

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2019

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of December 2, 2019 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 105 East Center, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Karen Evans, Gerald Settles, Onethia Williams and Brandon Sparks. Councilmen Brian Self and Ryan Merideth were absent. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Carroll Couch, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Council, Public Safety Director James McMillen, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Street Supervisor Darren Martin, Park Supervisor Dustin Care, Code Enforcement Officers Bruce Copeland and Andy Barnes, Airport Director Chris Hart and Captains Ryan Smith and Austin Henley. Code Enforcement Manager Lorenzo Ware arrived at 5:40 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - MAIN & MALONE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT

Councilman Sparks motioned to begin the Public Hearing to discuss the Main & Malone Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

City Clerk Carroll Couch conducted a public hearing to give an update on the Main & Malone TIF District, as required by State Statutes. A public hearing must be done every 5 years to determine if the redevelopment project is making satisfactory progress. The TIF district project is in reference to the area located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Main & Malone. The primary note of \$1,325,000 for site development & public infrastructure has been paid off. The secondary note in the amount of \$325,000 for reimbursement to MoDOT for installing the signalization at the intersection of North Main & Lake Street should be paid off in 2022.

No remarks were heard from the public.

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

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

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council minutes of November 4 and November 8 were presented for approval. Councilman Sparks moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilwoman Evans seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

None were presented.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS**1st Reading, Bill #6176, Economic Development Incentive Rate**

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6176. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6176 and shall establish Title VII, Chapter 706 - Economic Development Incentive Rate of the City Code of the City of Sikeston, Missouri. Presented by Rick Landers of BMU, this legislation was passed by the State of Missouri to provide an incentive rate to help entice businesses to locate or expand in Missouri. It is the BMU Board's intention that Sikeston remain competitive with other areas of the State.

1st Reading, Bill #6177, Rental Lighting Rate

Councilman Settles moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6177. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6177 and shall amend Chapter 705 and establish section 705.050, Rental Light Rate, of the City Code of the City of Sikeston, Missouri. The Board of Municipal Utility (BMU) recently had a consultant conduct a review of BMU's rates for accuracy and adequacy. During this review, LED light rates were not included. BMU added this information along with the associated costs.

Appointments to Board of Adjustments

Board of Adjustments member Harvey Cooper passed away in November, leaving an open position on this board. His term was set to expire in 2023. During a review of the current appointees, it was noticed that board member William Nace term expired this year but was overlooked. This was his second term, but is eligible to serve again. There is one Resource Bank application on file for Rob Murphy.

Councilman Settles moved to reappoint William Nace and appoint Rob Murphy to the Board of Adjustments. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Authorization to Extend Farm Lease - Sikeston Airport

This item has been tabled and bid packets will be sent out to the interested parties in January 2020.

Briefing: Traffic Committee Items

Two items were not approved by the Traffic Committee and are being presented to Council for informational purposes. A request from Gaylon and Markie Johnson to place a stop sign on Kay Drive at S. Prairie and also a second request from the Johnson's to reduce the speed limit on S. Prairie to 15 mph. Council suggested the removal of the posted speed limit sign on S. Prairie.

1st Reading, Bill #6162, Calling for April 7, 2020 General Election

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6162. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6162, calling for a General Election in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 for the purpose of electing a candidate for the position of Councilman At-Large.

1st Reading, Bill #6171, Amend Chapter 300, Section 300.010 - Definitions (Utility Vehicle)

Councilman Settles moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6171. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6171 and shall amend Chapter 300 General Provisions of the City Code of the City of Sikeston, Missouri. This will bring the City's code book up to date for the description of "Utility Vehicle" according to State Statute.

1st Reading, Bill #6165, Amend Chapter 340, Section 340.110 - Utility Vehicles

Councilman Settles moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6165. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6165 and shall amend Chapter 340 "Miscellaneous Driving Rules" of the Sikeston Municipal Code of the City of Sikeston, Missouri.

1st Reading, Bill #6172, Authorizing the Installation of Stop Signs on Huntress at Brunt and Valley Forge at Brunt

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6172. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6172 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.

1st Reading, Bill #6174, Parking Prohibited at all Times on Certain Streets

Councilman Settles moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6174. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6174 and shall amend Title III, Chapter 365 of the Uniform Traffic Code establishing additional traffic control measures within the City of Sikeston, Missouri. This would prohibit parking on Larcel Drive from US Highway 61 west to the end of Larcel Drive on both sides of the road.

1st Reading, Bill #6175, Adding Another Designated School Zone

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6175. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6175 and shall amend Title III, Chapter 320.050, Schedule I-B by adding another designated school zone. This designation would include Arthur Street from North West Street to Wakefield Avenue.

1st Reading, Bill #6178, Adoption of Property Maintenance Code

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6178. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6178 and shall amend Chapter 500, Article IX, Property Maintenance Code

Section 500.570 in the Municipal Code of the City of Sikeston, Missouri. This would allow the inclusion of boarding condemned property as part of the property maintenance code.

Request to Donate Right-of-Way for Route ZZ Bridge Replacement

A request was received from Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) for the City to donate 0.1 acre of land in order for them to replace the bridge on Route ZZ at the southwest corner of the City's north industrial park in the spring of 2020. MoDOT has also offered to put in an additional farm driveway crossing over the ditch onto the City's land while completing this project.

Councilman Settles moved to approve the request from MoDOT for the City to donate 0.1 acre of land on the City's corner of the project and MoDOT's offer to put in an additional farm driveway crossing over the ditch onto the City's land. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following vote recorded:

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

Other Items

The Council meeting scheduled for December 30 has been cancelled. The next regular Council meeting will be held January 6, 2020.

John Graham, citizen of Sikeston, addressed Council regarding code enforcement issues.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

APPROVED:

STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: