REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2021

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of February 1, 2021 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Clinton Building, located at 501 Campanella Drive in Sikeston, MO. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Steven Burch, Brian Self, Karen Evans, Gerald Settles, Ryan Merideth, Brandon Sparks and Onethia Williams. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Rhonda Council, Finance Director Karen Bailey, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Parks and Recreation Director Dustin Care, Public Safety Director James McMillen, Captain Ryan Smith and Community Development Director Lorenzo Ware.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council minutes of January 4 and 13, 2021 were presented for approval. Councilman Settles moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Self seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

OTHER ITEMS

Several citizens were on-hand to address problems with high Board of Municipal Utility (BMU) bill, poor customer service, possible faulty meters that need auditing and no payment arrangements available for customers to use. After lengthy discussions from citizens concerning these matters, Mayor Burch instructed BMU staff to have a board meeting as soon as possible to discuss the issues that were brought to their attention and report their findings back to Council during the next meeting on February 22nd.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Resolution 21-02-01, Surplus of DPS Vehicle

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI DECLARING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES AND ITEMS IN THE CITY’S INVENTORY TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSAL.

WHEREAS, Certain equipment, vehicles and items in the City’s inventory, due to its age or state of disrepair can no longer adequately perform the day-to-day operations of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sikeston seeks to remove such items from its inventories to maximize operations, and while providing a safe and efficient environment for its employees.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

The item enumerated below are hereby declared surplus and the City Manager is directed to proceed with the removal of this item from City inventories by sale at public auction, sale by sealed bid, or when the item is no longer usable, by disposal.
Vehicle: 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN: 1GNLC2EC1FR524790

Councilman Sparks moved adopt Resolution 21-02-01, surplus of 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe from Department of Public Safety. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Authorize Purchase of Projects with Funding from Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) Grant

Sikeston DPS was awarded the FY20 LETPA Grant in October 2020 and was recently advised that the performance period of the grant was active. This grant has been sought after several times and awarded to Sikeston DPS for projects that have included maintenance to the Mobile Command Vehicle.

There were three projects quoted during the grant application process for this current award and they are:

Upgrade of current phone system to include install, configuration, and testing of all equipment. This work is provided by the current system vendor, PEAKE.

Upgrade of the current camera system and other hardware associated with the cameras. This works is provided by the current system vendor, AgileMesh.

One-year of continued satellite connectivity for communications on the truck.

The total cost of all projects is $66,207.00. The LETPA grant awarded to Sikeston DPS for FY20 is for $67,788.00. This is a 100% funded grant and will require no match from the City of Sikeston.

Councilman Sparks moved to authorize the purchase of the three projects, using the funding from the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Activities (LETPA) Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the follow vote recorded:

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

Briefing: Corporate Games

Sikeston Parks & Recreation would like to host Corporate Games this year to make up for last year’s cancellation due to COVID-19. Information packets with registration and event dates are scheduled to be sent out February 2 to companies who are interested in participating. The registration deadline is Friday, March 5 with the first event scheduled for May 27. Seeking advice on whether to proceed with this year’s event, Council advised staff to base their decision on the response they get during the registration period.

ADJOURNMENT

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