

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 27, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

The special Sikeston City Council meeting of October 27, 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 (arriving at 11:45 a.m.), Jon Gilmore, John Graham, 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, Economic Development Director Ed Dust, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Public Safety Captain James McMillen, City Collector Vicky Lewis, and Parks Director Jiggs Moore.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Briefing: Wakefield Bridge Project**

Public Works Director Jay Lancaster provided an updated on the replacement schedule for the Wakefield Bridge Project.

**Briefing: Winter Operations**

A review of the Department of Public Works preparation for winter operations was given by Director Lancaster.

**Briefing: Public Works Building**

An update was provided to the City Council regarding the repairs to the Public Works building. A decision has been made to have city staff to work with Stockade Buildings to remove the necessary wiring and reinstall it when appropriate.

**Authorization to Award Bids for Painting of Bleachers at VFW Field**

Parks Director Jiggs Moore reviewed the two (2) bids received for the painting of bleachers at the VFW baseball field. Councilman Depro moved to award Bid Number 15-13 to Gulf Coast Sports in the amount of \$14,010.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

**Award of Bid Number 15-14, Backstop Replacement at Recreation Complex**

Park Director Jiggs Moore reviewed four (4) bids received for the backstop completion of four (4) different ball fields, located in the Recreation Complex. Councilman Depro moved to award Bid Number 15-14 to Gulf Coast Sports for the backstop completions in the amount of \$45,820.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burch and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

#### Relocation Policy

During the current TIF process, it was discovered the City's relocation policy needed to be updated from the most recent adoption in 1999. The reference to the policy is included in the redevelopment plan for the 60 West TIF Proposal.

Councilman Burch moved for the first reading of Bill Number 5969. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible presented Bill Number 5969 for reading, an ordinance repealing Ordinance Number 5250 and establishing a new policy for the relocation of businesses and residences due to the redevelopment plans adopted pursuant to Chapters 99, 100, and 353 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

#### Award of 2015 Domestic Violence Surcharge Funding Application

Governmental Services Director Linda Lowes reported on September 15, 2014 the House of Refuge for Abused and Battered Women submitted an application for funding, seeking \$6,500 during calendar Year 2015. This application met all municipal requirements, and the funding request was submitted to the City Council.

Councilman Teachout moved to approve \$6,500 in funding from Sikeston Municipal Court's Domestic Violence Shelter Surcharge Fees to the House of Refuge for Abused and Battered Women. The motion was seconded by Councilman Graham and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

#### Interim Appointment to the Park Board

Councilman Graham nominated Ellen Brandom to service the unexpired term of G. Wendell Weathers on the Park Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

#### Holiday Office Hours

Holiday office hours for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years were reviewed.

Other Items

City Clerk Carroll Couch briefed Council on an MML class-action suit against Qwest Telephone for violation of local telephone franchise tax laws. The City anticipates receiving \$12,685 in the settlement. An ordinance authorizing the City to pursue this suit will be submitted as an emergency bill on November 3.

Tax bills are targeted for release on November 15.

Councilman Graham presented a list of issues he would like Council to study and take action on.

**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 Gilmore and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

The executive session was called to order at 12:30 p.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, John Graham, 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, and Public Works Director Jay Lancaster.

No action was taken in executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

APPROVED:

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JERRY PULLEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL:

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

Bid #15-03, Recreation Complex Backstop

Parks Director Jiggs Moore requested all bids received for the replacement of the recreation complex be rejected. \$44,415 was budgeted for this project. The lowest bid received was \$55,700. Councilman Burch moved to reject all bids received for Bid #15-03. The motion was seconded by Councilman Depro and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

DPS Purchase of Fire Apparatus

Director Juden briefed Council on bids received for the purchase of a pumper engine, \$334,350, and 78 foot ladder truck, \$698,995. Councilman Depro moved to proceed with the RFP for financing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burch and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

Resolution 14-09-01, Declaration of Surplus Property

In compliance with the State Constitution and the City Purchasing Policy, staff requested approval of Resolution 14-09-01, authorizing the sale of Engine #2 a 1990 Ford 8000 Series Pumper and Ladder #2, a 1993 Emergency 1 high-performance 75' Quint Ladder Truck.

RESOLUTION 14-09-01

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:

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

## Vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>VIN Number</u>
1990 Ford 8000-series Pumper (Engine 2)	1FDYD80U2LVA24171
1993 75' Quint Aerial Truck (Ladder 2)	4ENDAA82P1002605

Read this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, Councilman Burch moved to approve Resolution 14-09-01. The motion was seconded by Councilman Graham, discussed and voted as follows:

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

Authorization to Purchase Road Salt

DPW Director Lancaster reviewed the challenges he had encountered in attempting to purchase rock salt in preparation of winter. Councilman Gilmore moved to authorize city staff to purchase 200 tons of rock salt at a price of \$155 per ton from a Texas vendor for winter snow removal operations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burch and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

Briefing on MoDOT Transportation Alternatives Program

Director Lancaster advised the City Council of funding available from the State of Missouri for possible projects dealing with the development or enhancement of bike/ped projects such as ADA improvements, trails or sidewalk/downtown projects. He requested Council input on projects of interest to them.

Other Items

The Mayor announced efforts are under way to lobby Jefferson City officials for re-consideration of Noranda's electric rate adjustment. He asked that individuals interested in attending this meeting contact him.

The City Manager briefed Council on the status of the 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan. He anticipates it will be ready for Council's November 20 study session.

The City Manager provided a draft of a proposed joint effort between the City and BMU for use of the former Bootheel Golf Course Clubhouse as a community meeting room. Councilman Gilmore moved to accept the joint partnership with the BMU. The motion was seconded by Councilman Burch and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

**ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Depro moved to adjourn into executive session for the discussion of property [RSMO 610.021 (2)]. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

Present were: Mayor Jerry Pullen and Councilmen Steven Burch, Bob Depro, Jon Gilmore, John Graham and Maude Harris. Councilman Kathy Teachout was absent. 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, Economic Development Director Ed Dust, Director of Public Safety Drew Juden, and Captain Mike Williams.

Councilman Harris left the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Following review of the Phase 1 Study on the railroad right-of-way, Councilman Depro moved to proceed with closing the contract for purchase. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

Mayor Pullen reconvened the special meeting of the Sikeston City Council.

Director Juden provided information on Home Security Shield manipulating data provided to the FBI.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Graham Aye,  
and Pullen Aye, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

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JERRY PULLEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: