

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2018

The special Sikeston City Council meeting of October 22, 2018 was called to order at 7:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 105 East Center, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Jon Gilmore, Gerald Settles, Karen Evans, Ryan Merideth, Mary White-Ross and Councilman Brian Self. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Clerk Carroll Couch, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Council, Assistant Public Safety Director James McMillen, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Street Supervisor Darren Martin and Parks Director Dustin Care.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Christmas Eve Holiday

City employees receive ½ day off for Christmas Eve. This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Monday. Staff requested the City Council consider giving employees the full day off.

Councilman Gilmore moved to authorize City employees having a full day off for Christmas Eve. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman White-Ross and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Award Bid #19-19, Maintenance Building Concrete Walls

Staff sought bids for labor to lay concrete blocks for the BMX storage building expansion in the Recreation Complex. Bid specs were sent to four contractors, but only one bid was submitted which was from Quertermous Masonry for \$12,592.00.

Councilman Self moved to award the bid for laying concrete block for the BMX storage building expansion to Quertermous Masonry in the amount of \$12,592.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Award Domestic Violence Surcharge

A \$4.00 Domestic Violence Shelter Surcharge is placed on all municipal court convictions. These funds are retained by the City and distributed via an application process to domestic violence shelters serving the municipality.

On September 21, 2018 the House of Refuge for Abused and Battered Women submitted an application for funding in the amount of \$8,000. This amount would be distributed on a monthly basis during calendar year 2019. Their application meets all municipal requirements, and if Sikeston's municipal court caseload remains at current levels, \$8,000 in domestic violence shelter surcharge fees should be generated.

Councilman Settles moved to award the Domestic Violence Shelter Surcharge funds to the House of Refuge for Abused and Battered Women in the amount of \$8,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Appointment to SEMO University - Sikeston Campus Advisory Council

During the Council meeting on September 24, it was indicated there was one more position to fill on the SEMO University - Sikeston Advisory Council but we did not have any applications in our Resource Bank. We are in receipt of an application from John Leible, a resident of Sikeston, who seeks to serve on this advisory council.

Councilman Merideth motioned to appoint John Leible to the SEMO University - Sikeston Campus Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Appointment to LCRA Board

Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority (LCRA) Board member Mike Jensen recently notified City staff of his desire to resign from this board. Mr. Jensen's term was due to expire September 2019. Staff is requesting Council to appoint a new member to this advisory board to fill this unexpired term.

Requirements for appointment:

Appointees shall be taxpayers who have resided within Sikeston for five years prior to their appointment.

Resource Bank Applicants:

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Years of Residency</u>
Paul Cohen	52
James Barnhart	15+
Agnes Mason	20+
Mike Ziegenhorn	62
Willie James Billops-Hill	2
Larry Hancock	21

Councilwoman White-Ross motioned to appoint Agnes Mason to the LCRA Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Award Purchase of Pickup Trucks for Public Works

In multiple Public Works Divisions 5 vehicles were included in the current fiscal year budget. Staff is requesting the authorization to order four (4) work trucks for the price of \$26,090 each

for the following DPW Divisions: Parks, Airport, Garage, and Code from Don Brown Chevrolet per the still current state bids for a ½ Ton 4WD Extended Cab Work Truck.

Councilman Self moved to authorize the purchase of four (4) 1/2 ton 4WD extended cab work trucks priced at \$26,090 each from Don Brown Chevrolet. Councilman Merideth seconded the motion and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Award Rail Trail Construction Bid #19-23 (Phase 1)

Five (5) bids were received for the rail trail construction project. The low bid was from Hessling Construction from Dexter, MO. in the amount of \$360,570.96. Phase 1 of this project is on Malone Avenue starting at the west end of the Depot to Main Street.

Councilwoman White-Ross moved to award Bid #19-23, Rail Trail Construction Bid (Phase 1) to Hessling Construction in the amount of \$360,570.96. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Renewal of Employee Health Insurance

The City is completing its fourth year in a self-insured plan. For the fourth year in a row, employees will not have an increase in premium.

Councilman Gilmore moved to renew the Alliance Healthcare Coalition employee health insurance plan. Councilman Merideth seconded the motion and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Request from Tetra-Pak for Sale of Portion of Railroad Right-of-Way

Mike Tomaszewski, Factory Director at Tetra Pak Materials, submitted a request to purchase the portion of the railroad right-of-way adjacent to Tetra Pak's plant on Edwards Avenue. He proposes a \$3,000 sale price (plus closing costs).

Tetra Pak's property straddles the Sikeston/Miner city limit. The portion of the former railroad property now controlled by the City of Sikeston adjacent to Tetra Pak is about 250' long. Tetra Pak currently leases the property from the City for \$746.03/yr (the previous lease states the lease rate of \$2,297.37, but that has since been prorated down because a large portion of the property, and the leaseholder rights, were sold to the City of Miner). Tomaszewski states that they would be willing to accommodate a trail across the property if the City wanted to put one in at a future date.

Councilman Gilmore moved to authorize the sale of the portion of railroad right-of-way adjacent to Tetra Pak with the understanding they are to include the specific usage of this property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Ave, Merideth Ave, Self Ave, Settles Ave, Evans Ave,
White-Ross Ave, and Burch Ave, thereby being passed.

Resolution 18-10-01, Supporting Future I-57 Project

This resolution is to support the improvement of Highway 60 from Sikeston to Poplar Bluff and Highway 67 from Poplar Bluff to the Arkansas State Line, to become Interstate 57, and the construction of a grade separated interchange at the intersection of South Ingram and Highway 60/Future I-57 in Sikeston, Missouri.

RESOLUTION 18-10-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, SUPPORTING THE IMPROVEMENT OF HIGHWAY 60 FROM SIKESTON TO POPLAR BLUFF, AND HIGHWAY 67 FROM POPLAR BLUFF TO THE ARKANSAS STATE LINE, TO BECOME INTERSTATE 57, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GRADE SEPARATED INTERCHANGE AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH INGRAM AND HIGHWAY 60/FUTURE I-57 IN SIKESTON, MISSOURI.

WHEREAS, The City of Sikeston supports the upgrade of Highway 60 to interstate standards along with other highways in the Future I-57 Corridor; and

WHEREAS, The City of Sikeston recognizes the need to expand the City's footprint south of Highway 60/Future I-57 to support housing and commercial development; and

WHEREAS, The City of Sikeston has purchased land and begun development of a new 265 acre industrial park south of Highway 60/Future I-57; and

WHEREAS, The City of Sikeston supports the safe movement of traffic on and off of Highway 60/Future I-57 at Sikeston; and

WHEREAS, The City of Sikeston supports good access to existing businesses and neighborhoods once Highway 60 is upgraded to interstate access standards, via outer roads leading to grade separated interchanges; and

WHEREAS, The City of Sikeston recognizes the importance of Three Rivers College Sikeston Campus to the Southeast Missouri and Bootheel Region; and

WHEREAS, The City of Sikeston supports development of a long range transportation plan in conjunction with MoDOT, Scott County, and New Madrid County; and

WHEREAS, For the reasons outlined above the City of Sikeston supports and endorses the construction of a new grade separated interchange at the intersection of South Ingram Road and Highway 60/Future I-57, along with supporting and connecting service and frontage roads, and removal of all at-grade crossings between I-55 and US 61; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Sikeston, New Madrid County, and the Sikeston Area Economic Development Corporation are working together on promotion of this project and review of funding sources;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, hereby request that the Bootheel Planning and Economic Development Commission, the BRPC TAC Committee, and the Missouri Department of Transportation give highest priority to the extension of I-57 and the construction of a grade separated interchange at the intersection of South Ingram Road and Highway 60/Future I-57, along with supporting and connecting service and frontage roads in Sikeston, Missouri.

Councilman Self moved to adopt Resolution 18-10-01 to support the necessary closure of at grade crossings in favor of outer roads leading to interchanges. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

1st Reading, Bill #6125, Authorization to Change George E. Day Parkway from Colonel to General

Councilman Self moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6125. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

City Clerk Couch presented Bill Number 6125 for reading, this bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6125, changing the name of Colonel George E. Day Parkway to General George E. Day Parkway.

1st Reading, Bill #6126, Extension of Cell Tower Lease

Councilwoman Evans moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6126. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

City Clerk Couch presented Bill Number 6126 for reading, this bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6125, authorizing the City of Sikeston, Missouri to enter into a certain second amendment to the site agreement with American Towers, LLC.

The City of Sikeston allowed Roberts Tower Company to construct a cell tower at the rear of Fire Station 1 on North West Street. In exchange for the lease, Roberts Tower agreed to pay \$200 per month for the land lease and pay 10% of the rent on the tower. The City also has the rights to have six whip antennas on the tower.

In 2010, Roberts Tower Company was purchased by American Tower Corporation. The City currently receives \$17,000 annually in revenue from American Tower Company.

The current lease expires in 2025. At that time, American Tower can assign rights to the tower, to the City for a fair market value assessment and the City of Sikeston will give American Tower a tax receipt. The City does not have the expertise to operate or maintain a cell tower.

The cellular carriers that American Tower does business with enter into 30-40 year terms and they like to know that the tower they are on (or would potentially go on) is stable with a long term commitment. American Tower wants to extend the current ground lease with us (or selling them an easement if that works better) to have the best chance to market the tower.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: