

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 29, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

The special Sikeston City Council meeting of August 29, 2016 was called to order at 5:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers, located at 105 East Center, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Bob Depro, Karen Evans, Jon Gilmore, Ryan Merideth, and Gerald Settles. Councilwoman Mary White-Ross 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, Director of Public Safety Drew Juden, Captain Mike Williams, Parks Director Dustin Care, Street Superintendent Street Brian Dial, Supervisor Darren Martin, Building Maintenance Supervisor Billy Smith, and Senior Building Official Collin Cecil.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Establishment of the 2016 Tax Levy**

Councilman Gilmore moved to open the Public Hearing for discussion on the establishment of the 2016 Tax Levy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Depro and the following vote recorded:

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

City Clerk Carroll Couch reviewed the process for establishing the 2016 Tax Rate. No comments were heard.

Councilman Depro moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

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

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**First and Second Reading of Bill Number 6031, Approval of the 2016 Tax Rate**

Councilman Merideth moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6031. The motion was seconded by Councilman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible presented Bill Number 6031 for reading.

BILL Number 6031

ORDINANCE Number 6031

AN EMERGENCY BILL, WHICH UPON ADOPTION AND PASSAGE, SHALL BECOME ORDINANCE NUMBER 6031, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.

WHEREAS, the Sikeston City Council held a public hearing in accordance with Section 67.110 RSMO prior to the adoption of the City's 2016-2017 Tax Rate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, as follows:

Section I. This ordinance will not be codified in the Municipal Code Book of the City of Sikeston.

Section II. That for the purpose of maintaining a general fund, there is hereby levied a tax rate of forty and twenty-four thousandths cents (\$.4121) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on all taxable property in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, for the year 2016-2017.

Section III. That for the purpose of maintaining a public library fund, there is hereby levied a tax rate of seventeen and fifty four thousandths cents (\$.1796) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on all taxable property in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, for the year 2016-2017.

Section IV. That for the purpose of maintaining public parks, there is hereby levied a tax rate of seventeen and fifty four thousandths cents (\$.1796) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on all taxable property in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, for the year 2016-2017.

Section V. General Repealer: Any other ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

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

Section VII. Emergency Clause: Due to requirements of the State of Missouri, this ordinance will become effective upon its passage.

Section VIII. Record of Passage:

- A. Bill Number 6031 was introduced to Council and read the first time this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016.
- B. Councilman Gilmore moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6031. The motion was seconded by Councilman Depro and voted as follows:

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

Counselor Leible presented Bill Number 6031 for reading the second time this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016. Councilman Settles moved to approve Bill Number 6031. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth, discussed and voted as follows:

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

C. Ordinance 6031 shall be in full force and effect from and after Monday, August 29, 2016.

Briefing: 2016 VISION Leadership Sikeston Dog Park Class Project

Parks and Recreation Director Care briefed the City Council regarding plans to fund and implement a new Dog Park at the Recreation Complex.

VFW Ballpark Lease and Management Care

The City of Sikeston issued a Request for Proposals for the oversight and management of the VFW Baseball Facility. The VFW Park Revitalization Group (PRG) consisting of six local individuals was the only respondent. Terms of the lease were reviewed.

Councilman Depro moved to award the contract for the VFW Ballpark to VFW Park Revitalization Group, paying them \$2,500 per year. The term of the contract is one year with annual renewals. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

Briefing: Sales Tax Collections

City Clerk Carroll Couch reported sales tax collections were down 1% fiscal year-to-date.

Award Purchase of Pick-Up Truck for Street Division

The Department of Public Works is procuring a new truck for the Street Division as part of the equipment replacement schedule. The 2017 Silverado 2500 crew cab 4wd, ¾ ton, pickup with the necessary add-on package to accommodate a snow plow in the future, is \$29,659. The vehicle will be purchased off of the State Contract.

Councilman Gilmore moved to award the purchase of the truck from Don Brown Chevrolet in the amount of \$29,659. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

Acceptance of Fire Act Grant

Director Juden announced the City had received a Fire Act Grant in the amount of \$338,000 for the purchase of Fire Division breathing apparatus. The City will have a \$17,000 match.

Councilman Depro moved to accept the Fire Act Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

First Reading of Bill Number 6030, Amending City Code Chapter 345, Pedestrians' Rights & Duties

Councilman Merideth moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6030. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible presented the bill for a first reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6030 and shall amend Title III, Chapter 345, Section 130, Solicitation upon motor vehicle thoroughfares, to clarify prohibited acts within the City of Sikeston, Missouri.

First Reading of Bill Number 6032, Authorization for the Mayor to Sign a Contract with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission

Councilman Depro moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6032. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6032 authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Sikeston, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for the installation of uninterrupted power supply units (hereinafter "UPS"), at traffic signals in the City.

**ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Merideth moved to adjourn into executive session for the discussion of litigation and property [RSMO 610.021 (1 & 2)]. The motion was seconded by Councilman Depro and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

Mayor Burch called the executive session to order. Present were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Bob Depro, Karen Evans, 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, Public Safety Director Juden, and Public Works Director Jay.

Councilman Ryan Merideth left at 12:41 p.m.

Councilman Depro moved to extend the closing date for Village Green until October 21, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible left the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Councilman Depro moved to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement for purchase of assets related to the airport. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Settles Aye,  
and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

No further action was taken in executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Gilmore moved to adjourn from executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Depro Aye, 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: