

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 24, 2021

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of May 24, 2021 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 105 E. Center St., Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Greg Turnbow, Brian Self, Brandon Sparks, Ryan Merideth, David Teachout and Vest Baker. Councilwoman Onethia Williams arrived at 5:30 p.m. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Rhonda Council, Finance Director Karen Bailey, HR Director Amanda Groves, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Parks Director Dustin Care, Public Safety Director James McMillen, Community Development Director Lorenzo Ware, Captains Derrick Wheelley and Ryan Smith.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY22 BUDGET HEARING

Councilman Self motioned to begin the Public Hearing to discuss the FY22 Budget Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Absent, Merideth Absent, Self Aye, Williams Absent, Baker Aye,
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Manager Jonathan Douglass presented a second draft of the FY22 budget, with this one including the addition of an additional worker in the Building Maintenance Department.

Councilman Self asked about having a study session before the next Council meeting to discuss the addition of other items in the FY22 budget. This includes the addition of a splash pad in Lincoln Park.

No remarks were heard from the public.

There being no further discussion before the City Council, Councilman Teachout moved to adjourn from the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baker and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Absent, Merideth Absent, Self Aye, Williams Absent, Baker Aye,
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1st Reading, Bill #6225, Budget Amendment

Councilman Teachout moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6225. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baker and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Absent, Merideth Absent, Self Aye, Williams Absent, Baker Aye,
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as adopted shall become an emergency ordinance number 6225, and shall amend ordinance number 6143, the FY21 budget.

1st Reading, Bill #6223, FY22 Budget Ordinance

Councilman Self moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6223. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Absent, Merideth Absent, Self Aye, Williams Absent, Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as adopted shall become emergency ordinance number 6223 and shall be referred to as “The FY-2022 Budget” (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022), it shall repeal Ordinance 6191, being the “FY-2021 Budget” and all amendments thereto, it shall provide for the appropriation of monies and administration of expenditures of monies received by the City of Sikeston in accordance with the ordinance.

The following significant changes have been made, or additional information is provided, since the budget was presented at the May 3 City Council meeting.

- **Additional skilled worker in Parks.** Further review of the budget found mowing equipment that had been budgeted in two places, and elimination of one of those lines plus modest trimming of a few other Parks items allowed enough money in the Park Fund to be budgeted for one additional skilled worker position.
- **Benches at Lincoln Park.** At the May 3 Council meeting a member of the public requested benches be installed around the walking track at Lincoln Park. The Park Department reviewed the current year budget and outstanding purchases and determined that additional benches could be purchased from current year funds. Staff has placed an order for 4 benches for the Lincoln Park walking track, 2 for the Roberta Rowe walking trail or playground areas, and 2 for Clayton Park.
- **Dansler Field.** At the last Council meeting it was asked what new lights for Dansler Field would cost. Unfortunately, our lighting vendor has not been able to provide us with an updated estimate yet, but based on the best information we know, the estimate to update the lighting and make other needed improvements at the field would be as follows:

\$10,000	Dirt work (50 tons of material in addition to the 20 tons we already have)
\$38,700	Backstop and fencing
\$1,000	Fertilizer and chemicals
\$1,000_	Dugout roofs
\$0	Parking lot chat
<u>\$250,000</u>	Lights (could be reduced to \$200,000 if field is shrunk to youth size)
<u>\$300,700</u>	TOTAL

If the City Council desires to proceed with improvements to Dansler Field, there are several options which could be considered. Council could identify a commensurate amount of cuts to the budget (Capital Improvement Fund, Park Fund, or General Fund) to afford the improvements within current proposed spending limits. Improvements could be spread out over several years, although the biggest portion of the expense is the lights, which should probably be done all at once. City Council could also spend down some fund balance for the improvements. The General Fund balance is projected to be at 58% at the end of FY22. If all \$300,000 in Dansler Field improvements were made from the General Fund balance, it would be brought down to 55%, significantly lower but still above the fund balance policy minimum of 25%.

- **HVAC Replacements at DPS Headquarters.** After the May 3 Council meeting, a Council member asked about budgeted HVAC replacements at DPS headquarters, since the building is relatively new. Our HVAC contractor reports that the rooftop units do tend to suffer more wear and tear than ground units, and he does expect a shorter lifespan on rooftop units. For the last several years we have budgeted \$27,000 for routine maintenance at the DPS headquarters. This also may seem high for a relatively new building, but to put it in perspective, the building cost \$5.6 million to build, which means that the routine maintenance costs have

been equivalent to spending \$964 a year on a \$200,000 house. In FY21 and FY22 we budgeted an additional \$25,000 each year for HVAC replacements, bringing the total budgeted each year to the equivalent of spending \$1,857 on a \$200,000 house.

- **American Rescue Plan Act Funds.** The City expects to receive \$2.95 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds. These funds are going to be released in two tranches, but the City has not yet received any funds. The 151 page "Interim Rule" from the Treasury Department has been released, with a Final Rule expected to be released after a public comment period. Staff is analyzing the rule and we suggest a City Council meeting discussion in June or July regarding the use of the funds.
- **Municipal Court.** The Council has had some discussion of the possibility of moving municipal court cases to the county circuit courts. This will save the taxpayers of Sikeston approximately \$160,000/yr, is not expected to unduly burden public safety officers in terms of travel time for court appearances, and most court watchers believe that the intentions of the State of Missouri are to compel all smaller municipal courts to dissolve and send cases to the circuit courts within the next few years anyway. This is systematically being accomplished through legislative limits on the effectiveness and power of municipal courts, and new unfunded mandates every year.

1st Reading, Bill #6222, FY22 Staffing and Compensation Ordinance

Councilman Teachout moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6222. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baker and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Absent, Merideth Absent, Self Aye, Williams Absent, Baker Aye,
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as adopted shall become emergency ordinance number 6222 and shall repeal ordinance number 6190 being the FY-22 Compensation Plan and Employee Staffing Level Authorization, and all amendments thereto; and shall establish the Employee Compensation Plan and Staffing Levels, and the administration thereof for fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022).

Staffing for FY2022 will consist of 128 full time employees, 16 part-time and 32 seasonal.

Changes to the staffing ordinance include:

- The Collector has had a fulltime contractual employee for numerous years. This was reclassified to a full-time employee to improve turnover for the position.
- Three seasonal mowers have been assigned to the Community Development Department for seasonal mowing. In prior years, only two positions were utilized. The third position was transferred to the Street Division in Public Works.
- Additional seasonal workers were added for concessions due to tournaments.
- A \$2,000 increase was given to fulltime employees.
- Entry level pay for communications officers increased an additional \$1/hour to improve retention and attract applicants.
- A skilled worker was added to Street Division and Park Division.
- A maintenance position was added to assist the Building Maintenance Supervisor

Councilwoman Williams arrived at 5:30 p.m.

Resolution 21-05-01, Surplus Old SCBA Air Packs

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI DECLARING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES AND ITEMS IN THE CITY'S INVENTORY TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSAL.

WHEREAS, Certain equipment, vehicles and items in the City's inventory, due to its age or state of disrepair can no longer adequately perform the day-to-day operations of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sikeston seeks to remove such items from its inventories to maximize operations, and while providing a safe and efficient environment for its employees.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

The item enumerated below are hereby declared surplus and the City Manager is directed to proceed with the removal of this item from City inventories by sale at public auction, sale by sealed bid, or when the item is no longer usable, by disposal.

Items:

1. Old SCBA Airpacks-29
2. 60 Old air cylinders

Councilwoman Self moved to adopt Resolution 21-05-01. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baker and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Absent, Merideth Absent, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Authorization to Purchase Used Work Truck for Parks Department

During department evaluations, it was determined that Parks Department was short two vehicles to accommodate staff. A new vehicle is included in next year's budget, but one is needed for this summer. Because of underspending in several areas this year, these savings could fund this one-time purchase of a new or used $\frac{3}{4}$ ton truck for Parks Department in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.

Councilman Self moved to authorize the purchase of a work truck for Parks Department in an amount not to exceed \$28,000. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Absent, Merideth Absent, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Approval of Engineering Services Contract for Project Armor

Authorization is needed to execute the agreement with Waters Engineering for the design and inspection of improvements related to street, water, sewer and stormsewer improvements inside the new industrial park. Funding for engineering will be provided by DRA with a match from the city.

Councilman Self moved to authorize the execution of the engineering services contract with Waters Engineering for improvements inside the new industrial park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Absent, Merideth Absent, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

1st & 2nd Reading, Emergency Bill #6227, Authorization to Execute Agreement with MoDOT for Governor Cost Share Project

Councilman Teachout moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6227. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Absent, Merideth Absent, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become emergency ordinance number 6227 authorizing the Mayor to execute a program agreement between the City of Sikeston, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Governor's Cost Share Agreement.

This ordinance covers the Governor's Cost Share Agreements for Phase IV of Project Armor and will authorize the Mayor to sign the project agreements with Missouri Highway & Transportation Commission for the construction of a new overpass and connecting roadways on Highway 61. This will be Phase IV of Project Armor with an expected completion date in May 2023.

Councilman Self moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6277. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Absent, Merideth Absent, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for a second reading.

Bill No.6227

Ordinance No. 6227

THIS BILL AS APPROVED SHALL BECOME EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NUMBER 6227 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE GOVERNOR'S COST SHARE AGREEMENTS.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: This Ordinance shall not be codified in the City Municipal Code.

SECTION II: That the Agreement set forth on "Exhibit A" set forth the various responsibilities and liabilities of the parties regarding the Program Agreements with the understanding that such funds to be expended for road and bridge improvement projects.

SECTION III: The Mayor and such other officials as may be necessary are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any documents necessary and proper to effectuate the same and specifically "Exhibit A" which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

SECTION IV: General Repealer Section. Any ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION V: 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 VI: Emergency Clause. This Ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure to comply with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission requirements.

SECTION VII: Record of Passage:

- A. Bill Number 6227 was introduced and read the first time this 24th day of May 2021.
- B. Bill Number 6227 was read the second time and discussed on this 24th day of May 2021. Following discussion, Councilman Self moved to approve Bill Number 6227. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:
- Sparks Absent, Merideth Absent, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.
- C. Upon passage by a majority of the Council, this Bill shall become Ordinance 6227 and shall be in full force and effect.

1st & 2nd Reading, Emergency Bill #6228, Cost Share

Councilman Self moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6228. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baker and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Absent, Merideth Absent, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become emergency ordinance number 6228 authorizing the Mayor to execute a program agreement between the City of Sikeston, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the cost share agreement.

Councilman Teachout moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6278. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Absent, Merideth Absent, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

This bill authorizes the execution of the cost share agreements with Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission for the widening of and installation of traffic signal on Highway 61. This will be Phase II of Project Armor, with an expected completion date in October 2022.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for a second reading.

Bill No.6228

Ordinance No. 6228

THIS BILL AS APPROVED SHALL BECOME EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NUMBER 6228 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE COST SHARE AGREEMENT.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: This Ordinance shall not be codified in the City Municipal Code.

SECTION II: That the Agreement set forth on "Exhibit A" set forth the various responsibilities and liabilities of the parties regarding the Program Agreements with the understanding that such funds to be expended for road and bridge improvement projects.

SECTION III: The Mayor and such other officials as may be necessary are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any documents necessary and proper to effectuate the same and specifically "Exhibit A" which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

SECTION IV: General Repealer Section. Any ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION V: 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 VI: Emergency Clause. This Ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure to comply with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission requirements.

SECTION VII: Record of Passage:

A. Bill Number 6228 was introduced and read the first time this 24th day of May 2021.

B. Bill Number 6228 was read the second time and discussed on this 24th day of May 2021. Following discussion, Councilman Self moved to approve Bill Number 6228. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Absent, Merideth Absent, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye,
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

C. Upon passage by a majority of the Council, this Bill shall become Ordinance 6228 and shall be in full force and effect.

Other Items:

- A. Discussion of including in future budget plans the installation of a splash pad at Lincoln Park.
- B. Schedule a Council study session to discuss future budget items.
- C. Complaint from citizens who reside in the North Ranney/Lake Street area of ongoing issues (unkept property, etc.) in their neighborhood.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Sparks Absent, Merideth Absent, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye,
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

BRANDON SPARKS, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK

SEAL: