

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2020

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of February 24, 2020 was called to order at 7:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 105 East Center, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Pro Tem Karen Evans and Councilmembers Ryan Merideth, Gerald Settles and Brandon Sparks. Councilman Brian Self was absent. Councilwoman Onethia Williams arrived at 7:32 and Mayor Steven Burch arrived at 7:33. 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 Works Director Jay Lancaster, Public Works Superintendent Brian Dial, Street Supervisor Darren Martin, Parks Director Dustin Care, Public Safety Director James McMillen, Public Safety Captains Ryan Smith and Austin Henley and City Collector Vicky Lewis.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

2nd Reading, Bill #6182, Allowing the Use of Fireworks in the City of Sikeston

Councilman Merideth moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6182. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

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

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading.

BILL Number 6182

ORDINANCE Number 6182

THIS BILL AS APPROVED SHALL BECOME ORDINANCE NUMBER 6182 AND SHALL AMEND ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 210, OF THE CITY CODE ESTABLISHING OFFENSES WITHIN THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: This Ordinance shall be codified in the City Municipal Code.

SECTION II: Article IV, Chapter 210, Section 210.560 – Fireworks; shall be amended to read as follows:

- A. It is unlawful for any person to willfully discharge (fire, light, ignite, shoot off, set off, use, burn, or explode) any firecrackers, fireworks, torpedoes, bombs, rockets, pinwheels, Roman candles, or other fireworks of like kind or nature within the City, except during the following periods:
 - 1. June 27 to July 3 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.
 - 2. July 4 between the hours of 10 a.m. and midnight
 - 3. December 31 from 10:00 a.m. until January 1 at 12:30 a.m.
- B. No person shall sell or expose for sale any fireworks, firecrackers, torpedoes, bombs, rockets, pin wheels, Roman candles, or other fireworks of like kind or nature within the City, without holding a valid business license from the City and any applicable license(s) or permit(s) from State and/or Federal agencies.

- C. The discharge of fireworks during allowed time periods shall be prohibited on private property without the property owner's permission.
- D. The discharge of fireworks shall be prohibited in City parks or upon public rights-of-way or other public property, unless expressly permitted per Section 210.560(H).
- E. The discharge of fireworks shall be prohibited at all times during any burn ban declared by the City or County.
- F. The sale, launching or flying of sky lanterns, fire balloons, or similar devices shall be prohibited at all times.
- G. It shall be unlawful for any individual under seventeen (17) years of age to purchase, possess, or discharge any fireworks unless under the direct supervision of a parent or guardian.
- H. The discharge of fireworks during any time period or in any manner not permitted by this section shall at all times be prohibited within the City unless a permit shall first have been secured from the Department of Public Safety authorizing such activity at a given place and time.

SECTION III: General Repealer Section: Any ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV: Severability: Should any part or parts of this ordinance be found or held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the remaining part or parts shall be severable and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION V: Record of Passage;

- A. Bill Number 6182 was introduced and read the first time this 3rd day of February 2020.
- B. Bill Number 6182 was read the second time and discussed on this 24th day of February 2020. Following discussion, Councilwoman Williams moved to approve Bill Number 6182. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Nay, Merideth Nay, Self Absent, Settles Aye, Evans Nay,
Williams Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby not being passed.

Appointment to Scott County Extension

On January 26th of this year, Susan Howle Werner was reappointed to this board but is unable to fill this obligation. The two applications we have on file are citizens of Sikeston, but not in Scott County. We received an application from Matt Deane who resides at 205 W. Wakefield who would like to serve on this Council.

Councilman Merideth motioned to award the bid to appoint Matt Deane to the Scott county Extension Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Resolution 20-02-01, Surplus of K-9 Unit

This resolution declares certain vehicles in the City's inventory to be surplus property and authorizes its disposal.

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:

All of the items enumerated below are hereby declared surplus and the City Manager is directed to proceed with the removal of these items from City inventories by sale at public auction, sale by sealed bid, or when the item is no longer usable, by disposal.

Vehicles:

1. 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN # 1GNLC2E008DR175808
2. Havis K-9 Containment Unit with added Radiotronics pop-n-lock unit.
(No serial number available)

Councilman Sparks moved to adopt Resolution 20-02-01 to surplus the K-9 Unit's 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe and Containment Unit. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Amending Sikeston Public Housing Authority Supplemental Police Services

Sikeston Public Housing Authority seeks to amend their agreement with the City of Sikeston for provision of supplemental police services for 20 hours per week at the cost of \$19,580 per year (salary only). Previous agreements included salary, FICA, the City's cost for employee benefits such as health and life insurance, workers compensation insurance, retirement and annual uniform allowance totaling \$74,669.33. Housing Director Doug Friend was on hand to answer questions. Director Friend indicated that 10 hours of service per week would be sufficient usage for police services.

Councilman Merideth motioned to table this item and redo the contract with renegotiated terms. Councilman Sparks seconded the motion and the following vote recorded:

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

1st Reading, Bill #6183, Request for the Abandonment of John and Inez Avenues in the City of Sikeston

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6183. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented Bill Number 6183 for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6183 providing for approval of the abandonment of John Avenue and Inez Avenue in the Felker-Sharp Addition to the City of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri. The owner is wishing to rezone and replat this area (behind Tetra-Pak) for future use. The streets were never developed.

1st Reading, Bill #6184, Authorization to Rezone Lots 1-15 in Block 2 and all of Block 1 in the Felker-Sharp Addition from "R-1" Single Family Residential to "C-3" Highway Commercial

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill #6184. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented Bill Number 6184 for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6184 providing for the rezoning from "R-1" Single Family Residential to "C-3" Highway Commercial, the following described real estate to-wit: A tract of land, which consists of approximately 7.82 acres and is located generally east of Edwards Avenue and north of Garwood Avenue in the City of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri.

1st Reading, Bill #6185, Request to Replat Lots 1-15 in Block 2 and all of Block 1 in Felker-Sharp Addition

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6185. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented Bill Number 6185 for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6185 providing for approval of the replat of all of Lots 1 through 15 in Block 2 and all of Block 1 in Felker-Sharp Addition to the City of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri.

VFW Ballpark Lease and Management Care Contract Renewal

The VFW Park Revitalization Group (PRG) is seeking a renewal of the current contract for the 2020 calendar year in the amount of \$2,500. The contract agreement and terms have not been altered from the 2019 contract.

Councilman Settles moved to renew the one-year contract with the VFW Park Revitalization Group (PRG) in the amount of \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

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

Councilman Settles suggested the City do a proclamation or letter of appreciation to the VFW Park Revitalization Group for the outstanding work their committee has done in maintaining the ballfield.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, 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: