

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of February 27, 2023 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 105 E. Center St., Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Pro Tem Brian Self, John Leible, Tom Robison, David Teachout and Vest Baker. Mayor Greg Turnbow and Councilwoman Onethia Williams were absent. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Rhonda Council, Finance Director Karen Bailey, HR Director Amanda Groves, Communications Manager David Jenkins, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Street Supervisor Darren Martin, Community Development Director Barry Blevins, Public Safety Director James McMillen, Captain Ryan Smith, and Captain Zak Haskin.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Authorization to Purchase Two Additional City-Wide Cameras**

The Department of Public Safety would like to enter into a 5-year agreement with Flock Safety to add two Flock cameras to the existing city-wide camera infrastructure. This camera technology would be beneficial to investigators when trying to locate vehicles used in various crimes. The camera system is also utilized by multiple agencies in Missouri to include Cape Girardeau PD, Jackson PD, and St. Louis County. Entering this agreement will give Sikeston DPS access to the full database for those agencies and all others in Missouri. Cost quoted is a total of \$25,700.00 billed annually with the first payment being \$5,700. The remaining years will bill at \$5,000 per year.

Councilman Robison moved to authorize the purchase of two additional Flock cameras in the amount of \$25,700 which will be billed annually with first payment being \$5,700 and the remaining payments at \$5,000 per year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baker, discussed and the following vote recorded:

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Self Aye, Teachout Aye,  
Williams Absent, and Turnbow Absent, thereby being passed.

**Recommendation for Use of Proposed Marijuana Sales Tax**

On November 8, 2022, Missouri voters passed Amendment 3, a ballot initiative to legalize recreational marijuana in the State of Missouri. The law became effective on December 8, 2022. On January 9<sup>th</sup>, the City Council passed Ordinance Number 6293 placing a 3% sales tax on the April 4, 2023, General Election ballot, on the sale of adult use marijuana sold within the City of Sikeston.

Since the passage of Ordinance Number 6293, staff has discussed where the new funds might best serve the community. At this time, we would like to suggest they be used for the construction of a new fire station on Malone. The City has already purchased the property and selected an architect for the project. The tax is not anticipated to generate the full amount needed, the remainder will be paid from fund balance or future revenues.

Councilman Teachout moved to recommend using the proposed marijuana sales tax to offset the funding for a new fire station. The motion was seconded by Councilman Leible, discussed and the following vote recorded:

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Self Aye, Teachout Aye,  
Williams Absent, and Turnbow Absent, thereby being passed.

Authorization to Select Engineering Consultant for Northwest Sidewalk, Phase 2

On 01/17/23 the City posted a RFQ with MoDOT for purpose of soliciting a consulting engineer for the Northwest Sidewalk - Phase 2 project. We received submissions from two consultants: Waters Engineering and Bacon, Farmer, Workman Engineering. Our professional consulting committee met on 02/15/23 to evaluate the qualifications. For this project the committee is recommending Bacon/Farmer/Workman to serve as our consultant for both design and inspection services and proceed with executing the engineering services contract.

Councilman Baker moved to select Bacon, Farmer, Workman Engineering as the consulting engineer for the Northwest Sidewalk, Phase 2 project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Leible, discussed and the following vote recorded:

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Self Aye, Teachout Aye, Williams Absent, and Turnbow Absent, thereby being passed.

Authorization to Select Engineering Consultant for Rail-to-Trail, Phase 3

On 01/17/23 the City posted a RFQ with MoDOT for the purpose of soliciting a consulting engineer for the Rail-To-Trail - Phase 3 project. We received submissions from two consultants: Waters Engineering and Bacon, Farmer, Workman Engineering. Our professional consulting committee met on 02/15/23 to evaluate the qualifications. For this project the committee is recommending Waters Engineering to serve as our consultant for both design and inspection services.

Councilman Robison moved to select Waters Engineering as the consulting engineer for the Rail-to-Trail, Phase 3 project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout, discussed and the following vote recorded:

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Self Aye, Teachout Aye, Williams Absent, and Turnbow Absent, thereby being passed.

Award Bids 23-46, 47, 48 & 49 – Ditch Mopping/Clean-Out

On February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 The City opened bids for ditch mopping in several locations. We received bids from 5 different contractors.

**Bid #23-46 Complex Ditches:** along N. Ingram (from where it comes under N. Ingram to the south end of the Complex) and the one going through the park that runs from the northside beside soccer fields to N. Ingram ditch. Approximate Length -5315 ft. (Rip Rap Placement will be required around the out flow and east side of the ditch on N. Ingram)  
Salcedo Ditch - from N. Main to inlet east of Plaza Dr.- Approximate Length-3295 ft. (Rip Rap placement will be required south side at Plaza on west side of the box culvert).

Low Bidder: Jeff Hall Excavating  
Low Bid: \$13,500.00

**Bid #23-47 Tanglewood Ditch:** approximate Length 803 ft. (Tanglewood Ditch will require you to haul away the materials removed)  
Butler St. Ditch – (Vaughn St. to HWY 60) 9312 ft. (place debris on bank and leveled smooth so it can be mowed)

**N. Kingshighway Ditches:** Approximate Length 3548 ft (The Kingshighway ditches will require you to Haul away the materials removed) and reestablish flow line) Must work from the eastside of ditch approximately 8275 ft.

Low Bidder: Jeff Hall Excavating  
Low Bid: \$29,600.00

**Bid #23-48 Lateral B Ditch**: from E. Malone south to St. John's Ditch (Reset flow line and place debris on bank and leveled smooth so it can be mowed) approximately 3850 ft. long. (Rip Rap Placement will be needed on the east bank just south of E. Malone Ave. and another area just south of the walk bridge on Ables Rd will need Rip Rap on both sides)

Low Bidder: Jeff Hall Excavating  
Low Bid: \$11,000.00

**Bid #23-49 Railroad Ditch**: on the east side of Alan Wire on S. West St. (Reestablish flow line remove any trees approximately 4610 ft. (The first 1740 ft. will need to be done with a small excavator because of power lines and room to maneuver)  
Stallcup Ditch reestablish flow line approximately 3,453 ft. (place debris on bank and leveled smooth so it can be mowed)

Low Bidder: Jeff Hall Excavating  
Low Bid: \$12,500.00

Councilman Baker moved to award all bids to Jeff Hall Excavating in the amounts mentioned on each bid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robison, discussed and the following vote recorded:

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Self Aye, Teachout Aye,  
Williams Absent, and Turnbow Absent, thereby being passed.

#### **Award Bid #23-50 – Snowplow/Salt Spreader Unit**

The City of Sikeston staff opened bids on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for a new snowplow and salt spreader unit for one of our supervisor's work pickups. Only one bid was receive and it was from Viking-Cives, of Morley, in the amount of \$16,975.00.

Councilman Teachout moved to award bid for new snowplow and salt spreader unit to Viking-Cives of Morley, MO in the amount of \$16,975.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Leible, discussed and the following vote recorded:

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Self Aye, Teachout Aye,  
Williams Absent, and Turnbow Absent, thereby being passed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Leible moved to adjourn into Executive Session (Property and Litigation). The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Self Aye, Teachout Aye,  
Williams Absent, and Turnbow Absent, thereby being passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Brian Self called the Executive Session to order. Present were: Mayor Pro Tem Self and Councilmembers David Teachout, Vest Baker, John Leible and Tom Robison. Staff present were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Rhonda Council, Finance Director Karen Bailey, HR Director Amanda Groves, Public Works

Director Jay Lancaster, Community Development Director Barry Blevins and Public Safety Director James McMillen.

Councilman Leible moved to authorize entering into a lease agreement to purchase 1 acre of land on Larcel Drive from LaValle Farms in the amount of \$50,000/acre, with the City covering the closing cost and also to name the street LaValle Drive or LaValle Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Self Aye, Teachout Aye, Williams Absent, and Turnbow Absent, thereby being passed.

**ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Self Aye, Teachout Aye, Williams Absent, and Turnbow Absent, thereby being passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Self Aye, Teachout Aye, Williams Absent, and Turnbow Absent, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

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GREG TURNBOW, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK

SEAL: