The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of March 5, 2018 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 105 East Center, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Ryan Merideth, Brian Self, Gerald Settles, Mary White-Ross and Karen Evans. Councilman Jon Gilmore was absent. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Chuck Leible, City Clerk Carroll Couch, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Council, Public Safety Director Mike Williams, Assistant Public Safety Director James McMillen, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Street Supervisor Darren Martin and Parks Director Dustin Care.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council minutes of February 5 and February 26, 2018 were presented for approval. Councilman Self moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Merideth seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was recorded:


ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Minutes from various board and commission meetings were presented to the City Council. Councilwoman White-Ross moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and voted as follows:


ADVISORY BOARD COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

No reports were presented.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1st Reading Bill #6086, Taxicab Services

Due to several changes to this bill, Councilman Settles moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6086. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:


Counselor Leible presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6086 and shall amend Chapter 640 of the Sikeston Municipal Code establishing additional provisions regarding taxicabs within the City of Sikeston, Missouri.

This bill will require taxicabs to have on both sides and rear of the vehicle in professionally stenciled or applied vinyl of no less than four inches the word “Taxi”, the name of the cab
company and identification number. Handwritten letters shall not be considered legible. Additionally, background checks will be required for any person desiring to secure a license to operate a taxicab within the City of Sikeston.

Award Bid 18-11 through 18-34, Parks/Streets Mowing

Bids were presented for the contractual mowing services for parks/streets in the City of Sikeston. Staff recommendations for awarding bids are as follows:

**Cox Lawn Service, Jim and Jay Cox, Co-Owners** – Allen Boulevard: $105.00; Davis Boulevard: $105.00; Industrial Park: $410.00; Plantation Boulevard: $123.00

**Custom Bush Hogging, Kindall Ward, Owner** – Armory Park: $30.00; Malone Right-of-Way East/Legion Park: $250.00; Malone Right-of-Way West: $250.00

**Hayes Lawn Service, Tyrone Hays, Owner** – Central Park: $57.50; Clayton Park: $59.50; Dudley Park: $89.00; Roberta Rowe Park: $185.00; Rotary Park: $174.50

**Quality Cut Lawn Care, Shawn Huggins, Owner** – Airport/Veteran’s Park: $111.00; Broadway: $71.00; Lincoln Park: $157.00; Malone Park: $59.00; North End Park: $28.00; Tanglewood Boulevard: $46.00; US 61 North Right-of-Way: $61.00

**Walters Lawn Care, Kenneth Walters, Owner** – Mary Lou Montgomery Park: $75.00; Rose Parkway Right-of-Way: $120.00; R.S. Matthews Park: $195.00

**Young’s Lawn Care, Leroy Young, Owner** – Cemetery: $475.00

In addition, we requested bids from the vendors for an “emergency mowing” quote – an hourly rate to mow derelict properties on which Code Enforcement has received complaints with a response time of two business days. **Walters Lawn Care** bid $40 per hour and will be first on the call list.

Councilwoman White-Ross moved to award the bids as recommended from staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:


1st & 2nd Reading, Emergency Bill #6090, Authorization for BMU to Purchase Real Estate

Councilwoman Settles moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6090. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:


Counselor Leible presented Bill Number 6090 for reading, an emergency ordinance authorizing the City of Sikeston, Missouri to enter into a certain real estate contract to purchase real estate.

The Board of Municipal Utilities would like to purchase property for future water plant needs from Holly Elizabeth Moore and Kell Lee Mickel, IV. To comply with the anticipated closing date of the contract, this bill is being presented as an emergency measure.
Councilman Settles moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6090. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and the following vote recorded:


Counselor Leible presented the bill for a second reading.

BILL NUMBER 6090

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN REAL ESTATE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that it is necessary and desirable to purchase from Holly Elizabeth Moore and Kell Lee Mikel, IV, wife and husband, certain property for future water plant needs for the Board of Municipal Utilities and to approve the execution of certain documents herein.

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

SECTION I: Authorization of Documents. The City is hereby authorized to enter into the following documents (the “City Documents”), in substantially the form presented to the City Council and attached to this Ordinance, with such changes therein as are approved by the officials of the City executing the documents, such officials’ signatures thereon being conclusive evidence of their approval thereof:

(a) Contract for Sale of Real Estate;

SECTION II: Execution of Documents. Upon the transfer of all funds necessary and proper to comply with the terms of the contract and associated closing documents by the Board of Municipal Utilities to the City of Sikeston, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the City Documents and such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Ordinance, for and on behalf of and as the act and deed of the City. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to and affix the seal of the City to the City Documents and such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Ordinance.

SECTION III. Further Authority. The City shall, and the officials, agents and employees of the City are hereby authorized to, take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Ordinance and to carry out, comply with and perform the duties of the City with respect to the City Documents.

SECTION IV. To comply with the anticipated closing date of the contract, this bill is being presented as an emergency measure.

SECTION V. Any other ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
SECTION VI. Should any part or parts of this Ordinance be found or held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining part or parts shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION VII: Record of Passage:

A. Bill Number 6090 was introduced and read the first time this 5th day of March, 2018.

B. Bill Number 6090 was read the second time and discussed on this 5th day of March, 2018. Councilman Settles moved to approve bill Number 6090. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:

Gilmore Absent, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed, and becoming Ordinance 6090.

Authorization to Replace Roof at Fire Station #2

Council was regarding the urgent need to replace the roof at Fire Station #2, due to constant leaking in the building. A bid of $12,675.00 was received from Riverside Roofing Company out of Cape Girardeau, MO.

Councilman Settles moved to authorize Riverside Roofing Company to replace the roof at Fire Station #2 in the amount of $12,675.00 contingent on proof of prevailing wages. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote was recorded:


Other Items

Buzz Ferrell of 814 Vernon St. spoke to Council about ongoing junk and trash complaints and rental property issues at 846 Vernon. City Manager Douglass advised Mr. Ferrell that Code Enforcement was aware of these issues and would update him of any additional findings.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman White-Ross moved to adjourn into executive session for discussion of property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and the following roll call vote was recorded:


Mayor Steven Burch called the executive session to order. Present were: Councilmen Karen Evans, Ryan Merideth, Gerald Settles, Brian Self, and Mary White-Ross. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Chuck Leible, City Clerk Carroll Couch, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Council, Public Safety Director Mike Williams and Assistant Public Safety Director James McMillen.

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

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


ADJOURNMENT

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

Gilmore Absent, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed

APPROVED:

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STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RHONDA COUNCIL, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

SEAL: