

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MARCH 28, 2022**

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of March 28, 2022 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 105 E. Center St., Sikeston, MO. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Greg Turnbow, Vest Baker, Ryan Merideth, David Teachout, Onethia Williams and Brian Self. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Rhonda Council, Finance Director Karen Bailey, HR Director Amanda Groves, Parks Director Dustin Care, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Street Supervisor Darren Martin, Airport Manager Chris Hart, Interim Community Development Director Amy Gosnell, Public Safety Captain Ryan Smith and Captain Dennis Irwin.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Emergency Bill #6261, Authorization to Approve Utility Rate Rider Request**

Councilman Merideth moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6261. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye,  
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as adopted shall become Emergency Ordinance Number 6261, Utility Rate Rider fees for Board of Municipal Utility customers outside the City limits of Sikeston.

Councilman Self moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6261. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baker and the following vote recorded:

Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye,  
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for a second reading.

BILL Number 6261

ORDINANCE Number 6261

THIS BILL AS ADOPTED SHALL BECOME EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NUMBER 6261, UTILITY RATE RIDER FEES FOR BOARD OF MUNICIPAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF SIKESTON.

WHEREAS, in 1996 Board of Municipal Utilities (BMU) entered into an agreement with Ameren whereby BMU would provide electric service to a small group of Ameren customers along the east side of Highway 61 North between Columbine Street and State Highway HH; and

WHEREAS, BMU supplied all of the energy for these customers, owned all of the energy delivery infrastructure except for the meter and was paid monthly by Ameren for the energy supplied to these customers; and

WHEREAS, Ameren recently notified BMU that they could not continue to serve these customers in this manner and drafted a territorial agreement with BMU where these customers would be ceded to BMU and become a part of BMU's service area; and

WHEREAS, this territorial agreement was recently approved the Missouri Public Service Commission and at this time, the meters have been changed out and these customers are now BMU customers; and

WHEREAS, the BMU Board voted to recommend to City Council that a utility rate rider be applied to this group of customers whereby they pay a 10% surcharge on the applicable BMU utility rate that applies to them.

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

SECTION I: This ordinance shall not be codified in the Sikeston Municipal Code.

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

SECTION III: Severability. 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 be severable and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION IV: Emergency Ordinance. This ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure to be in effect in a timely manner for billing purposes.

SECTION V: Record of Passage.

- A. Bill Number 6261 was introduced and read the first time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.
- B. Bill Number 6261 was read the second time and discussed on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022. Following discussion, Councilwoman Williams moved to approve Bill Number 6261. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye,  
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

- C. Ordinance 6261 shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Bill #6258, Amending Qualifications for Appointments to Tourism Advisory Board

Councilman Merideth moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6258. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote recorded:

Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye,  
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6258 amending Chapter 130, Article XI-Tourism Advisory Board, Section 130.880(A) of the City Code of the City of Sikeston, Missouri.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Bill #6259, Re-adoption of Fair Housing Policy

Councilman Teachout moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6259. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye,  
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6259, providing "Fair Housing" for the City of Sikeston, Missouri, defining discriminatory housing practices, and creating a fair housing committee.

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Emergency Bill #6260, Approve Amendment #1 to State Block Grant Agreement for Project 20-077B-2 – Airport Improvement Program

Councilman Baker moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6260. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote recorded:

Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye,  
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Emergency Ordinance Number 6260, authorizing the Mayor to execute Amendment #1 to the State Block Grant Agreement between the City of Sikeston, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for Project #20-077B-2 to cover costs associated with the fuel facility that the original agreement did not cover.

Councilman Merideth moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6260. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and the following vote recorded:

Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye,  
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for a second reading.

Bill No. 6260

Ordinance No. 6260

THIS BILL AS APPROVED SHALL BECOME EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NUMBER 6260 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AMENDMENT #1 TO THE STATE BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR PROJECT# 20-077B-2 TO COVER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FUEL FACILITY THAT THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT DID NOT COVER.

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

SECTION I: This Ordinance shall not be codified in the City Municipal Code.

SECTION II: That the Agreement set forth on "Exhibit A" set forth the various responsibilities and liabilities of the parties regarding the State Block Grant Agreement Amendment #1 for Project# 20-077B-2.

SECTION III: The Mayor and such other officials as may be necessary are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any documents necessary and proper to effectuate the same and specifically "Exhibit A" which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

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

SECTION V: Severability. 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 be severable and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION VI: Emergency Clause. This Ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure to comply with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission requirements.

SECTION VII: Record of Passage:

- A. Bill Number 6260 was introduced and read the first time this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.
- B. Bill Number 6260 was read the second time and discussed on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022. Following discussion, Councilman Self moved to approve Bill Number 6260. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baker, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye,  
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

- C. Ordinance 6260 shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage.

Authorization to Approve Engineering Services Contract Supplemental Agreement #1 for Airport Project 20-077B-2

Staff is seeking authorization to officially execute Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Waters Engineering for the construction phase of the Airport Fuel Project #20-077B-2.

MoDOT Aviation only appropriates funding one phase at a time. Now that we have received bids, this supplemental agreement is to add the necessary funding for construction and construction engineering services. The original agreement covered design phase costs only. These costs are reimbursed 90% by MoDOT Aviation.

Councilman Self moved to authorize staff to execute agreement with Waters Engineering, Inc. for the construction phase of the Airport Fuel Project #20-077B-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye,  
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Approve Purchase of Message Sign for Public Works Department

The Street Division seeks permission to proceed with the purchase of a Ver-Mac Pro Series 3 Line Message Sign. The message board is a budgeted purchase and will total \$19,400.00 (Including freight charges). Ver-Mac USA of Conroe, TX holds the MoDOT state bid for this piece of equipment.

Ver-Mac's PCMS-1210 Pro Series trailer mounted message sign is a three (3) line and eight (8) character portable changeable message sign. It features a 75 inch by 132 inch display panel, a solar powered/ rechargeable battery system, high performance LED's, and a Wi-Fi system for changing messages remotely. Applications for the Ver-Mac PCMS-1210 Pro Series message

sign include highway construction projects, community messaging, smart work zones, and special events.

Councilman Merideth moved to approve the purchase of a Ver-Mac Pro Series 3 Line Message Sign in the amount of \$19,400.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote recorded:

Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye,  
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

#### Award Bid 22-60, Pickleball Court Conversion

The Sikeston Parks and Recreation Department recently solicited bids for converting one existing pickleball court and one existing tennis court at the Recreation Complex into six permanent pickleball courts. Staff opened bids from two companies and the lowest bid was from General Acrylics located in Mt. Vernon, Illinois for \$25,400.00. The base bid specifications included the installation of permanent pickleball posts and nets, painting the court lines, and repairing the existing cracks in the court area. There was an add alternate bid for the addition of a 4' divider fence. They gave an estimated completion date for this project as June 2022.

Councilman Self motioned to award Bid 22-60, pickleball court conversion, to General Acrylics of Mt. Vernon, IL in the amount of \$25,400.00. This amount includes the base bid of \$20,900.00 and the alternate bid of \$4,500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote recorded:

Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye,  
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

#### Award Bids for Mowing of LCRA & City Nuisance Lots

The Community Development Department has opened bids for contractual mowing services for the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority (LCRA) and City nuisance lots. Bids were opened on March 8, 2022 for the contract period of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023.

Bids were reviewed by City Staff and LCRA board members. Staff recommends the bid be awarded to the low bidder, S. McClellon Lawn Care in the amount of \$4,500 monthly (approximately \$27,000 per year). Typical mowing season is April through October. The payment for mowing services will be split between the LCRA and the City of Sikeston.

Councilman Baker motioned to mowing contract bid for LCRA and City nuisance lots to S. McClellon Lawn Care in the amount of \$4,500 monthly (\$27,000 year) with the payments split between LCRA and the City of Sikeston. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote recorded:

Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye,  
Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

#### Authorization to Execute Agripark Lease with Sikeston Area Economic Development Corporation

The City of Sikeston owns approximately 301.39 acres of farmable ground in the North Industrial Park. All farm lease payments are conveyed to the BMU as the original financier of the

land purchases. Approximately 239.15 acres is currently leased to farmer Brian Ray at the rate of \$200.71/acre per year.

The SAEDC has proposed developing the remaining 62.24 acre plot of ground at the North Industrial Park into an Agripark to encourage agricultural innovations, including but not limited to the development and dissemination of agricultural technologies, crops, species, methods and other innovations. The SAEDC would lease the ground from the City at the same rate as the other farm lease, and the lease payments would be conveyed from the City to the BMU.

Councilman Merideth motioned to authorize the Mayor to execute the 5-year Agripark Lease with Sikeston Area Economic Development Corporation for the development of 62.24 acres of land in the North Industrial Park at the rate of \$200.71/acre per year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baker and the following vote recorded:

Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Other Items

Mayor Turnbow reminded everyone of the April 5th election. Ward 1 candidate is Tom Robison; Ward 4 candidate is Onethia Williams; and At-Large candidates are John Leible and Lori Caldwell. Also on the ballot is the question "Shall the City Council of the City of Sikeston adopt the proposed Ordinance Number 6253, the full text of which is available in the City Clerk's Office and on the City's website allowing, with certain restrictions, the discharge of fireworks within the city limits of the City of Sikeston?"

Regular Council meeting scheduled for April 4th has been cancelled.

Council Reorganizational meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 15th at 8:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

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GREG

ATTEST:

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RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK

SEAL: