The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of April 29, 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 Brian Self, Karen Evans, Gerald Settles, Ryan Merideth and Brandon Sparks. Councilwoman Onethia Williams arrived at 7:35 a.m. 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, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Street Supervisor Darren Martin, Park Supervisor Dustin Care, Code Enforcement Officer Bruce Copeland and Tabatha Thurman.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1st Reading, Bill #6137, Water Rate Increase

Councilman Merideth moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6137. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6137, authorizing and establishing water charges and rates for the City of Sikeston. Rick Landers, General Manager for Board of Municipal Utilities, indicated that this is the second phase of water rate increases which would allow the upgrades needed for a new water treatment plant. This rate increase would be effective January 2022 and January 2023 at an average increase of $2.86 per month.

2nd Reading, Bill #6142, Authorization to Replat Lots #1, #2 & #3 and Par of Lot #4 in Block #6 and the Abandonment of Mulberry, all in Glenn & Clara Matthews East Acres, 5th Addition

Councilman Settles moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6142. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible presented the bill for reading.

BILL NUMBER 6142  ORDINANCE NUMBER 6142

THIS BILL AS APPROVED SHALL BECOME ORDINANCE NUMBER 6142 PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE RE-PLAT OF ALL OF LOTS 1, 2, AND 3 AND PART OF LOT 4 IN BLOCK 6 AND THE ABANDONMENT OF MULBERRY DRIVE, ALL IN GLENN & CLARA MATTHEWS, EAST ACRES, 5TH ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SIKESTON, SCOTT COUNTY, MISSOURI.

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: The Planning and Zoning Commission met on March 19, 2019 and passed a favorable recommendation to approve the replat of all of Lots 1, 2, and 3 and part of Lot 4 in Block 6; and the abandonment of Mulberry Drive, all in Glenn & Clara Matthews, East Acres, 5th Addition to the City of Sikeston, Scott County, Missouri, the plat of which is attached hereto, marked Exhibit “A” and incorporated by reference.

SECTION III: Aforesaid replat is accepted and approved subject to its recording in Scott County, Missouri and full compliance with the building codes and housing ordinances of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, and in the event the provision of aforesaid codes of this City conflict with said replat, the Code shall be determinative.

SECTION IV: Aforesaid replat is accepted subject to full compliance with the stormwater management plan.

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

SECTION VI: 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 VII: Record of Passage

A. Bill Number 6142 was introduced and read the first time this 1st day of April 2019.

B. Bill Number 6142 was read the second time and discussed on this 29th day of April 2019. Following discussion, Councilman Self moved to approved Bill Number 6142. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks, discussed 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.

C. Ordinance 6142 shall be in full force and effect from and after Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

Liability/Casualty Insurance Renewal

Marsh Wortham provided liability and casualty insurance renewal quotes for the City in the amount of $303,435 for the period of May 1, 2019 through May 1, 2020.

Councilman Sparks moved to authorize payment in the amount of $303,435 to Marsh Wortham Insurance for renewal of property and liability insurance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

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

City Manager Douglass provided an update on the rail trail which will include additional landscaping, benches, bike racks and signage. The City has been asked to vote on a name for the trail. Based on a survey that was conducted, the top three names were: Cotton Belt Trail, Malone Avenue Greenway and Iron Mountain Trail.

Councilman Settles moved to name the trail “Cotton Belt Trail”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and the following vote recorded:

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

Due to Memorial Day, the May 27th Council meeting has been cancelled. A Study Session is scheduled for May 6 at 4:00 p.m. to discuss Code Enforcement changes and the Rental Registration & Inspection Program. Council will meet June 3rd at 5:00 p.m. and June 10th at 5:00 p.m.

Council was reminded of the retreat scheduled for May 4 at 7:30 a.m. in the Coleman Room at Missouri Delta Medical Center.

Discussion is still ongoing with County and MoDOT officials for the Ingram Interchange, which would be located on the south end of town.

James Turk, residing on Malcolm Street, addressed Council regarding loud music issues in his neighborhood.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Settles moved to adjourn into executive session for litigation and property. 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.

Mayor Burch called the executive session to order. Present were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Ryan Merideth, Brandon Sparks, Brian Self, Onethia Williams, Gerald Settles and Karen Evans. 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 Public Works Director Jay Lancaster. Also present were Joe Blanton and Tabatha Thurman.

Councilman Sparks made a motion to authorize purchase of Don Culberson’s property in an amount not to exceed $15,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth 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.
ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Self moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks 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 L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: