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City Council considers changes To Stormwater Management Policy

During Council's April Special Meeting legislation was introduced that will bring the City's Stormwater Management Policy into compliance with Department of Natural Resource standards. "Bill 5816," noted Street Superintendent Steve Lee, "expands local requirements for obtaining Land Disturbance Permits, modifies basic design criteria, establishes construction site best management practices (BMP), and institutes provisions for the operation and maintenance of privately-owned drainage facilities within the City. While this appears to cover a great deal of material, we believe the Board has simplified the stormwater management code to provide greater understanding and compliance."

A public hearing on the proposed changes including Land Disturbance Permit requirements and fees will be held at noon, Friday, May 7 in Council Chambers of Sikeston City Hall. The public is invited to participate.

A second reading and City Council action on Bill 4816 has been scheduled for the Monday, June 7, Council Meeting that convenes at 5:00 PM.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

SIKESTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 3, 2010, 5:00 PM

Sikeston City Hall, 105 E. Center Street

Meeting has been Cancelled
Due to lack of
Agenda Items

UPCOMING MEETINGS MAY-JUNE 2010

Meeting dates and times are subject to change

Monday, May 3

4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees

5:00 PM – City Council Meeting - Cancelled

Friday, May 7

11:00 AM – Stormwater Management Board Mtg.

Noon – Public Hearing, Land Disturbance Permits

Monday, May 10

5:15 PM – Park Board

Tuesday, May 11

11:30 AM – DED Executive Board

4:00 PM – BMU Board of Commissioners

Thursday, May 13

11:30 AM – City Council Work Session

Friday, May 14

7:15 AM – Public Hearing, FY-11 Budget

Monday, May 17

Noon – Housing Authority Board

6:00 PM – DPS Advisory Board

Thursday, May 20

11:30 AM – Strategic Plan Implementation
Commission

Monday, May 24

11:30 AM – LCRA Commission Meeting

Monday, May 31 – Memorial Day
City Offices Closed

Tuesday, June 1

4:00 PM – Planning & Zoning Commission

Monday, June 7

4:30 PM – Library Board of Trustees

5:00 PM – Public Hearing FY-11 Budget &
Regular City Council Meeting

City Council

Harris elected Ward 4 Representative

On April 6 Maude Harris became one of only five women ever to serve on the Sikeston City Council. Other women who have been elected to the Council include Mary Doggett, Jean Collins, and current Council members Sue Rogers and Kathy Teachout.



Maude Harris
Ward 4 Councilwoman

Harris has resided in Sikeston since 1985. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Food and Nutrition from Southeast Missouri State University in

1985 and a Master of Arts degree in Home Economics with a Food and Nutrition emphasis from SEMO State University in 1995. In December of 2008, she received her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis.

Councilman Harris has been employed by the Scott County Extension Office since 1996 as a Nutrition and Health Education Specialist. She has served with numerous community service organizations aimed at improving the quality of life for local citizens. Her current affiliations include Open Door Fellowship ministries, Martin Luther King Day Planning Committee, Missouri Department of Health and Human Services Diabetes Advisory Board, Regional Arthritis Center at St. Francis board member, past president and current member of the Scott County Interagency Council, board member of the Scott County Transit service, and is the facilitator of the Multi-County Women's Health conference held each year in October.

Before being elected to Council, Dr. Harris served on the SEMO University – Sikeston Campus Advisory Council, the Traffic Committee Board, and the Rental Ordinance Appeals Board.

Councilwoman Harris is married to Michael K Harris, Sr. and has four children; Najawa, Alexia, Sloane and Kellar, and one grandson, Brendan.

City Council Reorganizes for 2010-2011

On April 12 Council met to re-organize for the 2010-2011 term. Following an Oath of Office ceremony for At-large Council Representative Mike Bohannon, Ward 1 Representative Mike Conway and Ward 4 Representative Maude Harris, At-large Council Representative Sue Rogers was elected Mayor Pro Tem.

The following Council appointments were made: Professional Consulting Committee – Kathy Teachout, Tom Hedrick and Maude Harris; Planning & Zoning Commission representatives – Jerry Pullen and Maude Harris; BMU Commission Council representative – Mike Bohannon; DED Executive Board representatives – Jerry Pullen, Mike Bohannon and Tom Hedrick; DPS Advisory Board Council representative – Mike Conway; Tourism Advisory Board representatives – Sue Rogers and Mike Conway; Sikeston Housing Authority Representative – Kathy Teachout; and LCRA Council representative – Maude Harris.

Sesquicentennial Corner

Where were the Sikeston Fairgrounds located?

The Scott County Fair, horseracing, baseball games, shooting contests and many other activities were held at the fairgrounds, located in what is now known as the Sunset area of town.

Name the book written about a Sikeston boy during WWII.

"The Raft", is the story of downed airman Gene Aldrich.

Name the Sikeston man who held the patent for the first trolling motor. *Otto Hahs*

Name two Sikeston natives that have performed for the U.S. President. *Mimi Allen Smitton and Carolyn Clinton*

SIKESTON SPRING CLEAN-UP

Saturday, May 15 through Sunday, May 23 -- 7:30 AM – 6:30 PM

The Sikeston Compost Site on Compress Road will be open for the disposal of large bulky items (washers, dryers, microwaves or refrigerators), rubbish, and yard waste. Tires, no larger than 17" without rims and household furniture will also be accepted. This service is available to Sikeston residents, only. Proof of residency required. No commercial waste, batteries, chemicals or hazardous materials permitted. Contact 471-2512 or 475-3749 for more information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing on the City of Sikeston's FY-11 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011) Budget will be conducted at 7:15 AM on Friday, May 14, 2010 in the Council Chambers of Sikeston City Hall, 105 East Center Street, Sikeston, MO. A general summary of this proposed budget is presented below. All budget numbers are subject to change based upon public hearings and subsequent City Council action.

The proposed FY-11 Budget Message and complete Budget will be available for public review at Sikeston City Hall and on the City's website, www.sikeston.org, after June 15, 2010. Comments or questions may be directed to the City Council at the address above, emailed to cityhall@sikeston.org, or may be directed to City Manager Doug Friend at 471-2512.

CITY OF SIKESTON – SUMMARY PROPOSED FY-11 BUDGET

<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>GENERAL FUNDS</u>	<u>TRANS. SALES TAX FUND</u>	<u>PARK FUND</u>	<u>TOURISM FUND</u>
Taxes	\$1,467,184	\$1,448,852	\$305,725	\$76,076
Licenses & Permits	203,770			
Intergovernmental	6,450,367			
Charges for Services	1,365,910			
Rents & Leases	37,779		25,382	
Miscellaneous Revenues	375,119	12,000	3,100	
Fines & Forfeits	405,213			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$10,305,342	\$1,460,852	\$334,207	\$76,076
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
General Government	\$2,951,320			\$109,616
Administrative Services	417,676			
Public Safety	5,466,652			
Public Works	610,923	\$1,523,023		
Parks			\$505,283	
Municipal Court	302,330			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$9,748,901	\$1,523,023	\$505,283	\$109,616
REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$556,441	(\$62,171)	(\$171,076)	(\$33,540)
OTHER SOURCES			\$170,000	\$32,000
OTHER USES	\$1,220,000			
BEG. FUND BALANCE	\$4,615,465	\$949,933	\$4,155	\$4,780
END. FUND BALANCE	\$3,951,906	\$887,762	\$3,079	\$3,240

2010 Census “Non-Response Follow-up” Operations to Begin

The U.S. Census Bureau will begin "Non-Responsive Follow-Up" Operations on May 1st with the 28% of households in the U.S. who did not return their questionnaire by mail. Census takers will visit a household several times in an effort to get the basic information on the ten questions on the 2010 Census.

When a census taker visits a home, he or she will try to collect the information by interviewing an adult member of the household. If a census taker cannot contact a household after repeated attempts, they will seek information in any way possible to estimate the number of people living in the home. Dennis R. Johnson, Regional Director of the U.S. Census Bureau, stated "I encourage the public to cooperate with census takers when they are working in your neighborhood. The 2010 Census is not yet completed and this work is vital to our efforts to get a complete and accurate count of everyone living in your community."

These follow-up operations will be conducted by official census takers. An official census taker must present an ID Badge with a Department of Commerce seal and expiration date; may be carrying a bag with a U.S. Census Bureau logo; will provide you with their supervisor's phone number and/or the local census office phone number for verification.

The 2010 Census is a huge undertaking that also provides temporary employment opportunities for local residents interested in working on the census. Census jobs offer good pay, flexible hours and paid training while performing an important public service. Best of all, those hired may work in their own community.

Census jobs are perfect summer jobs for teachers, students (over 18 years old), retirees, and just about anyone interested in earning some extra money. Interested applicants must be U.S. citizens, 18 years or older, have a valid Social Security Card, and be available to work 20 to 40 hours a week. Applicants must take a basic skills test and pass a background check. Interested persons should call 1-866-861-2010 to find out how and where to apply for a job working on the 2010 Census.

The 2010 Census is an actual count of everyone living in the United States and it is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Census data is used to allocate congressional seats to the states and to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to tribal, state and local governments each year.

Vaught, Marshall to be Recognized by Park Board

Since 1986, the Sikeston Park Board has recognized outstanding volunteers who have made significant contributions to local youth sport and Scouting programs by installing their names on the Honors Board located in the Recreation Complex near the Ingram Road park entrance. During their March 8 meeting, the Park Board chose Mike Vaught and Frank Marshall as their 2010 honorees. Their installation will be held during a public ceremony Wednesday, May 19 at 4:00 p.m. at the Recreation Complex.

Vaught and Marshall will be the 37th and 38th individuals to have their names added to the Board. Vaught joins a growing number of honorees in recent years who are second generation Honors Board inductees. Vaught's father, Paul, was installed on the Board for his contributions to Boy Scouts.

Vaught coached soccer 16 years in the Sikeston Youth Soccer League, and has coached a travel team. He also managed and coached boys' baseball and girls' softball teams for six years. An avid bowler, Vaught organized and managed the youth bowling league for three years when the Sikeston Bowling Center re-opened in 1992 after an extended closure due to fire.

Marshall was a baseball and soccer dad, coaching both sports. He left his mark on both youth soccer and the Sharks Swim Team with his contributions to officiating for both programs. Earning his certification as a soccer referee, he volunteered as the referee coordinator for the Sikeston Youth Soccer League's regular season and invitational tournament. In this role he recruited, scheduled, and trained referees. He also volunteered as an official for the YMCA soccer program. Marshall also became a certified swim official as a stroke judge, starter, and referee and volunteered his time to the Sikeston Sharks officiating and serving as official starter at their home meets.



City Employees sponsor Redneck BBQ Children's Games

More than 100 children recently enjoyed the games and activities associated with the SACC's Redneck BBQ. The SEMO Shrine Club and members of the Sikeston High School Cheerleading Squad assisted City employees in providing free train, wagon and pony rides, face-painting and other activities.

City employees and spouses participating in the event were Collin and Starla Cecil, Rhonda Council, Kris and Dub Greene, Vicky Lewis, Kathy Medley and Linda Lowes. A special "thank you" is extended to our participating cheerleaders, SEMO Shrine Club Members, Oran Knights of Columbus, Griffin Keller Distributing, Mays Custom Golf Carts, Billy Smith and Wal-Mart for making this event a success.

City Staff Participates In House of Refuge "Denim Day"

Denim Day has been internationally celebrated since 1999 in protest of an Italian High Court ruling that overturned a rape conviction because the victim was wearing jeans. Enraged by the verdict, women of the Italian Legislature protested the decision by wearing jeans to work. As news of the decision spread, so did the protest.

On April 22, 2010 local residents and City employees participated in Denim Day -- stepping forward to take a stand against rape and sexual violence.



Lightning Storm Safety Tips

Practicing good safety habits during even the mildest lightning storm is the key to minimizing risks, but safety precautions are different whether individuals are indoors or outdoors.

The safest place to be during a lightning storm is inside a relatively large, fully enclosed building (not a small shed or an open garage, for example). If lightning does strike the building, the charge will be carried through pipes and wiring into the ground, well away from the inhabitants.

When indoors, follow these lightning storm safety tips: Do not use telephones, headphones or electrical appliances during the storm – lightning can travel through the wires and produce shocks to anyone using them. Note: Cell phones are safe to use during lightning storms because they are not physically connected to the wires. Unplug expensive electronic devices (televisions, computers, stereos, etc.) to help protect them. Do not take a bath, shower or do dishes during a lightning storm, because water is a conductor and charges can be carried through [metal](#) pipes. Stay away from windows, doors and exterior walls if at all possible. Keep windows and doors closed during the storm. Stay inside for 30 minutes after the last lightning strikes to ensure the storm has fully passed.

What's happening?

Looking for something to do? Here are upcoming events that may be of interest . . .

- May 6** **National Day of Prayer Breakfast and Service**
Sponsored by Sikeston Kiwanis Club
6:30 A.M., First Christian Church, 1006 North Main Street
Speaker: Dickey Nutt, Basketball Coach, Southeast Missouri State University
- May 7** **Christian Music Concert**
Friday evenings throughout the summer
Corner of South Main at Stalcup; Free of charge, open to the public
- May 14** **Sikeston Area Humane Society, Spring Fling Wing Ding**
Jeremiah's Restaurant & Lounge, 5:30 PM
For more information contact 472-4412 or email geriway@aol.com
- May 15** **Sikeston in Bloom**
Legion Square, Downtown Sikeston

Event features:: Live Plants Sale; Craft Vendors; Sikeston Public Library - Children's Story Time & Planting Activity; YMCA – 5K & Youth Fun Run; Sikeston Depot - Back Door Bazaar—7 A.M. to 3 P.M.; Carriage Rides; Musical Entertainment - Bluegrass Revival and concessions available.
- May 15** **Sikeston Park & Recreation Annual Kids Fishing Derby**
Recreational Complex Lake, 8-11 AM

This event is open to all youngsters age 15 and under. There is a \$1.00 per child fee, with a limit of one fishing pole per child. Each child must provide their own fishing pole and bait. Small children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Children will compete for prizes in two age categories: 10 and under, and 11 to 15. Prizes will be awarded for the biggest fish caught, and the most pounds weighed in within a five fish limit in each age group. Also, attendance prizes will be given away throughout the morning.

This event is not for adults. The lake will open to public fishing at the close of the Fishing Derby at 11:00 AM. For more information contact Jiggs Moore, 475-3725
- May 21** **Scott County American Cancer Society Relay for Life**
May 21-22 from 6 PM – 6 AM, YMCA North Field
For more information contact ACS 573- 471-1873; Email brandymason4@yahoo.com
- May 31** **Community Memorial Day Services**
10:30 AM, Sikeston Veterans' Park, Linn Dr. at Campanella
(In case of rain the service will be held at First Christian Church, 1006 N. Main)

Honored Guest and Speaker, Olin Parks, Vice Commander, Missouri Veterans of Foreign War
And Guests from American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War
21 Gun Salute provided by Missouri National Guard

Following memorial service veterans and their families are invited to the Sikeston American Legion Post, 333 South Kingshighway for a lunch provided by the American Legion Auxiliary

COMMUNITY-WIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

In the event of an emergency, the City of Sikeston will broadcast information at the top of the hour and 30 minutes after the hour on two Withers Broadcasting Company radio stations. For the latest in emergency updates tune in to:

STAR 107.1 FM

B97.9 FM