

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2021

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of January 4, 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, Karen Evans, Gerald Settles, Ryan Merideth, Brandon Sparks and Onethia Williams. Councilman Brian Self was 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, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Parks Director Dustin Care, Public Safety Director James McMillen, City Collector Vicky Lewis and Community Development Director Lorenzo Ware

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council minutes for January 25, February 1 and February 22, 2021 were presented for approval. Councilman Merideth moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Settles seconded the motion 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.

ACCEPTANCE OF BOARDS & COMMISSION MINUTES

Minutes from various board and commission meetings were presented to the City Council. Councilman Sparks moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and voted as follows:

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

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Discussion: Complex/Bootheel Master Plan

Design consultants from Gateway Design Studio, LLC and i5Group were on hand to present the final master plan for the Recreation Complex and Bootheel Golf Course. Over the course of the designing phase, Gateway Design Studio met with City leaders, the Parks Advisory Board, Board of Municipal Utilities and organized user groups to determine what types of amenities were essential for the development of our parks. The master plan shows long term strategic planning for future development and if the plan is adopted by Council, it will be beneficial when applying for grant funding as it becomes available. The master plan included 11 phases over a course of several years.

Councilman Merideth motioned to approve the master plan for the Recreation Complex and Bootheel Golf Course. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following vote recorded:

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

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Settles moved to adjourn into executive session for property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth 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.

Mayor Burch called the executive session to order. Present were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmembers Ryan Merideth, Brandon Sparks, Karen Evans, Gerald Settles and Onethia Williams. Staff present were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Rhonda Council, Finance Director Karen Bailey, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Public Safety Director James McMillen and Community Development Director Lorenzo Ware.

A request for proposal was sent out for the Stalcup Building. No bids were received. Suggestion to put the building on the open market to sell by a real estate agency was determined to be the best solution. RFP's can be released this week with a due date prior to the next Council meeting. This would give the Professional Consulting Committee an opportunity to meet and review any bids that were received.

Councilman Sparks moved to authorize the release of a Request for Proposal to obtain a real estate agency to market the Stalcup Building. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the following vote recorded:

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

ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Council Reorganizational Meeting has been scheduled for Friday, April 16 at 12:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Council Retreat has been scheduled for Saturday, April 24.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Merideth moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks 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:

RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK

SEAL: