

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2014

CALL TO ORDER/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The special Sikeston City Council meeting of February 24, 2014 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 Jerry Pullen and Councilmen Steven Burch, Bob Depro, Jon Gilmore, Maude Harris, and Kathy Teachout. 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, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Public Safety Captains Bill Mygatt and James McMillan, Information Technology Director Dave Warren, Economic Development Director Ed Dust, and Parks Director Jiggs Moore.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Briefing: Proposed Improvements to American Legion Park

This item was tabled until the March 3, 2014 City Council meeting.

Briefing: 14-17, Mowing Program

Jiggs Moore reviewed the 2014 mowing bids for park and city right-of-way mowing as well as emergency mowing resulting from Code Enforcement declaration of a public nuisance. Staff recommendations will be presented for Council approval at the March 3 Council meeting.

Public Safety Request for Authorization to Participate in MoDOT Grant Funded DWI Check-Point Program

Captain Mygatt explained MoDOT is providing grant funds for area departments to participate in a SEMO DWI Task Force. The grant will reimburse overtime costs and other miscellaneous items associated with this program. DPS will collaborate with area agencies to conduct the DWI checkpoints in southeast Missouri. Each agency will donate 2-3 officers to each checkpoint.

Councilman Depro moved to authorize the City of Sikeston to participate in the MoDOT grant funded DWI Task Force. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burch and the following roll call vote recorded:

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Teachout Aye, and Pullen Aye, thereby being passed.

Authorization to Proceed with Development of Engineering Specifications and Bid Processes, Greenbrier Ditch

Street Superintendent Brian Dial briefed the City Council on the need to develop plans and specifications for the purpose of bidding the cleanout of Greenbrier Ditch. The project will involve the removal of trees and blockages from the existing ditch, starting at the railroad going west.

Dianne Groves and Janice Hon of 116 Meadowbrook and Josh Bill of 1002 North Ranney commented about the need for the cleanup. Councilman Burch moved to authorize city staff to proceed with development of engineering specifications and the bid process for Greenbrier Ditch. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following roll call vote recorded:

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Teachout Aye, and Pullen Aye, thereby being passed.

Authorize Staff to Begin Contract Negotiations with World Wide Technology for the Upgrade of CISCO Call Manager

Current phone system hardware, which interfaces with E-911 telephone communications, and provides telephone communications for the City's nine facilities is reaching end-of-life support. IT Director Dave Warren requested authorization to begin contract negotiations with World Wide Technology for the upgrade of CISCO Manager. World Wide Technology is a CISCO partner and State contract vendor, providing a 43% discount on all CISCO Global products and a 25% discount on Smartnet annual maintenance. Fees for design, engineering and installation have yet to be negotiated.

Councilman Depro moved to authorize staff to begin contract negotiations with World Wide Technology, for the purchase of the software upgrade, associated hardware and technical services associated with the installation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following roll call vote recorded:

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Teachout Aye, and Pullen Aye, thereby being passed.

Bill Number 5950, Request to Rezone Harry Avenue from R-6 Planned Manufactured Housing District to R-2 Single Family Residential District

Counselor Leible recused himself from the meeting.

Councilman Depro moved for the first reading of Bill Number 5950. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris and the following vote recorded:

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Teachout Aye, and Pullen Aye, thereby being passed.

City Clerk Carroll Couch presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 5950 providing for the rezoning from R-6, Planned Manufactured Housing District to R-2, Single Family Residential District, the following described Real Estate to wit: All of Lots Numbered 1-23 of Block Number 6 and all of Lots Numbered 22-43 of Block Number 5 in Felker-Sharp Addition to the City of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri; and which are all lots abutting Harry Street, Sikeston, Missouri.

Dickie Dockins of 213 Foust provided information on his plans for the development of Harry Avenue. Donna Miles of 225 Harry presented pictures of the street and expressed concerns regarding cleanup of the area.

Bill Number 5951, Request to Rename Harry Avenue to Dockins Drive

Councilman Depro moved for the first reading of Bill Number 5951. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burch and the following vote recorded:

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Teachout Aye, and Pullen Aye, thereby being passed.

City Clerk Couch presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 5951 changing the name of Harry Avenue to Dockins Drive.

Counselor Leible returned to the Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Teachout Aye, and Pullen Aye, thereby being passed.

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Councilman Depro moved to retain Wally Duncan to review the City's legal obligation and provide advice regarding the Sikeston Memorial Airport.

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Teachout Aye, and Pullen Aye, thereby being passed.

No further action was taken in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Teachout Aye, and Pullen Aye, thereby being passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Teachout Aye, and Pullen Aye, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

JERRY PULLEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: