REORGANIZATIONAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The special Sikeston City Council Meeting of April 12, 2019 was called to order at 7:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 105 East Center, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Karen Evans, Jon Gilmore, Gerald Settles, Brian Self, Mary White-Ross and Ryan Merideth. 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 Works Director Jay Lancaster, Public Safety Director Mike Williams, Assistant Public Safety Director James McMillen, and Code Enforcement Supervisor Lorenzo Ware (arrived at 7:40) and Tabitha Thurman.

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

Presentation and Acceptance of Verification Board for Election of At-Large, Council Representative

City Clerk Carroll Couch presented the New Madrid and Scott County Clerks’ Certifications for Election of Ward 1, Ward 4 and At-Large Council Representatives. Councilman Merideth moved to accept the results as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and the following roll call vote recorded:


Oath of Office Ceremony

City Clerk Couch administered the oath of office Ward 1 Councilman Brandon Sparks, Ward 4 Councilwoman Onethia Williams and At-Large Councilman Ryan Merideth.

Mayor Burch presented Councilman Jon Gilmore (Ward 1) and Councilwoman Mary White-Ross (Ward 4) plaques in recognition of their years of service to the City of Sikeston.

Nomination and Election of Mayor Pro Temore

Councilman Settles nominated Councilwoman Evans to serve as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilman Merideth seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Oath of Office Ceremony of Mayor Pro Temore

City Clerk Carroll Couch administered the oath to Mayor Pro Tempore Evans.

Nomination and Election of Professional Consulting Committee

The Professional Consulting Committee consists of three members that review and make recommendation on the award of all professional services contracts when the fees for these
services exceed $10,000. Councilwoman Evans nominated Councilmen Self, Sparks and Merideth. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Settles. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded for the appointment of Councilmen Self, Sparks and Merideth to serve on the Professional Consulting Committee:

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

Interim Council Appointment to Liquor License Review Board

The Liquor License Review Board created by Municipal Code Section 600.089, hears and rules on appeals to the City Manager’s suspension or revocation of a City liquor license.

Councilman Self nominated Councilman Merideth to continue serving on the Liquor License Review Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Selection of Planning and Zoning Commission Representatives

The Planning and Zoning Commission consists of eleven members, including the Mayor or his designee and one other member of Council. Councilman Merideth nominated Councilmen Sparks to represent the Mayor and Councilman Self as the Council’s representative. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Settles and there being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Nomination and Election of Ex Officio Representative to the Board of Municipal Utilities Commission

Municipal Code establishes an ex officio position on the BMU Board of Commissioners for a City Council representative. Councilman Merideth nominated Councilman Settles to continue serving as the ex-officio member to the Board of Municipal Utilities. The nomination was seconded by Councilwoman Evans. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Appointment of Council Representative to the Library Board of Trustees

Councilman Self nominated Councilman Evans for to continue her appointment to the Library Board of Trustees. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Sparks. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, Williams Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.
Council Appointment to Sikeston Housing Authority Board

Councilman Merideth nominated Councilwoman Onethia Williams for appointment to the Sikeston Housing Authority Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Self. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Council Appointment to the Land Clearance Redevelopment Authority (LCRA) Commission

Councilman Merideth nominated Mayor Burch to serve as the council representative to the LCRA Commission. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Sparks. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Council Appointment to the Park Board

Councilman Sparks nominated Councilman Self to continue serving as the council representative to the Park Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and there being no further nominations, the following roll call vote recorded:

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

Council Appointment to the Public Safety Advisory Board

Councilman Merideth nominated Councilman Evans for reappointment on the Public Safety Advisory Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Sparks. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Appointment to Tourism Advisory Board

Two councilmembers serve on the seven member Tourism Advisory Board. Councilwoman Evans nominated Councilman Merideth and Councilwoman Williams to continue serving on the Tourism Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self. There being no further nominations, the following roll call votes were recorded:

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

Council Appointment to the Stormwater Management Board

The Stormwater Management Board meets to consider actions for municipal compliance with DNR Stormwater Management regulations and to design/implement on-going education campaigns. Councilman Merideth nominated Councilman Settles for reappointment to the
Stormwater Management Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilwoman Evans. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Appointment to Friends of the PAWS Animal Shelter Advisory Board

PAWS Board meets to raise community support and interest in the care and well-being of animals. Councilman Sparks nominated Councilwoman Evans for reappointment as Council representative to the PAWS Animal Shelter Advisory Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

Council Appointment to Capital Improvements Plan Evaluation Committee

Councilman Merideth nominated Councilman Settles to continue serving as the City Council representative on the Capital Improvement Evaluation Committee. Councilman Self seconded the motion and there being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

APPROVED:

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STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CARROLL COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: