



# Sikeston Scanner

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## QUARTERLY MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 7:30 AM

Susie's Bake Shop & Restaurant  
112 East Center Street, Downtown Sikeston

### TENTATIVE AGENDA SIKESTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

105 East Center Street, Sikeston, Missouri

#### MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011

**4:00 PM - Executive Session**, Litigation RSMo. 6.10.021(1)  
To discuss legal bid amendments for construction of DPS Building

#### **5:00 PM – Regular Session**

##### BUSINESS ITEMS:

- A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Consideration of Bill 5841, Request to rezone South Ridge Estates, 16<sup>th</sup> Addition from AG Agricultural Open Space to R-1 Single Family Residential.
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Consideration of Bill 5843, Request to approve subdivision, South Ridge Estates, 16<sup>th</sup> Addition
- C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Consideration of Bill 5842, Adoption of Revised Municipal Code
- D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Consideration of Bill 5844, Re-adoption of Fair Housing Ordinance
- E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Consideration of Bill 5845, Re-adoption of Ordinance 5812 Restricting the Sale of Ephedrine Products within the City of Sikeston
- F. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Consideration of Bill 5846, Amending FY-11 Staffing Ordinance to Reflect the Addition of Two Communications Officers
- G. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Consideration of Bill 5847, Authorization to Execute Agreement for Airport Funding
- H. Interim appointment to Library Board of Trustees
- I. Other items as may be determined.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### APRIL-MAY 2011

*Meeting dates and times are subject to change*

Monday, April 4

- 4:00 PM – City Council Executive Session
- 4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees
- 5:00 PM – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 5

**ELECTION DAY**

- 4:00 PM – Planning & Zoning Commission

Monday, April 11

- Noon – Housing Authority Commission
- 4:00 PM – Board of Adjustments
- 5:15 PM – Sikeston Park Board

Tuesday, April 12

- 7:30 AM – DED Executive Board Meeting
- 11:30 AM – Special City Council Reorganization Meeting
- 4:00 PM – BMU Commission Meeting

Thursday, April 21

- 11:30 AM – Strategic Plan Implementation Commission Meeting

Monday, April 25

- 7:15 AM – City Council Work Session
- 11:30 AM – LCRA Commission Meeting

Tuesday, April 26

- 7:30 AM – Public Forum, Strategic Plan Implementation
- 4:00 PM – Tourism Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, May 2

- 4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees
- 5:00 PM – City Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 3

- 4:00 PM – Planning & Zoning Meeting

## City Employees Raise \$3,880 for KRCC

By selling t-shirts, raffle tickets and collecting donations, Sikeston's City Employees recently collected \$3,880 for the Kenny Rogers Children's Center.

Pictured are volunteers Rhonda Council, Ray Council, John Blakely, Kathy Medley, Lorya Knox-Walker, Kerrie Gilmore, and Doug Friend who volunteered their time on to sit on the panel.

Justin Quick was winner of the Wal-Mart Gift Card Raffle.



## Legislative Update

The following is an overview of municipal issues currently before the Sikeston City Council:

Bill 5841, Request to rezone South Ridge Estates, 16<sup>th</sup> Addition from AG Agricultural Open Space to R-1 Single Family Residential: On March 8 the Planning & Zoning Commission passed a favorable recommendation to approve a request to rezone a 13.16 acre tract of land located east of Lowes, Inc and between Col. George E. Day Parkway and Brunt Boulevard from "AG" Agricultural Open Space to "R1" Single Family Residential. Council action on this Bill is scheduled for April 4, 2011.

Bill 5843, Request to approve subdivision, South Ridge Estates, 16<sup>th</sup> Addition: The City has received a request from Four Corners Development to approve the 16<sup>th</sup> Addition of South Ridge Estates Subdivision. A favorable recommendation has been received from the Planning & Zoning Commission. Action on this request is planned for the April 4, 2011 Council Meeting.

Bill 5842, Adoption of Revised Municipal Code: In 2009 Staff was authorized to proceed with the legal review and revision of the City's Municipal Code. Following the issuance of a request for proposal, Sullivan Publications was selected to perform these services. As the need for substantial changes were identified, bills were introduced for Council consideration and action. Following adoption of this Bill, Sikeston's City Code will be accessible on-line. (Projected release day – May 2011) Hard copies of City Code will also be available at City Hall and the Sikeston Public Library. Action on this measure is planned for the April 4, 2011 Council Meeting.

Bill 5844, Re-adoption of Fair Housing Ordinance: Sikeston's Fair Housing Ordinance was originally adopted in February 1996. Annual re-adoption of the ordinance is required to maintain compliance with Community Development Block Grant funding requirements. This bill defines discriminatory practices, establishes a Fair Housing Commission to hear violations of the City's fair housing complaints and eliminate alleged discriminatory practices by conference and conciliation. Action on this measure is planned for the April 4, 2011 Council Meeting.

Bill 5845, Re-adoption of Ordinance 5812 Restricting the Sale of Ephedrine Products within the City of Sikeston: On April 5, 2010 the Sikeston City Council adopted Bill 5812 placing restrictions on the purchase of products containing ephedrine and pseudoephedrine from pharmacies and stores located within the City. At the time of passage a one-year sunset clause was added. During the ensuing period Sikeston Public Safety tracked meth-related arrests and lab confiscations, and has seen significant reductions in meth-related arrests. Action on this measure is planned for the April 4, 2011 Council Meeting.

Bill 5846, Amending FY-11 Staffing Ordinance to Reflect the Addition of Two Communications Officers: During the March 16, 2011 Special City Council Meeting, Council authorized the City to enter into a 911 dispatching agreement with South Scott County Ambulance District. To appropriately service the anticipated call-load, Council directed the FY-11 staffing levels of Sikeston Public Safety Communications Unit to be increased by two (2) Communications Officers. Bill 5846 reflects this change from a Communications Supervisor with six (6) officers to a Communications Supervisor with eight (8) Communications Officers. Total DPS staffing has been increased to 83.

Bill 5847, Authorization to Execute Agreement for Airport Funding: Bill 5847 authorizes execution of a contract with the Missouri Highways & Transportation Commission for funding through the State Block Grant Program. These funds will reimburse 95% of the engineering design fees for the Airport Taxiway and Lighting project 10-077B-1. Also included in these funds is a 95% reimbursement for the Independent Cost analysis that was performed by Garver Company. Council action is planned for April 4.

Interim appointment to Library Board of Trustees: With the passing of Nancy Settles in February, a vacancy was created on the Sikeston Library Board of Trustees. Council will be asked to make an interim appointment effective upon taking the oath of office, then continuing through September 2012. Council action is planned for April 4.

# Sikeston's Spring Clean-up Program

Curb/Alley Pickup

**Tuesday/Friday Trash Pickup Schedule**

**April 5 & April 8**

## **April Compost Site Schedule**

Sat., April 9, 8 AM – Noon

Wed., April 20, 7:30-11:45 AM & 1-3:30 PM

## **Do your part – don't pollute!**

Your yard and garden — the natural settings of your home and property — might be the last places you would look for pollution problems. But behind beautiful landscapes are activities that may threaten your health and the environment. On average, homeowners use ten times more chemical fertilizers and pesticides per acre than farmers use on farmland. If improperly applied, these chemicals can find their way into drinking water wells and pollute nearby lakes and streams. Children are particularly vulnerable to pesticides that are stored or used without proper safety precautions.

Other problems occur when exposed soil washes away during a storm, harming wildlife habitat and choking waterways. Indiscriminate watering of lawns and gardens wastes large amounts of water. Gasoline-powered mowers, weed cutters, leaf blowers and other devices make noise and pollute the air. Powered by a two-cycle engine, a lawn mower in one hour spews the same amount of exhaust as a car driven 350 miles. While it may seem that your contribution to pollution is minor, the effects of chemicals, soil loss and wasted water from hundreds or thousands of homes in your region can make a significant cumulative impact.

### **Are you applying pesticides wisely?**

Although removing weeds, insects and other pests by hand is safest for the environment and your health, pesticides, if properly used, may pose only a minimal risk. The key is doing your homework before you start treatment. Correctly identifying the pest and the extent of plant damage is the first step. Many plant problems are not caused by insects or disease but are related to temperature extremes, water-logging or drought, damage caused by lawn mowers, or overuse of chemicals. Many plants can withstand a certain level of insect damage, and delaying pesticide treatments may provide sufficient time for natural predators to become effective.

Indiscriminate use of pesticides can have harmful consequences. Pesticides can eliminate natural predators, contaminate groundwater and promote chemically resistant pests. To reduce these risks, learn when and where pesticides may be needed to control problems. Apply them only where pests occur. Select the least toxic chemicals possible or those that break down quickly into less harmful substances. Remember to read pesticide labels carefully and follow the directions for application rates and methods. Check with your local University Outreach and Extension center or garden supply stores for information and consult MU Guides G6980: Buying Home and Garden Chemicals, G6951: Understanding and Using Garden and Home Grounds Herbicides and G7520: Pesticides and the Environment. Pest prevention is often simpler (and cheaper) than pest removal. If you have disease resistant grasses or other plants and keep them healthy, pests will be less of a problem. Be sure to ask yourself, for the sake of clean groundwater and an environment with fewer chemical pollutants, if you can tolerate a few more weeds and bugs around your home.

### **Do your landscape practices prevent soil erosion?**

Like pesticides and fertilizers, soil washed away by rain can pollute streams, lakes or rivers. Even if you do not live near water, soil will eventually be carried to surface water in runoff from storms. Gardens, lawns and construction sites with areas of bare soil — especially on sloped land — are prone to soil erosion. For further information consult MU Guide 6955: Improving Lawn and Landscape Soils. You can protect soil and reduce erosion by planting turf grasses or ground covers that are well-adapted to your environment and keeping them dense and healthy. Or use wood-chip mulch or landscape fabric. On steep slopes plant a vigorous ground cover or slow- and low-growing turf grasses, such as fine leaved fescues or buffalo grass, which require little mowing. Building terraces or retaining walls on slopes can also help prevent soil loss. As with lawns, choose ground covers and shrubs that are suited to your area and that are resistant to insects and diseases. For further information consult MU Guide 6835: Selected Ground Covers for Missouri. EQM105

Source: [www.dnr.mo.gov/education](http://www.dnr.mo.gov/education)



Jamie Williams  
Code Enforcement Officer



Barry McDowell  
Public Safety Officer

## Williams, McDowell Honored

Code Enforcement Officer Jamie Williams and Public Safety Officer Barry McDowell will be recognized as the City's Employees of the Second Quarter during the April 4 City Council Meeting.

Williams, a 12-year employee with the City, will be recognized for his contributions to Code Enforcement and Animal Control operations during a recent manpower shortage.

McDowell is being honored for his participation in the research, purchase and installation of rescue pumps in the City's emergency response equipment. Also for the assistance he provided in the planning and construction of renovations to Fire Station II.

**REMEMBER TO VOTE**

**APRIL 5**

Polls open 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE
Airport	1 <sup>st</sup> Christian Church, 1006 N. Main
Broadway	Eastside Church of the Nazarene, 129 Ralph Ave.
Davis	Trinity Gospel Church, 901 Davis Ave.
Kingshighway	1 <sup>st</sup> Assembly of God Church, 306 S. Kingshighway
Park	Concordia Lutheran Church, 836 Park Ave.
West Malone	Fire Station #1, North West Street

## *What's happening?*

*Looking for something to do? Check out these local events.*

### **April 1-2 Home and Garden Show**

Miner Convention Center, April 1 – 1-9 PM, April 2 – 10 AM-9 PM;  
Free to the public.

### **April 8 Redneck Barbecue Bash**

Jaycee Rodeo Grounds, 308 N. Ingram Road  
7-11 PM, \$10 per person includes food, drinks and entertainment

### **April 9 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Redneck Barbecue Cook-off**

Jaycee Rodeo Grounds, 1308 N. Ingram Road  
Children's games including Easter egg Hunt (ages 2-9) begins 11 AM  
Noon - Redneck Dog Show (registration at 11:30 AM), and other entertainment

### **April 11 Starting a New Business**

6 PM, Southeast Regional Campus - Sikeston  
Introduction to free 6-week class, "How to start a new business"  
Contact 573-651-2286, [www.semo.edu/cie/training](http://www.semo.edu/cie/training)

### **April 14-17 Dogwood Azalea Festival**

For more information go to [www.charlestonmo.org/festival](http://www.charlestonmo.org/festival)

### **April 15 Smoking & Perinatal Health Conference**

8 AM – 4 PM, Miner Convention Center,  
Sponsored by Missouri Bootheel Healthy Start Regional Consortium Annual Low Birth Weight Partnership Initiative – Why do babies die? Smoking & Perinatal Health

**April 16     Sikeston Children's Library Easter Bunny Story Time**

10 AM, 121 East North Street

Join the Easter Bunny for a fun-filled story hour. Free to the public

**April 16     Historic Downtown Sikeston Easter egg Hunt**

11:30 AM, Malone Park, Downtown Sikeston

Ages 1-9; Have your photo taken with the Easter Bunny

**April 29     St. Jude Children's Hospital Fund Raiser**

6 PM – Midnight, VFW Hall, 709 Smith Street, Sponsored by VFW Ladies' Auxiliary  
Dinner, dancing and door prizes; Tickets \$25 – Available until April 24

Contact Shirley Tetley, 573-471-8611

**April 30     Charles E. Jones, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament**

Bootheel Golf Club, 8 AM; Advanced registration deadline April 12, 2011

4-Person Scramble; \$300 entry fee includes cart, continental breakfast and award banquet.

FREE Practice round of golf April 25-29 (includes cart). Over \$3,000 in prizes

A portion of proceeds go to ALS Association, Peaceful 181 Charitable Foundation and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Contact Lorenzo Ware, 573-973-1713

**April 30     YMCA Healthy Kids Day & 5K Run**

10 AM, Historic Downtown Sikeston, Contact YMCA, 573-472-9622

**April 30     Sikeston in Bloom**

American Legion Square in Historic Downtown Sikeston

Pick up your flowers, plants. Food and craft vendors on site.