

REORGANIZATIONAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 19, 2021

CALL TO ORDER/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The Sikeston City Council Meeting of April 19, 2021 was called to order at 4:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 105 E. Center St., Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Steven Burch, Karen Evans, Gerald Settles, Ryan Merideth and Brandon Sparks. Councilwoman Onethia Williams was absent for Executive Session; arrived at 5:00 p.m. 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, Public Safety Director James McMillen and Community Development Director Lorenzo Ware.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Burch called the executive session to order. Councilman Sparks moved to adjourn into executive session for discussion of Property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Evans and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Present were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Ryan Merideth, Brandon Sparks, Brian Self, Karen Evans and Gerald Settles. Council Members Brian Self and Onethia Williams were absent. Staff present were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Rhonda Council, Finance Director Karen Bailey and Public Works Director Jay Lancaster.

Councilman Sparks moved to accept the Contract of Sale and Contingency of Repairs with Center Street Property, LLC for the purchase of the Stalcup Building in the amount of \$50,000.00. In the event Center Street Property is unable to obtain a suitable tenant within two (2) years of its purchase, they will sell the Stalcup Building back to the City for the initial purchase price of \$50,000.00. It will not seek to recover for its costs incurred in repairing the building for any renovations and improvements it completes. 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 Absent, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

No other action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

ADJOURNMENT INTO COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

The Sikeston City Council Reorganizational Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Presentation and Acceptance of Verification Board for Election of Mayor, Ward 2 and Ward 3 Council Representative

City Clerk Rhonda Council presented the New Madrid and Scott County Clerks' Certifications for Election of Mayor, Ward 2 and Ward 3 Council Representatives. Councilman Sparks moved to accept the results as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles 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.

Oath of Office Ceremony

City Clerk Rhonda Council administered the oath of office for Mayor Greg Turnbow, Councilman Ward 2 Vest Baker and Councilman Ward 3 David Teachout.

Nomination and Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

Councilman Baker nominated Councilman Sparks 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 Absent, Baker Aye, Teachout Aye,
Williams 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 Sparks.

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, Sparks and Merideth. The nomination was seconded by Councilwoman Williams. 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 Absent, Baker Aye, Teachout Aye,
Williams 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 Sparks nominated Councilman Merideth 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:

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

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

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

Appointment of Council Representative to the Library Board of Trustees

Councilman Merideth nominated Councilman Teachout for 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 Absent, Baker Aye, Teachout Aye,
Williams Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Council Appointment to Sikeston Housing Authority Board

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

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

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

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

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

Council Appointment to the Park Board

Councilman Sparks nominated Councilman Baker to serve 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 Absent, Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, Williams Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Council Appointment to the Public Safety Advisory Board

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

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

Appointment to Tourism Advisory Board

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

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Absent, Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, Williams 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 Merideth nominated Councilman Baker for appointment to the Stormwater Management Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Teachout. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Absent, Baker Aye, Teachout Aye, Williams 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 Sparks nominated Councilman Teachout for appointment as Council representative to the PAWS Animal Shelter Advisory Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

Council Appointment to Capital Improvements Plan Evaluation Committee

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

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

Other Business:

Councilman Teachout asked to be removed as a current member of the Public Safety Advisory Board.

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

APPROVED:

GREG TURNBOW, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK

SEAL: