

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of February 1, 2016 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 105 East Center, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Karen Evans, Jon Gilmore, Ryan Merideth, and Gerald Settles. Councilmen Bob Depro and Maude Harris were absent. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Chuck Leible, City Clerk Carroll Couch, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Governmental Services Director Linda Lowes, Economic Development Director Ed Dust, Parks Director Dustin Care, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Public Safety Captain Bill Mygatt, and Senior Building Official Collin Cecil.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

City Council minutes of January 4, 2016 and January 7, 2016 were presented for approval. Councilman Settles moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Merideth seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

**ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES**

Minutes from various board and commission meetings were presented to the City Council. Councilman Gilmore moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and voted as follows:

Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Bill Number 6009, Authorizing the BMU to Adjust Electrical Rates Effective March 3, 2016**

Councilman Settles moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6009. The motion was seconded by Councilman Evans and the following vote recorded:

Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Counselor Leible presented the bill for reading.

BILL NUMBER 6009

ORDINANCE NUMBER 6009

A BILL, WHICH UPON ADOPTION AND PASSAGE SHALL BECOME ORDINANCE NUMBER 6009 AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING ELECTRICAL CHARGES AND RATES FOR THE CITY OF SIKESTON.

WHEREAS, the Board of Municipal Utilities has determined that electrical rate increases are necessary and proper to maintain the economic viability of the municipal utility system, and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes an increase in rates is in the overall best interest of the residents of Sikeston.

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

SECTION I: This ordinance shall not be codified in the City Municipal Code.

SECTION II: The electric rates to be charged by the Board of Municipal Utilities from and after March 1, 2106 shall be as set forth on Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

SECTION III: The Mayor and/or City Clerk are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to implement said rate changes.

SECTION IV: General Repealer Section. Any ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION V: Severability. Should any part or parts of this Ordinance be found or held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the remaining part or parts shall be severable and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION VI: Record of Passage:

- A. Bill Number 6009 was introduced and read the first time this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.
- B. Bill Number 6009 was read the second time and discussed on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2016. Councilman Settles moved to amend Exhibit "A" to provide a 60% of the proposed 15% increase effective March 3, 2016 and 40% of the proposed 15% increase effective January 3, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and voted as follows:

Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Councilman Gilmore moved to approve Bill Number 6009 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and following discussion, the following roll call vote recorded:

Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed and becoming Ordinance Number 6009.

- C. Ordinance 6009 shall be in full force and effect from and after March 3, 2016.

Legislative Priority Statement

City Manager Douglass presented a Legislative Priority Statement for City Council review. By adopting the statement, the City Council will enable staff to communicate the city's position on those issues, in a timely manner as opportunities arise.

Councilman Merideth moved to adopt the Legislative Priority Statement as it was presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Authorization to Proceed with the CY2016 Street and Drainage Improvement Program

Public Works Director Lancaster presented a review of street and drainage projects proposed for 2016. Councilman Gilmore moved to authorize the Public Works Department to proceed with the development of plans and specifications and the bidding of the street and drainage projects that are proposed for calendar year 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following roll call vote recorded:

Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Award of Bid #16-15, Front Mounted Mowers

The Park Division budgeted \$7,800 for the replacement of a front-mounted mower this year in keeping with their two-year replacement program for these mowers. A 2012 John Deere 1435 Series II front-mounted mower with 812 hours will be used as trade-in. Bids were reviewed by staff. The low bid from Medlin Equipment Co. is for \$10,000, including the trade-in. The mower comes with a 3-year warranty. In past years, two mowers have been traded every two years. Due to budget constraints, only one mower is being purchased this year. The additional year of warranty will cover the extended use.

Councilman Gilmore moved to award Bid #16-15 to Medlin Equipment Company for a Kubota F2690E mower, in the amount of \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Evans and the following vote recorded:

Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Interim Appointment to the Sikeston Park Board

Councilman Settles moved to appoint Brian Self to an interim position on the Park Board, with his term ending in September 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Other Items

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Albright of Terrace Street addressed trapping of cats in their neighborhood.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Gilmore moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

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STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: