

CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2015

CALL TO ORDER/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The special Sikeston City Council meeting of February 19, 2015 was called to order at 7:00 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, Jon Gilmore, and John Graham. Councilmen Maude Harris and Kathy Teachout were 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, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Public Safety Captain Mike Williams, Parks Director Jiggs Moore, and Senior Building Official Collin Cecil.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Receipt of FY-14 Audit

City Clerk Carroll Couch reviewed the city's financial audit for FY-14 indicating there were no findings of misrepresentation or issues with internal controls.

Pawn Shop License Regulations

At the request of the City Council, staff provided research regarding pawn shop limitations in City Code, specifically, prohibition of a pawn shop within 300 feet of a school, church or residentially zoned property. Council directed staff to prepare an amendment to City Code reducing the residential distance to 150 feet.

Reed Ferguson, manager of a local pawn shop, expressed his opinion regarding the proposed change.

Rail to Trail Planning Process

Sample master plans from various communities were provided to the City Council. It was the consensus of the City Council for staff to obtain bids for the survey of the recently acquired trail rights and to determine the center line from end to end, marking it every 500 feet.

Other Items

Councilman Depro indicated the Sikeston School Board would like to hold a joint meeting with Council to discuss issues of mutual concern. The City Manager will contact the school superintendent and coordinate the meeting.

Councilman Depro relayed a request from the Cape Girardeau City Council to meet on the I-55 Corridor Initiative. City Manager Jonathan Douglass will contact the city manager of Cape Girardeau to follow up on the request.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

APPROVED:

JERRY PULLEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: