CALL TO ORDER/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The special Sikeston City Council meeting of February 29, 2016 was called to order at 11:30 a.m., in the City Council Chambers, located at 105 East Center, 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 Clerk Carroll Couch, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Governmental Services Director Linda Lowes, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Director of Public Safety Drew Juden, Parks Director Dustin Care, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Park Supervisor Chris Hart, Street Supervisor Darren Martin, and Senior Building Official Collin Cecil.

PUBLIC HEARING

60/61 TIF District 5-Year Compliance Hearing

Councilman Depro moved to open the public hearing for the 60/61 TIF District 5-Year Compliance Report. City Clerk Carroll Couch reported RSMo. Section 99.865(3) requires a public hearing every five years after adoption of a TIF redevelopment plan. In 2000, the City of Sikeston approved a redevelopment agreement for the area located at the intersection of highways 60/61. The statutory period for authorization ends in June, 2023.

Four Corners Development was authorized $4,882,000 for TIF reimbursable expenditures for the construction of public improvements. This included streets, storm water and sanitary sewer construction. The project was completed and all TIF related expenditures were reimbursed.

Six Thirty Two Corporation (Colton’s) was authorized $431,262 for TIF reimbursable expenditures for construction of public improvements in October, 2012. As of February 2016, $100,967 has been reimbursed.

In October 2012, Select Sikeston Hospitality (Holiday Inn Express) was authorized $475,000 for TIF reimbursable expenditures for construction of public improvements. As of February 2016, $46,667 has been reimbursed. There were construction delays in this project.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Request to Rename Street in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King

Gail Emmanuel of Holmes Drive, Sikeston, read a letter from And Justice For All requesting Main Street be renamed Martin Luther King Drive. Comments were also heard from Larry McClellan of 402 Adams, Nathaniel Green of PO Box 784, Sikeston, John Graham of PO Box 243, Sikeston, and Michael Harris of 401 Malcolm.

Mayor Burch advised a committee would be formed to study the most appropriate way for Mr. King to be recognized by the citizens of Sikeston.
Briefing on the Airport Terminal Project

DPW Director Jay Lancaster reported the airport terminal project was ahead of schedule and under budget. He also submitted proposed wording for a dedication plaque.

Award of Bid 16-18, Mowing of City Parks

Public Works Director Lancaster reviewed the bids received contractual mowing of city parks. Ten mowing contractors submitted proposals. Director Lancaster recommended the bids be awarded as follows:

- Larry’s Mow-Better, Larry Keller, owner – Armory Park $25; Clayton Park $60; Roberta Rowe Park $215; Rose Parkway ROW $115.
- Model Lawns, Dakota Trevino, owner – City Cemetery $324.10; R.S. Matthews Park $148.10; Industrial Park Retention Basins $310.10; Tanglewood Blvd. median $54.50; Plantation Blvd. median $118.10
- Young’s Lawn Care, Leroy Young, owner – Central Park $55; Legion Park $37.50; North End Park $30; Allen Blvd. median $102.50; Davis Blvd. median $102.50; Broadway median $72.50; Rotary Park $175.
- Custom Bush Hogging & Lawn Service, Kendall Ward, owner – Union Pacific ROW $400; Lincoln Memorial Park $170
- Hayes Lawn Service, Tyrone Hayes, Owner – Dudley Park $0; Malone Park $70; Mary Lou Montgomery Park $65; Veteran’s Park $79.

Bids for emergency mowing, an hourly rate to mow derelict properties on which Code Enforcement has received complaints, within two business days, were also requested. Hays Lawn Service bid $25 per hour and will be the first on the call list. Model Lawns bid $29 per hour and Custom Bush Hogging bid $30 per hour. Hays Lawn Service will be first on the call list followed by Model Lawns and Custom Bush Hogging.

Councilman Depro moved to award the bids as recommended by city staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and the following vote recorded:

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

Bill Number 6012, Amending City Code Title III, Chapter 300, Schedule III, Table III-A Stop Locations, Authorizing the Installation of Stop Signs on E. Gladys at S. Prairie

Councilman Merideth moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6012. The motion was seconded by Councilman Depro and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible presented the bill for reading, this bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6012 and shall amend Title III, Chapter 300, Schedule III, Table III-A of the Uniform Traffic Code establishing additional traffic control measures within the City of Sikeston, Missouri.
Spring 2016 City Council Meeting Schedule, Including FY2017 Budget Process Calendar

City Manager Jonathon Douglass presented a proposed spring city council meeting which included dates for the FY2017 Budget process.

Other Items

City Counselor Chuck Leible reported an RFP for the Industrial Park farmland. The highest bid received was from Brian Ray Farms in the amount of $200 per acre.

Councilman Depro moved to award a 3-year lease on the industrial park farmland to Brian Ray Farms in the amount of $200 per acre. 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.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Gilmore moved to adjourn into executive session for the discussion of litigation, and property [RSMO 610.021 (1, 2 & 3)]. 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. Present were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Bob Depro, Karen Evans, Jon Gilmore, Ryan Merideth, Maude Harris, and Gerald Settles. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Chuck Leible, City Clerk Carroll Couch, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Governmental Services Director Linda Lowes, Public Safety Director Juden, and Public Works Director Jay Lancaster. Mary White was also present.

Councilman Depro moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate the sale of railroad trail rights located within the with the City of Miner, to the City of Miner and to include rights for the City of Sikeston to place wayfinding signs at various locations and a walking trail from Lamberts to Sikeston city limits. The motion was seconded by Councilman Evans, discussed and voted as follows:

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

Councilman Gilmore moved for city staff to prepare an RFP for aviation services. 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.

No further action was taken in executive session.
ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Harris moved to adjourn from executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Depro 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 Depro moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris 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: