TENTATIVE AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
105 E. CENTER ST., SIKESTON
Thursday, January 27, 2022
Noon

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

III. OPENING PRAYER

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS
   A. Update: Legion Park
   B. Discussion: Use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds
   C. Other Items as May Be Determined During the Course of the Meeting

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Dated this 25th day of January 2022

Rhonda Council
Rhonda Council, City Clerk

The City of Sikeston complies with ADA guidelines. Notify Rhonda Council at 471-2512 (TDD Available) to notify the City of any reasonable accommodation needed to participate in the City Council's Meeting.
Council Letter

Date of Meeting    21-01-27

Originating Department: Public Works

To the Mayor and City Council:

Subject: Legion Park

Attachments:

1. Conceptual Design of Legion Park featuring potential additional amenities
2. Potential Legion Park Play Features

Action Options:

Background:

Legion Park is in downtown Sikeston and hosts several large community events including the St. Patrick’s Day Festival, St. Patrick’s Day Cornhole Tournament, Farmer’s Market, Christmas Tree Lighting, and the Family Fall Festival. The primary users of the park are the Sikeston Parks and Recreation Department and Historic Downtown Sikeston. There have been several discussions for the future development of Legion Park to increase activity and add additional amenities to serve those who utilize the park for events or for their own leisure.

Downtown Restroom: The Parks and Recreation Department has budgeted to construct a restroom facility downtown over the course of several years. The need for a public restroom downtown is critical due to the amount of people that utilize Legion Park; plus, the downtown businesses restrooms are intended for customers or private use. The location of where to construct the restroom has been a major discussion point and has delayed the construction process. The preferred option to build the restroom is across the street on the west side of Legion Park. There is already a lift station in place in the preferred location to accommodate building a restroom in that area.

Farmer’s Market: Each year the downtown Farmer’s Market occurs every Saturday from March – October. There are local vendors who set up tables and tents from 8am-12pm at Legion Park and sell goods; the Farmer’s Market is overseen by Historic Downtown Sikeston. There have been discussions to construct a Farmer’s Market pavilion in the parking lot area west of Legion Park behind the Depot. The expense to construct the pavilion would be funded by an outside donor.
Playground Features for Legion Park: The addition of the fountain in Legion Park has made a larger impact than anticipated on drawing the number of users to Legion Park during the summer months. The success of the fountain has resulted in a non-profit group, Levi’s Children’s Charity, to express interest in the installation of additional play features at Legion Park. There are some obstacles to installing new play features within the park due to the usable space, but the play features would address a need of having inclusive equipment for children of all ages and abilities. Levi’s Children’s Charity has reached out to the Parks and Recreation Department, and as part of a potential partnership, the Parks and Recreation Department was asked to apply for the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant (LWCF). The grant is a 50/50 match grant meaning that Levi’s Children’s Charity would donate 50% of the grant donation and the other 50% of funding would be received through the grant funding. The deadline to apply for this grant is Wednesday, February 16, 2022, if we were to proceed with potentially obtaining funding for this project.
To promote safe and proper equipment use by children, Miracle recommends the installation of either a Miracle safety sign or other appropriate safety signage near each playsystem's main entry point(s) to inform parents and supervisors of the age appropriateness of the playsystem and general rules for safe play.

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GROUND SPACE: 62'-8" x 49'-0"
PROTECTIVE AREA: 64'-0" x 37'-6"
DRAWN BY: Brand Hutchinson
DATE: 1/14/21

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Date of Meeting: January 27, 2020

Originating Department: City Manager

To the Mayor and City Council:

Subject: American Rescue Plan Act Options

Attachment(s):

1. None.

Action Options:

1. Approve ARPA Expenditure Plan
2. Other Action Council May Deem Necessary

Background:

The City of Sikeston will receive $3,233,210.22 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The first half of those funds was received in August 2021, and the second half will be received in August 2022. All of the funds must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. The eligible uses of the funds are detailed in four documents:

- The full 242-page bill may be found at https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr1319/BILLS-117hr1319enr.pdf.
- The Treasury Department’s newly released “Final Rule” governing the Local Fiscal Recovery Funds is 437 pages long and may be found at https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule.pdf.
- The Treasury Department’s “Overview of the Final Rule” is 44 pages long and may be found at https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Final-Rule-Overview.pdf.
- Answers to Frequently Asked Questions, last updated January 2022, and 42 pages long, may be found at https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRPFAQ.pdf.

The Treasury Department’s Final Rule included many changes to the Interim Final Rule intended to deliver “broader flexibility and greater simplicity” in the use of Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. For the City of Sikeston, the most significant change is that the final rule offers a standard allowance for revenue loss of $10 million. Per the Overview of the Final Rule (p.4), “Recipients that select the
standard allowance may use that amount – in many cases their full award – for government services, with streamlined reporting requirements.”

“Government services generally include any service traditionally provided by a government, including construction of roads and other infrastructure, provision of public safety and other services, and health and education services (p.9).”

Essentially, any City service is an eligible use of the funds, with the following exceptions:

- Debt Service (Overview, p.8)
- Replenishing Rainy Day Funds (Overview, p.8)
- Offsetting Intentional Reductions in Tax Revenue (Overview, p.41)
- Deposits into Pension Funds (Overview, p.41)
- Satisfying Settlements or Judgments (Overview, p.41)
- Undermining COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts (Overview, p.41-42)

Staff Recommendation for Spending ARPA Funds

While there are many potential uses for the funds, staff recommends spending them on basic government services for which the City is responsible:

- **Police** $100,000
  - Camera Replacements/Upgrades: $100,000
- **Fire** $1,000,000
  - Fire Apparatus Replacement: $1,000,000 (Estimated $750,000 for Pumper or $1.2M for Ladder)
- **Streets and Stormwater** $1,250,000
  - Anderson stormwater project: $600,000
  - Leaf machine: $300,000
  - Miscellaneous street and stormwater projects $350,000
- **Parks** $800,000
  - Rail Trail (downtown to Sunset): $600,000
  - Misc. Playground Replacements: $200,000
- **General Government** $80,000
  - Upgraded accessibility for website $20,000
  - Council meeting broadcasting equipment $20,000
  - Misc. scanning/digitizing projects $40,000
- **TOTAL**: $3,230,000

Other Potential Uses

Bootheel Counseling Services has requested up to $360,000 to serve as match money against a $540,000 grant they have been awarded for a transitional/supportive housing project. The project would build several units managed by Bootheel Counseling to house clients who need support and for individuals transitioning from homelessness. The Sheltered Workshop has also expressed interest in receiving funds from the City, but has not requested funding for a specific project or amount.
The following projects were previously recommended by city staff, when the more restrictive “Interim Rule” governed use of the funds. Some of the recommended projects above were also recommended previously.

- **Police**
  - Mental Health Transport Vehicle: $70,000

- **Streets and Stormwater**
  - Sidewalks from Hospital South to Malone Ave: $380,000
  - Clean Out Lateral C South of Town: $80,000
  - Stormwater Improvements on South West: $50,000
  - Stormwater Improvements on Goldbriar: $50,000
  - Stormwater Improvements on John R Blvd: $50,000
  - Enclose Stormwater Ditch on Linn St: $200,000
  - Clean Out St John’s Ditch: $150,000
  - Greenbriar Ditch, Clean Out and Enlarge Culverts Under RR: $200,000
  - Sewer Vac Truck Replacement: $300,000

- **Parks**
  - Salcedo Trail, Kingshighway to Complex: $335,000

- **Community Development**
  - Community Cleanup Program: $136,000

- **General Government**
  - PPE Purchases: $60,000
  - Tablet and Hotspot for Maintenance Supervisor: $3,800
  - Cyber Security (Secure Wifi Access Points): $30,000
  - ID Printer: $30,000
  - 2 Factor Identification: $30,000
  - Bill Pay Kiosks at City Hall: $20,000
  - Reimbursement for COVID Sick Pay: $40,000