

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 28, 2020**

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of September 28, 2020 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Clinton Building located at 501 Campanella Drive, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Sparks, Brian Self, Karen Evans, Gerald Settles and Ryan Merideth. Mayor Steven Burch was absent. Councilwoman Onethia Williams arrived at 5:10 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 and City Collector Vicky Lewis.

**OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY**

City Clerk Rhonda Council conducted the oath of office ceremony to swear in citizens appointed to various City Boards and Commission.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Bill #6208, Board of Municipal Utilities Ground Lease**

Councilman Settles moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6208. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,  
Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. An ordinance authorizing the City of Sikeston, Missouri to enter into a ground lease with the Board of Municipal Utilities of the City of Sikeston, Missouri and approving certain actions in connection therewith.

The BMU Board determined that the best financing option for a new water plant was to use Certificates of Purchase (COP), which requires the land on which the water plant is sited to be part of the collateral for the financing. Since the land is titled in the City of Sikeston's name, this Ground Lease document leases the land to BMU for the term of the financing so it can be used as collateral. When the plant is paid for, the lease expires.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Bill #6204, Request to Annex Property Along West Side of S. Illinois Avenue and South of Ables Road**

Councilman Settles moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6204. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,  
Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6204 providing for approval to annex a tract of land which generally lies along the West side of S. Illinois and South of Ables Road and adjacent, unincorporated area into the City of Sikeston, Missouri.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Bill #6205, Request to Rezone Property Along the West Side of S. Illinois Avenue and South of Ables Road from “AG” Agricultural to “R-1” Single Family Residential

Councilman Merideth moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6205. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6205 providing for the rezoning from “AG” Agricultural to “R-1” Single Family Residential the following described real estate to -wit: 8.227 acres which lies along the west side of S. Illinois Avenue and south of Ables Road, Scott County, Missouri.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Bill #6206, Request for Approval of Proposed Subdivision, Saddleridge South – First Addition

Councilwoman Evans moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6206. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6206 providing for the approval of subdividing a 8.227 acre tract or parcel of land being known as Saddleridge South 1<sup>st</sup> Addition, which generally lies along the west side of S. Illinois Avenue and south of Ables Road, Scott County, Missouri.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Emergency Bill #6207, Request from Tanner Street Church for the Abandonment of 10’ Alley Located between Tract 1 and Tract 2 of Out-Block 28

Councilman Self moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6207. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become emergency ordinance number 6207 providing for the approval to vacate a 10’ alley located between Tract 1 and Tract 2 of Outblock 28 in the City of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri.

Councilman Settles moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6207. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for a second reading.

Emergency BILL Number 6207

Emergency ORDINANCE Number 6207

THIS BILL AS APPROVED SHALL BECOME EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NUMBER 6207 PROVIDING FOR THE APPROVAL TO VACATE A 10’ ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN

TRACT 1 AND TRACT 2 OF OUTBLOCK 28 IN THE CITY OF SIKESTON, SCOTT COUNTY, 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 Planning and Zoning Commission met on September 22, 2020 and passed a favorable recommendation to approve the request to vacate a 10' alley, being more fully described by metes and bounds as follows and which is attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A" and incorporated by reference:

"Tract 1: The West 70.35 feet of the following described tract of land; 0.09 of an acre of the Northeast part of Outblock Twenty-Eight (28) of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, and described in metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at an iron pin set for the Northeast corner of said Outblock 28 at the intersection of the South boundary line of Tanner Street and the West boundary line of Taylor Avenue; thence South 82° 36' West along the South boundary line of Tanner Street, a distance of 210.35 feet to an iron pin set at the intersection of the South boundary line of Tanner Street and the East side of an alley and Northwest corner of tract; thence South 12° 51' East along the East boundary line of said alley, a distance of 186.5 feet to an iron pin set for the Southwest corner; thence North 82° 36' East paralleling the North boundary line of Lake Street a distance of 210.35 feet to an iron pin set in the West boundary line of Taylor Avenue for the southeast corner; thence North 12° 51' West along the West boundary line of Taylor Avenue, a distance of 186.5 feet to the northeast corner and place of beginning.

Tract 2: 66/100a 60' x 95' East part Lot two, Block 28, O.L. Sikeston and 55a 210' x 95' Lot one, Block 28, O.L. Sikeston."

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

SECTION IV: 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 V: Emergency Clause. This Ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure to facilitate financing and insuring of the Tanner Street Church property.

SECTION VI: Record of Passage

- A. Bill Number 6207 was introduced and read the first time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.
- B. Bill Number 6207 was read the second time and discussed on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020. Following discussion, Councilman Self moved to approve Bill Number 6207. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,  
Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

- C. Ordinance 6193 shall be in full force and effect from and after September 28, 2020.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Bill #6198, Rename Felker Avenue to Lincoln Avenue

Councilman Self moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6198. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,  
Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6198, changing the name of Felker Avenue to Lincoln Avenue.

Authorize Purchase of Road Salt

To prepare for the upcoming winter season, the City would like to purchase road salt. The only vendor available to sell road salt is Cargill at a price of \$84/ton. The City would like to purchase 175 tons of road salt from Cargill for a total price of \$14,700.00.

Councilman Settles moved to authorize the purchase of 175 tons of road salt from Cargill in the amount of \$14,700.00. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,  
Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

Authorization to Execute Agreement with Missouri Department of Conservation for Management of Complex Lake

The Missouri Department of Conservation is seeking an agreement with the City to maximize the quality and recreational values associated with managing the Recreation Complex Lake. The agreement is valid for 25 years; however, it renews automatically for one year if neither party has advised the other in writing of its intention to terminate the agreement in at least 120 days prior to renewal.

With this agreement, the City would be eligible to receive funding from the Conservation Department for improvements to the quality of the lake and growth of fish habitat. The Conservation Department would also provide surveys, enforcement of rules and regulations and regularly stock the lake as needed and do special stockings for events such as the Kids Fishing Derby and Corporate Games at zero cost to the City.

Councilman Merideth moved to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation to manage the Complex Lake for 25 years with an automatic renewal each year. If either party wishes to terminate the agreement, it must be at least 120 days prior to renewal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,  
Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

Other Items:

Citizen Keira Baker asked Council to consider improving the City park located on Butler Street (Clayton Park) with updated equipment.

**ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,  
Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

**ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Self moved to adjourn into executive session for discussion of personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,  
Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

Based on the performance evaluation for City Manager Jonathan Douglass, Councilman Merideth suggested a 3 ½% salary increase. Councilman Self moved to authorize a 3 ½% salary increase for City Manager Douglass. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,  
Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

**ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,  
Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,  
Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

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STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK

SEAL: