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City kicks off Sesquicentennial Celebration

2010 is nearly here and the long awaited Sesquicentennial Celebration is about to begin. The community's first event will be the Sesquicentennial Ball being hosted on New Year's Eve by the Missouri Delta Medical Center Foundation. Civic and social clubs from throughout the community are hosting special events during the year to celebrate Sikeston's 150 year history. To keep abreast of the events visit the Sikeston Area Chamber of Commerce's web site at www.sikeston.net. Unique Sesquicentennial commemorative items can be purchased from the Chamber, and the City at www.sikeston.org.

Employees Recognized during Awards Dinner



Riddle named DPS Employee of the Year

Field Training Officer Casey Riddle has been named the 2009 Public Safety Employee of the Year. A seasoned officer, Riddle was recognized for his outstanding performance, attitude and teamwork.

Councilman Tom Hedrick and City Manager Doug Friend made the presentation during the Annual Employees Award Dinner held Saturday, December 12. Nominees for the award included Public Safety Officer Ben Moore, Public Safety Officer Brent Mullin, and DARE Officer Daniel Adams.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2010

Meeting dates and times are subject to change

Friday, January 1

Administrative Offices Closed

Monday, January 4

4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees

5:00 PM – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 5

4:00 PM – Planning & Zoning Commission

Monday, January 11

Noon – Housing Authority Commission

4:00 PM – Board of Adjustments

5:15 PM – Park Board

Tuesday, January 12

11:30 AM – DED Executive Board

4:00 PM – BMU Commission

4:00 PM – Tourism Advisory Board

Monday, January 18 – Offices Closed

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Thursday, January 21

11:30 AM – Strategic Plan Implementation Commission

Monday, January 25

7:15 AM – Special City Council Meeting

11:30 AM – LCRA Commission

4:00 PM – Board of Adjustments

6:00 PM – DPS Advisory Board

Monday, February 1

4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees

5:00 PM – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 2

4:00 PM – Planning & Zoning Commission



Hoskins Named DPW Employee of the Year

Glenn Hoskins of Sikeston Public Works Street Division has been named the 2009 Department of Public Works Employee. Hoskins has been instrumental in the City's summer mowing program.

Hoskins received his award from Councilwoman Kathy Teachout and City Manager Doug Friend. Nominees for the award included Richard Cassell of the Street Division, Bill Nance of the Parks Division and Amy Smith, Code Enforcement Officer.



Rhonda Council, Kris Greene Recognized as Governmental Services Employees of the Year

During the December 12 Employee Awards Dinner Governmental Services Administrative Assistant Rhonda Council and IT Technician Kris Greene were recognized as the 2009 Governmental Services Employees of the Year. Making the presentation were Councilwoman Sue Rogers and City Manager Doug Friend.

Council was recognized for her work with the VISION for Tomorrow strategic planning process and her contributions to the new City website. Greene, the City's webmaster, was honored for her work on the City's new web site, as well as her technical and creative work performed throughout the year.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

SIKESTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 4, 2010 – 5 PM

Sikeston City Hall, 105 E. Center Street

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. Briefing: Damon Cannon, Partnership Specialist, 2010 Census
- B. Acceptance of 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (FY-11 through FY-15)
- C. 2nd Reading & Consideration of Bill #5803, Amending Title 15, Chapter 24 BOCA National Property Maintenance Code for the City of Sikeston to Revise Publication Guidelines
- D. 2nd Reading & Consideration of Bill 5805, Authorizing Execution of the a Missouri Highways & Transportation Commission STP-Urban Program Agreement for Completion of Veteran's Park Trail
- E. 2nd Reading & Consideration of Bill 5806 calling for April 6, 2010 General Election
- F. 2nd Reading & Consideration of Bill 5807, Amending City Code 10.04.400 to prohibit parking on both sides of North Ingram from Kennedy Drive to Campanella Drive
- G. 2nd Reading & Consideration of Bill 5808, Amending City Code 10.04.213 adding section 300.213 establishing a 20 MPH speed limit in all City Parks unless posted otherwise
- H. 2nd Reading and Consideration of Bill 5809, Authorizing placement of turn lanes on Broadway Blvd. at Malone Avenue (City Code 10.04.124(B), Section 300.220)
- I. Acceptance of Traffic Committee Recommendation: Heath Street Traffic Flow
- J. Acceptance of Traffic Committee Recommendation: Traffic Control Measures North Main Street between Lake Street and Malone Avenue
- K. Other Items As May Be Determined During the Course of the Meeting

COMPOST SITE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 6
7:30 - 11:45 AM & 1:00 - 3:30 PM

Saturday, January 30: 8 AM – Noon

Wednesday, February 10
7:30 - 11:45 AM & 1:00 - 3:30 PM



Captain John Martin honored as Supervisory Employee of the Year

A 30-year veteran with the Sikeston Department of Public Safety, Administrative Captain John Martin was named the 2009 Administrative/Supervisory Employee of the Year. Martin started his career at Sikeston as a patrolman. His consistent professionalism and dedication to Public Safety resulted in his advancement through the ranks to his current position of Administrative Captain.

Making the presentation was Mayor Jerry Pullen and City Manager Doug Friend. Honored with Martin were nominees City Treasurer/HR Director Karen Bailey, Community Redevelopment Coordinator Trey Hardy and Street Superintendent Steve Lee.

Years of Service Award Honorees



5 Years of Service

Honorees:

Ed Dust, Glenn Hoskins
 Ryan Dennis, Greg Foote
 James Whitley, Darren Martin
 Bethany McDermott
 Ryan Smith
 Jimmy Harrell (not pictured).

Presenters:

Mayor Jerry Pullen and
 City Manager Doug Friend

10 Years of Service

Honorees:

Jamie Williams and Amy Smith

Presenters:

Mayor Jerry Pullen and
 City Manager Doug Friend





15 Years of Service

Honorees:
Todd Peters, Pat Cox,
Chris Rataj (not pictured)

Presenters:
Mayor Jerry Pullen and
City Manager Doug Friend

20 Years of Service

Honorees:
Jiggs Moore & Ricky Rapert

Presenters:
Mayor Jerry Pullen and
City Manager Doug Friend



25 Years of Service

Honorees
Shirley Porter, Dennis Irwin and
Tommy Bridger (not pictured)

Presenters:
Mayor Jerry Pullen and
City Manager Doug Friend



30 Years of Service

Honoree:
Karen Bailey

Presenters:
Mayor Jerry Pullen and
City Manager Doug Friend



Proposed Five-Year Capital Plan Submitted to Council

During its January 4, 2010 meeting, the Sikeston City Council will accept the City's Five-Year Capital Plan (fiscal years 2011 through 2015) . This document is used as a planning tool during annual budget preparation. Final approval and appropriation of funds for capital purchases will be made during the budget approval process that will culminate on or about June 15, 2010.

Presented below is a summary, by department, of each fiscal year's requests. A line-item listing of the recommended capital purchases, associated costs and justifications are provided in the full plan which is maintained in the Office of the City Clerk.

CITY OF SIKESTON - PROPOSED 5-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

Department	FY-11	FY-12	FY-13	FY-14	FY-15
General Government	\$239,900	\$84,450	\$59,350	\$50,000	\$80,500
Administrative Services	1,500	0	13,900	0	0
Economic Development	8,000	0	0	0	0
Public Safety	322,500	986,500	985,000	381,500	767,000
Public Works	794,800	448,300	335,500	415,800	62,500
Total	\$1,366,700	\$1,519,250	\$1,393,750	\$847,300	\$910,000

Sesquicentennial Corner . . .

- A. Above the stores on the corner of New Madrid and Front Street is a large room. In the early 1900's it became an Opera House. During this period W. C. Handy, a blues composer and musician known as the "Father of the Blues", was invited to perform. During his visit nine-year old Bess Randol (Elder), who later became a Sikeston music teacher and silent movie piano player, sat on Handy's lap and was taught to play his new composition **St. Louis Blues**.
- B. A maze of deserted corridors and empty offices exist above the Front Street store that was known in the 1940's as "*Buckner's*". Once inside you will find a hallway which ends with a window--outside the glass is a brick wall. During World War II the Red Cross, as well as local doctors and dentists had offices off these corridors. At that time the Red Cross was the legal representative of all the men in the military. Notices regarding the fate of loved ones came through these rooms. At the end of the war, Red Cross employees walked out and locked the door. The offices remain as they were when the war was declared "OVER". In early 2000 the Red Cross records were still intact and in file cabinets. Paperwork regarding Joe Palooka remains on the table.
- C. How many times have you heard the comment "*When Pigs Fly!*" (Meaning non-belief)? Pigs can fly as was shown by Sikestonian Leonard McMullin, the State of Missouri's first commercial pilot. A local news article of the 1930's invited the town to a nearby farm to see the first time pigs would be transported by plane. Tying the pigs to the underside of the plane McMullin took off for St. Louis. Unconfirmed is the story that when he landed the plane flipped and all the interested viewers could see were pigs' feet waving in the air and it was yelled "*Pigs Do Fly!*"
- D. A local pilot who worked at Buckner's for many years was "Hinnie" Henry. Henry would do barnstorming feats with Leonard McMullin. Walking on the wing of the bi-plane was an easy feat for him, as was flying under the Mississippi River Bridge. Henry is reported to be the first man west of the Mississippi to jump out of a plane with a parachute.

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