

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JUNE 28, 2021**

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of June 28, 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, Brandon Sparks, David Teachout and Vest Baker. Councilmen Onethia Williams, Ryan Merideth and Brian Self were absent. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Rhonda Council, Finance Director Karen Bailey, HR Director Amanda Groves, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Parks Director Dustin Care, Public Safety Director James McMillen, and Community Development Director Lorenzo Ware.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Resolution 21-06-01, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding – Street Improvements**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, STATING INTENT TO SEEK FUNDING THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURSUE ACTIVITIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE FUNDING.

WHEREAS, Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 does state as its primary objective “the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate income”; and

WHEREAS, Title I does offer to communities the opportunity of monetary assistance in accomplishing its stated primary objectives; and

WHEREAS, The Missouri Department of Economic Development is designated to award Community Development Block Grant funding under Title I; and

WHEREAS, The city does have areas of need which may be addressed through the Community Development Block Grant Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Sikeston, Missouri that it desires to participate with the Missouri Department of Economic Development in the improvement of our community under the activities authorized pursuant to the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of Sikeston, Missouri hereby is authorized to submit documents which are necessary in applying for funding and establishing an administrative organization to implement activities pursuant to the aforementioned act.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the applicant will dedicate \$100,000 of local cash and funds and \$0 of in-kind materials or labor to be used in this project.

Councilman Sparks moved to adopt Resolution 21-06-01. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote recorded:

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Consideration, Emergency Bill #6226, Chapter 100 Bond

Councilman Sparks moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6226. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Absent, Self Absent, Williams Absent, Baker Aye,  
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being failed  
due to the lack of a supermajority for the emergency reading.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Consideration, Emergency Bill #6229, Special Obligation Refunding & Improvement Bond

Councilman Teachout moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6229. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baker and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Absent, Self Absent, Williams Absent, Baker Aye,  
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being failed  
due to the lack of a supermajority for the emergency reading.

Approval of FY21 Audit Services

City staff seeks approval to authorize the Mayor to execute the Letter of Understanding to use the professional services of Beussink, Hey, Roe & Stroeder, L.L.C. to contact a review of the City's financial statements and practices for the Fiscal Year 2021 and provide the Fiscal Year 2021 Financial Audit. The cost for this service is \$32,000.

Councilman Baker motioned to authorize the Mayor to execute the Letter of Understanding with Beussink, Hey, Roe & Stroeder, L.L.C. for the Fiscal Year 2021 Audit Services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote recorded:

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

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Emergency Bill #6231, Amending FY21 Budget Amendment

Councilman Teachout moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6231. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Absent, Self Absent, Williams Absent, Baker Aye,  
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being failed  
due to the lack of a supermajority for the emergency reading.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Bill #6221, Designating Scott & New Madrid County Circuit Courts as Municipal Court for the City of Sikeston

Councilman Teachout moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6221. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baker and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for a second reading.

Bill No.6221

Ordinance No. 6221

THIS BILL AS APPROVED SHALL BECOME ORDINANCE NUMBER 6221 DESIGNATING THE SCOTT AND NEW MADRID COUNTY CIRCUIT COURTS AS MUNICIPAL COURT FOR SIKESTON, MISSOURI.

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. The City of Sikeston has found the cost of operating a separate Municipal Court to be excessive and the City believes that having the Circuit Courts hear municipal cases will improve the public's perception of the seriousness of municipal violation charges and perception of the fairness of the court. Missouri Statute specifically allows the City to choose to operate its separate Municipal Court or to request the state court system to hear municipal cases.

SECTION III. Division 33 of the Circuit Court of Scott County, Missouri and Division 34 of the Circuit Court of New Madrid County, Missouri are hereby designated as the Municipal Court of Sikeston, Missouri.

SECTION IV. The Municipal Court shall transfer all of its records, and the court shall be established in the Circuit Courthouse of each division, effective at the Circuit Court's earliest convenience but not later than November 16, 2021.

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

SECTION VI. 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 VII: Record of Passage:

- A. Bill Number 6221 was introduced and read the first time this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.
- B. Bill Number 6221 was read the second time and discussed on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021. Following discussion, Councilman Sparks moved to table Bill Number 6221 due to the absence of several council members and in addition to receiving more information. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

## ADJOURNMENT

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

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

APPROVED:

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GREG TURNBOW, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK

SEAL: