLE
Architect:
Contractor: Qualite Sports Lighting

## Contractor's Application for Payment

Change Order Summary

| C.O. Authorized | Date Approved | Description | Additions |
|---|---|---|---|
| Authorization 1 | Date Approved | | $0.00 |
| Authorization 2 | Date Approved | | $0.00 |
| Authorization 3 | Date Approved | | $0.00 |
| Authorization 4 | Date Approved | | $0.00 |
| Authorization 5 | Date Approved | | $0.00 |
| Authorization 6 | Date Approved | | $0.00 |
| Authorization 7 | Date Approved | | $0.00 |
| Authorization 8 | Date Approved | | $0.00 |
| | Totals | | $0.00 |
| Net change by Change Orders | | Total Change Order amount ==>> | $0.00 |

**The undersigned Contractor certifies that to the best of the Contractor's knowledge information and the belief he Work cvered by this application for Payment has been complete in accordance with the Contract Documents, that all amounts have been paid by the Contractor for Work for which previous certificates for Payment were issued and payments recleived from the Owner, that current payment shown herein is now due.**

Contractor: Qualite Sports Lighting, LLC
215 W. Mechanic St., Hillsdale, MI 49242

By: Georgia E. Clark Date: 07/27/18

Application is made for Payment, as shown below, in connection with the Contract Continuation sheet AIA Document G703 is attached.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Original Contract Sum | | $908,990.00 |
| 2. Net Change by Change orders | | $0.00 |
| 3. Contract Sum to date | | $908,990.00 |
| 4. Total Complete & Stored to date | | $908,990.00 |
| Column G on G703 | | |
| 5. Retainage: | | |
| a. 10 % | $908,990.00 | $90,899.00 |
| 10 % of completed work (Column D&E on G703) | | |
| b. 10 % | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| 10 % Of Stored Material (Column F on G703) | | |
| Total Retainage (line 5a + 5b or Total In Column I of G703) | | $90,899.00 |
| 6. Total Earned Less Retainage | | $818,091.00 |
| (Line 4 less Line 5 total) | | |
| 7. Less Previous Certificates for Payments (from Prior Certificates) | | $719,661.00 |
| 8. Current Payment Due | | $189,329.00 |
| 9. Balance to Finish, Plus Retainage (Line 3 less Line 6) | | $0.00 |

State of MI County of Hillsdale
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 Day of July 2018.
Notary Public: Jaime Rae Tucker
My Commission expires: May 21, 2024

JAIME RAE TUCKER
Notary Public - State of Michigan
County of Jackson
My Commission Expires May 21, 2024
Acting in the County of Hillsdale

## ARCHITECT'S CERTIFICATE FOR PAYMENT

**In accordance with the Contract Documents, based on on-site observation and the data comprising the above application, the Architect certifies to the Owner that to the best of the Architect's knowledge, information and belief the Work has progressed as indicated, the quality of the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents, and the Contractor is entitled to payment of the AMOUNT CERTIFIED**

**Amount Certified**
(Attached explanation if amount is certified differs from the amount applied for.)
Architect:
By: _____ Date: _____

**This certificate is not negotiable. The AMOUNT CERTIFIED is payable only to the contractor named herein. Issuance, payment and acceptance of payment are without prejudeice to any rights of the owner or Contractor under this Contract.**

## ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONEY

Be it Ordained by the Council of the City of Boonville, as follows:

**Section 1:** For the purpose of paying salaries and various accounts against the City of Boonville, which have been allowed by the Council, at the regular meeting thereof on August 6, 2018 the sum of **$945,026.41**

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| General Fund | $263,406.04 |
| Sanitation | $49,326.48 |
| CIP Tax | $30,773.29 |
| Water Works | $134,239.09 |
| Capital Projects | $3,403.88 |
| Waste Water | $96,079.57 |
| Tourism | $10,884.02 |
| Gaming | $151,597.70 |
| Parks/Water | $205,316.34 |

**Section 2:** The Accountant is hereby authorized and instructed to draw checks on the respective City bank accounts, in favor of the persons whose salaries and accounts have been allowed as above, amounting to **$945,026.41** being the total amount of money above appropriated.

**Section 3:** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. First reading on August 6, 2018 read for the second time this 6th day of August, 2018 since a copy was made available prior to the meeting.

Approved August 6, 2018 _____
Mayor

Endorsed August 6, 2018: I hereby certify that a sufficient sum of money stands to the credit of the City, unappropriated, in the various funds to meet the requirements of this ordinance.

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Accountant


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**BILL NO. 2018-017** **ORDINANCE NO. _____**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BOONVILLE, MISSOURI, AMENDING SECTIONS 2-72, 2-75(b) AND 2-77 OF THE CODE OF GENERAL ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE CITY COUNSELOR; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE**

**WHEREAS,** it is the intent of the Mayor and City Council to modify its approach to gaining legal services needed by the City.

The City Attorney who performs the prosecutorial function in Municipal Court is not affected.

The City Counselor function has most recently been provided by an appointed City Employee.

The new structure will change the structure from a single employee to appointed individuals or firms who will provide the needed services on a contractual basis.

This structure allows greater flexibility in the method of delivery the legal services, allows for varying levels of service in terms of time and cost control, and allows for the use of multiple engagements to better address the City's specific needs and projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOONVILLE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1:** That Section 2-72 (2) of the Boonville Code of General Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

Section 2-72(2) – The City Counselor/s shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and City Council. The incumbents will be on an independent contractor status and multiple individuals or firms may serve concurrently.

**SECTION 2:** That Section 2-75 (b) shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 2-75 (b)

City Counselor/s: There may be one or more individuals or firms appointed as City Counselors and shall provide legal services to the City including but not limited to:

- General legal guidance to staff and City Council in person or otherwise
- Advise, assist, and act on regulatory matters
- Attend Council Meetings as needed
- Respond, as needed, to public inquiries
- Conduct or carryout action within the Planning and Zoning context
- Other services, tasks, issues, or topics as assigned

**SECTION 3:** That Section 2-77 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**SECTION 4:** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

**SECTION 5:** That Ordinance No. 3944, all ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance, including the job description are hereby repealed.

**FIRST READING: August 6, 2018**

**READ FOR THE SECOND TIME AND PASSED ON THIS AUGUST 20TH DAY OF AUGUST 2018, AFTER A COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE WAS MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION PRIOR TO THE SECOND READING.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

**APPROVED THIS 20th DAY OF AUGUST, 2018**

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NED BEACH, MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

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TERESA STUDLEY, CITY CLERK

**RESOLUTION NO. R2018-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BOONVILLE, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT BY AND BETWEEN PHILLIP M. WOOLDRIDGE, OF THE MARK WOOLDRIDGE LAW OFFICE AND THE CITY OF BOONVILLE, MISSOURI PERTAINING TO LEGAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has made City Counselor appointments and the City Council has affirmed said appointments and the terms and conditions of said services need to be defined.

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Boonville, Missouri, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That a certain Agreement between **Phillip Wooldridge, of the Mark Wooldridge Law Office,** and the City of Boonville, Missouri relating to the provision of legal services, a copy of which is marked "**Exhibit A**" is attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby approved.

**SECTION 2:** That the City Administrator and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute, and attest said Agreement on behalf of the City of Boonville.

**SECTION 3:** This resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

**PASSED THIS 6TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2018, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOONVILLE, MISSOURI**

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**Ned Beach, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Teresa Studley, City Clerk**

# LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

1. IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES. This agreement, executed in triplicate with each party receiving an executed original, is made between Philip M. Wooldridge, of the Mark Wooldridge Law Office (hereinafter referred to as "WOOLDRIDGE") and the City of Boonville, Missouri, (hereinafter referred to as "CITY").

2. LEGAL SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED. The legal services to be provided by WOOLDRIDGE to CITY are as follows: advice and civil enforcement of building code ordinance for dangerous buildings and nuisances under the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Boonville, Missouri, and for such other and further legal services as may be specifically requested of WOOLDRIDGE by CITY.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF LAW FIRM AND CLIENTS. WOOLDRIDGE will perform the legal services called for under this agreement, keep CITY informed of progress and developments, and respond promptly to CITY's inquiries and communications. CITY will be truthful and cooperative with WOOLDRIDGE; secure the necessary evidence and documentation applicable to the legal services being performed by WOOLDRIDGE, keep WOOLDRIDGE reasonably informed of developments relevant to the representation herein; and timely make any payments required by this agreement.

4. ATTORNEY'S FEES. CITY will pay WOOLDRIDGE the attorney's fees for the legal services provided under this agreement at the hourly rate of One Hundred Seventy-Five ($175.00)/per hour. WOOLDRIDGE will charge in increments of one tenth of an hour, rounded off for each particular activity to the nearest one tenth of an hour. The minimum time charged for any particular activity will be one tenth of an hour.

WOOLDRIDGE will charge for all activities undertaken in providing legal services to CITY under this agreement, including, but not limited to, the following: conferences, court appearances, depositions preparation and participation; correspondence, reviewing and marshalling evidence, review and preparation of legal documents and pleadings; legal research; and telephone conversations.

If, while this agreement is in effect, WOOLDRIDGE increases the hourly rates being charged to clients generally for attorney's fees, that increase may be applied to fees incurred under this agreement, but only with respect to services provided 30 days or more after written notice of the increase is mailed to CITY. If CITY chooses not to consent to the increased rates, CITY may terminate WOOLDRIDGE's services under this agreement by written notice effective when received by WOOLDRIDGE provided CITY execute and return a substitution-of-attorney form immediately on its receipt from WOOLDRIDGE if WOOLDRIDGE is CITY's attorney of record in any proceeding. If CITY chooses not to consent to the increased rates then WOOLDRIDGE may terminate his services under this Agreement.
CITY acknowledges that WOOLDRIDGE has made no promises about the total amount of attorney's fees to be incurred by CITY under this agreement.

5. COSTS. CITY will pay all "costs" in connection with WOOLDRIDGE's representation of CITY under this agreement. Costs will be advanced by WOOLDRIDGE and then billed to CITY unless the costs can be met out of client deposits that are applicable toward costs. Costs include, but are not limited to, court filing fees, deposition costs, expert fees and expenses, investigation costs, and process server fees.

6. DEPOSIT FOR FEES. CITY will pay to WOOLDRIDGE an initial deposit of One Thousand dollars ($1,000.00), to be received by WOOLDRIDGE at the time of execution of this agreement by all parties, and to be applied against attorney's fees and costs incurred by CITY. Of this amount, Five Hundred dollars ($500.00) is nonrefundable and Five Hundred dollars ($500.00) is refundable. The nonrefundable portion will be applied against attorney's fees first. WOOLDRIDGE will deposit the refundable portion in his Missouri Lawyer's Trust Account. CITY authorizes WOOLDRIDGE to withdraw the principal from the trust account to pay attorney's fees in excess of the nonrefundable portion of the deposit. If, at the termination of services under this agreement, the total amount incurred by Clients for attorney's fees is less than the amount of the initial deposit, the difference, to a maximum of the refundable portion of the deposit, will be refunded to CITY.
WOOLDRIDGE will notify CITY whenever the full amount of the initial deposit has been applied to attorney's fees incurred by CITY.

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WOOLDRIDGE will notify CITY whenever the full amount of any deposit has been applied to costs incurred by CITY. Within 15 days after each notification is mailed, CITY will pay to WOOLDRIDGE an additional deposit in the same amount, and to be applied in the same manner, as the initial one. Deposit of such additional amounts will be made in the same manner as for the initial deposit. CITY authorizes WOOLDRIDGE to withdraw the principal from the trust account to pay costs concurrent with the costs being incurred by CITY. Such additional deposits will also be refundable. If, at the termination of services under this agreement, the total amount incurred by CITY for costs is less than the total amount of all deposits, the difference will be refunded to CITY.

8. STATEMENTS AND PAYMENTS. WOOLDRIDGE will send CITY statements indicating attorney's fees and costs incurred and their basis, any amounts applied from deposits, and any current balance owed on the first and third Wednesday of each month. If no attorney's fees or costs are incurred for a particular billing period, or if they are minimal, the statement may be held and combined with that for the following billing period. Any balance will be paid in full within 30 days after the statement is mailed.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT. This agreement becomes effective as of the date of the when it is executed by all of the parties to do so.

The foregoing is agreed to by:

**City of Boonville**

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By: Date

**Mark Wooldridge Law Office**

_____ _____

Philip M. Wooldridge Date

**Interim Agreement for Legal Counsel**
**Abele Law Office and City of Boonville**

The City intends to utilize your contracted legal services for the City of Boonville's routine work. The City understands you are committed to your current position through December 2018. Upon date of execution, the City intends to use you on a limited basis until a full and complete contract detailing the scope, compensation and terms will be completed in 2019 or before.

Therefor this agreement will function as an interim agreement between Abele Law Office and the City of Boonville. It is agreed the City will compensate the Abele Law Office at an hourly rate of $170.

The scope of services will be general legal counsel such as, advice and guidance to City staff and officials, advise on regulatory matters, periodic attendance at Council meetings, advice and review on planning and zoning matters and other such services.

The City will provide you with a City of Boonville email address, office and phone. Additionally, the City will pay for your attendance at relevant Missouri Municipal League trainings for municipal attorneys.

Between now and the formal executed contract, you will provide the City a monthly invoice for hours worked. It is anticipated that you will work between 2-4 hours per week.

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Ned Beach, Mayor

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Doug Abele, Abele Law Office

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Date

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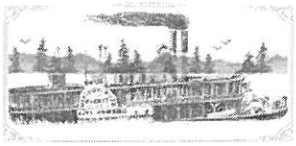
Date



**HOUSING AUTHORITY**
**of the City of Boonville**
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Boonville, MO 65233-1521 Fax: 660-882-6811

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BOONVILLE, MO HELD ON JULY 11, 2018

**On the 11th of July 2018 at 12:00 P.M. the Housing Authority Commissioners met for a regular meeting at 506 Powell Court, Boonville, MO 65233.**

**1. Roll Call**: A roll call of the following members were present;

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| City Council Rep. Morris Carter | Chairperson, John Linville | Commissioner, Charles Green |
| Commissioner, Laura Holman | Commissioner, Albert Turner | Secretary, Robert Rorah |
| Guest: Stacey Pagliaro, Scotty Purvis | Absent: Marilyn Adkins | |

There being a quorum present Chairperson, John Linville called the meeting to order and asked if there is any pertinent information to discuss before the agenda is placed on the table, hearing none:

**2. Meeting Minutes:** Consideration was given, and discussion held on minutes of the June 13, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. John Linville made motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Albert Turner. The motion passed.

**3. Bills and Communications:** The UMB Bank Balance for July 11, 2018 is $39,041.34. Consideration was given, and discussion held on Bills Paid in June 2018. The Bank Reconciliation Statement from May 31, 2018 along with the corresponding Operating Budget Trial Balance were discussed and reviewed.

**4. Report of the Secretary:** PIC Report for June 30, 2018 was at 100%. The Project Performance Reports for June 30, 2018 were also distributed and discussed, Tenant Occupancy was at 98%.

**5. Unfinished Business:** a. Discussion was held, and consideration was given on the Housing Authorities Fiscal Year End (FYE) June 30, 2018. Mr. Rorah reported Year End financial statements are being prepared for audit. b. Discussion was held, and consideration was given on distribution of PILOT payments. The County has waived Pilot payments, the City has not waived Pilot payments.

6. **New Business:** a. Consideration was given, and discussion was held on the approved Capital Fund Program Grant for 2018. Laura Holman made motion to accept the 2018 Grant with Changes to the ACC Amendment from HUD. John Linville seconded, the motion passed. b. Discussion was held and consideration given on submitting the CFP 2016 Cost Certificate to HUD as all funds in the grant have been expended. John Linville made motion to submit the CFP 2016 Cost Certificate to HUD in preparation for audit. Charles Green seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**7. Miscellaneous:** The Board may have to have a Special Meting the third week of August, 2018 or before to approve a budget revision.

**8. Adjournment** John Linville made motion to adjourn the meeting, Charles Green second. Meeting adjourned.

CHAIRPERSON: _____ Date_____

SECRETARY: _____ Date_____

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# MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Public Works

FROM: M. L. Cauthon III, Director of Public Works

DATE: July 20, 2018

RE: July 26, 2018 Meeting Cancellation

The Board of Public Works regularly scheduled meeting for Thursday, July 26, 2018 is cancelled.

M. L. Cauthon III

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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Street, Alley and Sanitation Board

FROM: M. L. Cauthon III, Director of Public Works

DATE: July 20, 2018

RE: July 25, 2018 Meeting Cancellation

The Street, Alley and Sanitation Board regularly scheduled meeting for Wednesday, July 25, 2018 is cancelled.

M. L. Cauthon III

**THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (IDA) OF THE CITY OF BOONVILLE, MO**
**MINUTES**
**July 26, 2018**

**Call to Order**
The Directors of the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Boonville, MO met at the City Council Chambers on June 26, 2018. President Ken Hirlinger called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.
**Members present**: Chad Gaines, Steve Young (Council rep), Ken Hirlinger, Sam Giroux, Jim Gann, Lindi Overton, and Tabitha Greis.
**City Staff Present**: Kate Fjell, Asst. to City Administrator
**Members Absent**: Harry Enderle and Bob Irish

**Public Comments**
There were no public comments.

**Approval of Minutes**
Minutes of the June 28, 2018 meeting were presented. The content of the minutes were approved 6-0 after a motion by Sam and a second by Chad.

**Treasurer's Report**
The Treasurer's Report was presented by Ken and reviewed by the Board. The Report was approved 6-0 after a motion by Tabitha and a second by Lindi.

**Old Business**
Upon review of the bylaws, Lindi moved and Sam seconded a motion to change the bylaws to state, "An Annual ~~Audit~~ review of the books of an account and financial records of the corporation shall be performed as deemed appropriate by the board". The motion passed unanimously. Lindi and Kate will proceed with sending out a request for proposals for a 3-year engagement from a firm to do an annual financial review.

**New Business**
Ken Hirlinger noted that Jim Gann has joined the group as a member now that he is not longer working for the City.

**President's Report**
a. Due to Harry's impending retirement, the IDA needs a new treasurer. Lindi moved and Jim seconded that Sam Giroux serve as the next treasurer. There were no other nominations and the motion passed 6-0.
b. Ken stated that Wendy Wooldridge resigned her position from the IDA and therefore the Board will need a new member. Ken asked if any members had any recommendations to please email or call him.
c. Ken stated that he and Kate participated in a site visit on Wednesday, August 25 for Project Razor. The consultant who visited is making a presentation to the company on August 22nd, and the IDA will need to have a proposal into them by then. Ken appointed an attraction review committee of Sam, Jim, and himself to prepare an offer. The offer will be discussed at the next IDA meeting.

**Miscellaneous**
Lindi inquired about CMMG's status since their visit to the board. Kate will reach out and provide an update at the next meeting.

**Next Board Meeting**
The next meeting of the IDA is scheduled for August 16, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

**Adjournment**
There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn by Lindi Overton and a second by Sam Giroux. The motion carried 8-0 and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Fjell
Asst. to City Administrator

# THE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY (MFA) OF THE CITY OF BOONVILLE, MO
# MINUTES
# JULY 26, 2018

**Call to Order**
The Directors of the Municipal Facilities Authority of the City of Boonville, MO met at the City Council Chambers on July 26, 2018. President Ken Hirlinger called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.
Members present were Sam Giroux, Chad Gaines, Ken Hirlinger, Jim Gann, Tabitha Greis, Lindi Overton, Steve Young (Council Rep). Staff Present was Kate Fjell. Members Absent: Harry Enderle, Bob Irish

**Public Comments**
There were no public comments.

**Approval of Minutes**
Minutes of the April 19, 2018 MFA meeting were presented. The content of the minutes were approved 6-0 after a motion by Tabitha and a second by Chad.

Minutes of the March 29, 2018 MFA Special meeting were presented. The content of the minutes were approved with a minor revision 8-0 after a motion by Sam Giroux and a second by Tabitha Greis.

**Treasurer's Report**
The Treasurer's Report was presented and reviewed by the Board. The Report was approved 6-0 after a motion by Lindi and a second by Sam.

Kenny noted that the Stachebox was behind on their Revolving Loan fund payment. Kate will review the agreement and determine what the next steps are for securing payment/ collateral. Kenny also noted that Harry had reached out to Stachbox to inquire about their status, but at the time of the meeting had not received a response.

Due to Harry's impending retirement, there is a need for a new treasurer of the MFA. Lindi moved and Chad seconded a motion for Sam Giroux to serve as treasurer of the MFA. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

**Old Business**
Ken distributed a memo from Chad Caraker outlining the organizational status of the MFA. Jim moved and Lindi seconded a motion to empower Ken to spend up to $1000 to hire an attorney to determine the best path forward that would resolve the organizational status of the MFA in light of the existing historical documents and the memo from Mr. Caraker. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0.

**New Business**
There was no new business.

**President's Report**
Ken reported that the housing committee continues to meet and plans to present their findings to the City Council in September.

**Next Board Meeting**
The next meeting of the MFA is scheduled for August 16, 2018 after the IDA meeting in the Council Chambers.

**Adjournment**
There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn by Lindi and seconded by Tabitha. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned 6:25

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Fjell
Asst. to City Administrator

**Parks and Recreation Board Meeting**
**Tuesday, July 17, 2018**
**Boonville City Council Chambers, 525 East Spring Street**
**Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Theresa Krebs, Kathleen Conway, Larry Heilman, Terry Davis, Albert Turner, Matt Schneringer
Members Absent: Vanessa Dorman (Council Rep)
Staff Present: Paul Linhart, Kate Fjell

I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order with a quorum present at 5:30PM

II. Approval of Minutes
Kathleen moved, and Terry seconded a motion to approve the minutes, the motion passed unanimously

III. Public Comments
None

IV. Old Business
a. Soccer Complex Update
Kate provided the members with an update of the Boonville soccer complex. The turf has been installed and the electricians have completed their work. The City crews are on site and working on the installation of sidewalks, fences and ball stop netting. There are a few events scheduled for the fall.

b. Eagle Scott Project
Paul reported that there was a local Eagle Scout project that was completed in early fall. The project included repairing a trail at Rolling Hills.

V. New Business
a. Pool Season 2018
Kate reported that the hot and dry weather has resulted in a good year for the pool. Albert asked about the number of season pass holders. Paul and Kate reported that they didn't know how many, but they would try to get the number before the next meeting.

b. Activity Report
Kate and Paul went through the activity report. Paul reported that the crews have done street work and are installing fencing at the soccer complex. The mowing crew work load has been lessened due to the dry season, so they have been helping in other areas.

VI. Miscellaneous
Mr. Turner asked if the shelter houses are cleaned for those who reserve them. Paul explained that they are cleaned prior to use.

VII. Adjourn
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM.

# VACANT COMMITTEE POSITIONS & COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

**Airport**
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**Architectural Review**
Vacant-1

**Board of Adjustments**
Vacant-2

**BOCA Board of Appeals**
Vacant-1

**Fire Board**
Vacant-1

**Industrial Development Authority**
Vacant-1

**Parks and Recreation Board**
Albert Turner

**Transportation Development**
Julie Thacher
Vacant-2


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# How municipal court defendants get off easy after Ferguson

A recent Friday morning in the courtroom of presiding Independence Municipal Judge Garry Helm demonstrates as conclusively as anything why Missouri's sweeping 2015 judicial reforms went too far.

On the 10 a.m. docket that day were 368 cases. In the audience were — count 'em — seven defendants.

Helm had predicted the paltry turnout even before he walked into court that morning. No-shows dominate life in municipal courts these days. New state laws, enacted as a result of the Ferguson uprising, stipulate that Helm can't fine a defendant for missing court for minor traffic violations such as driving without a license. He can't get them tossed in jail. And he can't suspend their licenses.

So the word is out: There's no reason to show up for court. And drivers who lack licenses or insurance continue to roam the streets.

"It's just really sad," Helm said. "They've taken the teeth out of municipal courts."

"They" is the Missouri General Assembly, which meant well when it passed a series of laws that then-Gov. Jay Nixon called the most comprehensive municipal court reform bill in state history. They acted after a Justice Department investigation documented enormous problems in east Missouri towns like Ferguson, which essentially ticketed African Americans as a way to to generate enough revenue to operate their cities.

The report concluded that officials in those municipalities viewed African Americans "less as constituents to be protected than as potential offenders and sources of revenue." The oppressive brand of law enforcement in those towns amounted to an ongoing abuse of power.

Then-state Sen. Eric Schmitt, who's now the state treasurer and was the bill's primary sponsor, said at the time the legislation was intended to address a "breakdown of trust" between people, the government and the court system. The old laws had treated citizens like

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State Treasurer Eric Schmitt said there is "breakdown of trust" between people, the government and the court system.

ATMs. "Healing that," he said, "is something worth fighting for."

He was right. That those issues needed to be addressed was obvious. The problem? Lawmakers lumped every city in the state in with the bad actors in the St. Louis suburbs. The result was a vast overreach that created problems where none had existed before, which is exactly what Kansas City Mayor Sly James predicted before Nixon signed one of the bills.

Said state Rep. DaRon McGee, a Kansas City Democrat, "We're making Ferguson's problems Kansas City's problems."

Among the changes was a lowering of maximum fines to $225 from what used to be $500. The result? Combined with a ban on late fees and warrant fees, revenue flowing into city coffers has dropped dramatically. Add to that some other expenses associated with the news laws, which included software and personnel requirements, and the result has been the [illegible]ng of small municipal courts and police departments all over western Missouri.

They simply couldn't afford to remain open.

Among the affected towns are Holt, Platte City, Mosby, Lake Tapawingo, Randolph, Lake Lafayette, Avondale and Napoleon. Cases that would have been handled in those courtrooms are now winding up in associate circuit courts crowding those dockets to overflowing.

The change has undermined enforcement in another key area, too: neighborhood nuisances often involving abandoned homes. The Kansas City housing judge now says he no longer has the tools to stop offenders.

The state Senate considered but did not pass a bill this year aimed at undoing some of the reforms. Sen. Bob Dixon, a Springfield Republican, said his aim was to start a conversation about solutions. One of Dixon's ideas: If a citizen fails to show up for a court date, a judge could order community service, issue a civil fine or put a hold on a driver's license.

He told The St. Louis Post-Dispatch that he'd heard from mayors across the state that the 2015 law had hurt their cities.

"It has removed the ability for municipalities to enforce their ordinances," he said. "We need a different solution."

But Schmitt stands by the reforms as the best way to stop cities from abusing citizens via multiple tickets. The message to cities, he said, is: "You need to find another way to generate revenue."

Complaints about the new rules amount to sour grapes "from cities who don't like the loss of revenue."

Judge Helm likes the idea of imposing penalties for missing court. Too many defendants "just blow us off," he said. "There's no punishment for not showing up to court."

To him, public safety is being eroded. "My motto is if you don't want to pay the fine, don't do the crime."

In court that Friday morning, Helm gave one man until November to finish paying a fine that was already two years past due. "I can pay it in a week," the man told Helm.

The judge thumbed through case envelopes that document defendant after defendant with outstanding fines. One example: Larry Bradley of Independence has been arrested six times for failing to pay a years-old fine for driving with no insurance. He was never put in jail and once wrote a bad check to pay his $187 fine.

"We lost money on that deal," Helm said.

Another defendant who didn't show that Friday was Shawanda Brown, who has been arrested four times for a $450 ticket from 2015 for driving with no insurance and driving with a suspended license. She still hasn't paid.

"These people just continue to drive," Helm said, "except they don't drive to court."

Missouri needs to revisit its 2015 reforms with the goal of restoring some authority to its municipal courts. As of now, they've been effectively defanged



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