

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 30, 2020**

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of November 30, 2020 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing in Sikeston, MO. Present at the zoom video meeting were: Mayor Steven Burch, Brian Self, Karen Evans, Gerald Settles and Onethia Williams. Councilman Ryan Merideth was 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, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Public Safety Director James McMillen and Community Development Director Lorenzo Ware.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Bill #6213, Change in Excessive Strength Charge Fees for Commercial or Industrial Users for Wastewater Collection**

Councilman Self moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6213. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following vote recorded:

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

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as adopted shall become Ordinance Number 6213, amending determination of rates for excessive strength charge fees for commercial or industrial users for wastewater collection.

**Appointment to Traffic Committee**

Because no Resource Bank Applications were on file in September, staff tabled appointment to the Traffic Committee. An application was received from Keira Baker, who is interested in serving on this committee. This is a three-year term that will begin immediately upon appointment.

Councilwoman Williams moved to appoint Keira Baker to the Traffic Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and the following vote recorded:

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Bill #6211, Calling for the April 6, 2021 General Election**

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6211. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and the following vote recorded:

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

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6211, calling for a general election in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 for the purpose of electing a candidate for the position of Mayor, Councilman Ward 2 and Councilman Ward 3.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Bill #6212, Installation of Stop Signs at Various Locations

Councilman Self moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6212. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following vote recorded:

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

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6212 and shall amend Title III, Chapter 300, Schedule III, Table III-A of the Uniform Traffic Code establishing additional traffic control measures within the City of Sikeston, Missouri.

Authorization to Transfer Property to LCRA

Property located at 107 Alabama Street is currently owned by the City of Sikeston. The structures have been condemned and the property is being maintained by LCRA. Staff would like to transfer property ownership to LCRA.

Councilman Self moved to authorize the transfer of property located at 107 Alabama Street to LCRA. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following vote recorded:

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

Authorization to Purchase Patrol Vehicles

The Department of Public Safety is requesting to purchase three (3) 2021 Dodge Charger AWD's at the state contract price of \$28,634 each from Lou Fusz Ford of Chesterfield and use remaining dollars to outfit them with necessary equipment. The funds for two of the three new cars and the equipment needed to outfit them were included in the current budget for DPS.

One of the new cars will be replacing a 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe that was recently totaled by insurance as a result of a no-fault accident which occurred on 10-01-2020. The city will receive \$35,125.00 from the insurance company which will be applied towards the purchase of the replacement Charger and equipment to outfit the car.

Councilman Self moved to authorize the purchase of three 2021 Dodge Charger AWS's from Lou Fusz Ford of Chesterfield at the state contract price of \$28,634 each. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following vote recorded:

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

Receive 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan:

City Manager Douglass presented the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP is the city's 5-year plan for investment in capital assets. Development of the 2022-2026 CIP began in October with city staff. This plan will inform decisions made in the FY2022 budget process which will begin this spring. The City Charter requires that the city manager submit a five-year capital program to the city council at least six months prior to the start of the new fiscal year.

Councilman Sparks moved to receive the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

No recordable action was taken.

#### **ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

APPROVED:

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STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK

SEAL: