

CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION
September 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The special Sikeston City Council meeting of September 17, 2015 was called to order at 6:00 p.m., in the Clinton Building, located at 501 Campanella, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Bob Depro, Karen Evans, Jon Gilmore, Maude Harris, Ryan Merideth and Gerald Settles. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Chuck Leible, 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, Parks Director Jiggs Moore, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Senior Building Official Collin Cecil, and Network Administrator Dave Warren.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Leaf Removal Program

Public Works Director Jay Lancaster reported that with both leaf collection machines in disrepair, the prior years' leaf collection program has been discontinued. Effective November 15, the Compost Site will be open Monday-Friday (except holidays) and every other Saturday until December 19. Both residents and licensed commercial contractors will be allowed to bring leaves to the Compost Site, at no charge. Residents will also be encouraged to mulch their leaves. Residents will be permitted to burn their leaves on their property a, if they have a water source nearby for controlling the fire. DPW will begin a public information campaign on this year's program changes in the coming weeks.

Discussions: City Gateway and Wayfinding Signage Program

Governmental Services Director Linda Lowes provided an overview of the research and discussions behind the Signage Committee's recommended design. Council requested the committee reconvene and consider incorporation of a blue/green or black color scheme.

Other Items

With the Chamber of Commerce moving into the Economic Development Department's office, Mayor Burch proposed making the Chamber President an ex-officio member of the Economic Development Executive Board. Councilman Depro moved to amend City Code to include the President of the Chamber of Commerce as an ex-officio member of the Department of Economic Development Executive Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and the following roll call vote recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Gilmore moved to adjourn into executive session for the discussion of litigation and property [RSMO 610.021 (1 & 2)]. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following roll call vote recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Mayor Burch called the executive session to order at 6:43 p.m. Present were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Bob Depro, Karen Evans, Jon Gilmore, Maude Harris, Ron Merideth, and Gerald Settles. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Chuck Leible, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Governmental Services Director Linda Lowes, Public Safety Director Juden, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster and Economic Development Director Ed Dust.

Councilman Depro moved to loan DAEOC \$56,000 for 5 years with a 2% interest rate and contingent upon their receipt of funding from Delta Regional Authority and the Department of Economic Development; each monthly payment to be forgiven if 50 full-time employees are employed during that month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles, discussed and voted as follows:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

No further action was taken in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: