

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 30, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

The special Sikeston City Council meeting of January 30, 2017 was called to order at 11:30 a.m., in the City Council Chambers, located at 105 East Center, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Jon Gilmore, Ryan Merideth, Gerald Settles, and Mary White-Ross. Councilman Karen Evans was 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, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Parks Director Dustin Care, Street Supervisor Darren Martin, Acting Public Safety Director Mike Williams, Captain James McMillen, Senior building Official Collin Cecil and Airport Manager Lee Dunn.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Building Lease with Historic Downtown Sikeston**

City Manager Douglass reviewed a proposed two-year lease of the former DPS/post office building to Historic Downtown Sikeston. Due to several maintenance and renovation needs, the rent of \$300 per month will be forgiven in exchange for completion of certain repairs and restoration. Following the initial lease period, Downtown Sikeston will reevaluate the condition of the building, its potential for long-term use, and the feasibility of renovating the building.

Councilman Gilmore moved to approve the lease of 215 North New Madrid to Historic Downtown Sikeston, as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

**Acceptance of the FY2016 Audit**

Every year the city undergoes an independent audit of its financial statements by a certified public accountant. The audit of the Fiscal Year 2016 financials has been completed by Bucher, Essner and Miles, L.L.C. and is available for review by the City Council and the public. Hard copies are available and it is also posted on the city's website.

The audit expresses an "unqualified" opinion, meaning that it was a "clean" audit, or that there were no significant findings of non-compliance with accounting standards, federal reporting requirements, or internal controls.

Councilman Settles moved to accept the FY2016 Audit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Bill Number 6046, Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission

Councilman Merideth moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6046. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Counselor Leible presented Bill Number 6046 for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6046 authorizing the mayor to execute a contract between the City of Sikeston, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for the funding and construction of a multi-use trail along the former Union Pacific Railroad Co. rail corridor beginning west of the intersection of Malone Avenue (MO Highway 114) and Scott Street; terminating west of the intersection of Malone Avenue at Main Street in the City of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri.

Recently, city staff submitted a grant application to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) to seek funding for Phase One of the Sikeston Rail-to-Trail Project through the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Phase One of the trail constructs the initial phase of the project from Scott Street to the intersection of Main and Malone.

The grant has been approved. The city is required to sign a program agreement with MoDOT. It requires passage by an ordinance.

Bill Number 6047, Watami parcel Development Agreement with 60 West TIF Redevelopment Project

Councilman Settles moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6047. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Counselor Leible presented Bill Number 6047 for reading, an ordinance approving a parcel development in connection with the Sikeston 60 West Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan.

Bill Number 6047 represents a request from Cotton Ridge Development (60 West TIF District) for approval of a Parcel Development Agreement between Cotton Ridge and Rosewood Vanguard Corporation d/b/a Watami Sushi and Hibachi Steakhouse II. The agreement assigns 50% of the TIF revenues generated from the property to the Sub-Developer up to a maximum of \$100,000 in TIF eligible reimbursements.

Interim Appointment to Public Safety Advisory Board

Bill Mitchell has resigned from the DPS Advisory Board requiring an interim appointment for his term ending in October 2018.

Councilman Gilmore nominated David Teachout to fill the unexpired term of Bill Mitchell. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Settles and there being no further nominations, the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

### **ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Merideth moved to adjourn into executive session for the discussion of property and personnel [RSMO 610.021 (2 & 3)]. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman White-Ross and the following roll call vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Mayor Burch called the executive session to order at 11:50 a.m. Present were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Jon Gilmore, Ryan Merideth, Gerald Settles and Mary White-Ross. 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, Acting Public Safety Director Mike Williams, and Public Works Director Jay Lancaster. Economic Development Director Mike Marshall was also in attendance.

Councilman Merideth recused himself from the meeting. No action was taken regarding property. Councilman Merideth returned to the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

City Clerk Carroll Couch, Governmental Services Director Linda Lowes, Acting Public Safety Director Mike Williams, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, and Economic Development Director Mike Marshall were excused from the meeting.

Following a brief discussion, City Manager Douglass left the meeting.

Councilman Gilmore moved to give City Manager Douglass a 3% merit increase. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

At 12:32 p.m., Councilman Merideth left the meeting. Shortly thereafter, Councilwoman White-Ross left the meeting.

No further action was taken in executive session.

### **ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There no longer being a quorum present, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

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STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: