

**REORGANIZATIONAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 15, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

The Sikeston City Council Reorganizational Meeting of April 15, 2022 was called to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 105 E. Center St., Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Greg Turnbow, David Teachout, Vest Baker, Ryan Merideth, Brian Self and Onethia Williams. 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, Public Safety Director James McMillen, Interim Community Development Director Amy Gosnell and Code Enforcement Officer Andy Barnes.

**Presentation and Acceptance of Verification Board for Election of Ward 1, Ward 4 and At-Large Council Representatives**

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

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

**Oath of Office Ceremony**

City Clerk Rhonda Council administered the oath of office for Councilman Ward 1 Tom Robison, Councilman Ward 4 Onethia Williams and Councilman At-Large John Leible.

**Nomination and Election of Mayor Pro Tempore**

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

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

**Oath of Office Ceremony of Mayor Pro Tempore**

City Clerk Rhonda Council administered the oath to Mayor Pro Tempore Self.

**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. Councilman Teachout nominated Councilmen Self, Baker and Leible. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Baker. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded for the appointment of Councilmen Self, Baker and Leible to serve on the Professional Consulting Committee:

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

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

Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye,  
Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, and Turnbow 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 Self nominated Councilmen Baker to represent the Mayor and Councilman Robison as the Council's representative. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Teachout and there being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye,  
Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, and Turnbow 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 Baker nominated Councilman Self to continue serving as the ex-officio member to the Board of Municipal Utilities. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Teachout. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Appointment of Council Representative to the Library Board of Trustees

Councilwoman Williams nominated Councilman Teachout for reappointment to the Library Board of Trustees. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Self. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Council Appointment to Sikeston Housing Authority Board

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

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

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

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

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

Council Appointment to the Park Board

Councilwoman Williams nominated Councilman Robison to serve as the council representative to the Park Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and there being no further nominations, the following roll call vote recorded:

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

Council Appointment to the Public Safety Advisory Board

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

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

Appointment to Tourism Advisory Board

Two councilmembers serve on the seven-member Tourism Advisory Board. Councilman Teachout nominated Councilmembers Williams and Leible to serve on the Tourism Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self. There being no further nominations, the following roll call votes were recorded:

Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye,  
Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, and Turnbow 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 Self nominated Councilman Baker for reappointment to the Stormwater Management Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Teachout. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Self Aye, Williams Aye,  
Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, and Turnbow 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 Self nominated Councilman Teachout 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:

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

Council Appointment to Capital Improvements Plan Evaluation Committee

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

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

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**Authorize Mayor to Execute Documents to Convey Permanent Utility Easement to Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)

As part of the City's project to widen US 61 and install a new signal for the South Industrial Park, the City is working with MoDOT and consulting engineers Bacon Farmer Workman. During final plan reviews this week the city was made aware by MoDOT that an additional utility easement corridor was required to be made a part of MoDOT's right-of-way. For the Council's knowledge a large portion of land adjacent to US 61 was set aside for potential utility issues (approx. 55' wide). MoDOT is requiring 15' of this area to become a permanent easement. This easement will allow for Ameren to relocate poles at a future date.

Councilman Self moved to authorize the Mayor to execute documents (Certification, Donation Letter and Easement) to convey permanent utility easement to Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT). The motion was seconded by Councilman Baker and the following vote recorded:

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

Authorize Purchase of Traffic Signal Equipment

For the City's project to widen US 61 and to install a traffic signal at the South Industrial Park, supply chain issues are threatening the project timeline to be complete in time for Carlisle's opening. To assist with this, the city has received MoDOT's approval to purchase the time sensitive traffic signal components outside of the construction contract. Our consultant Bacon Farmer Workman will be assisting the city in making the purchases, which will include both state bid items and seeking quotes for items with a small number of manufacturers. This is being done solely to save time.

Staff is seeking Council's authorization to waive bidding procedures and to proceed with purchases. For a sense of scale these purchases should cost no more than \$35,000.00, whereas the overall project including engineering totals closer to \$2,000,000.00.

Councilman Baker moved to authorize waiving the bidding procedures and proceed with the purchase of traffic signal equipment. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the following vote recorded:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

APPROVED:

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GREG TURNBOW, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK

SEAL: