

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 29, 2020

The Special Sikeston City Council meeting of April 29, 2020 was called to order at 11:00 a.m., via Zoom Video Conferencing. Present at the meeting via video were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmembers Brian Self, Ryan Merideth, Brandon Sparks, Onethia Williams and Karen Evans. Councilman Gerald Settles was absent. Staff via Zoom Video Conferencing were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Carroll Couch, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Council, Director of Public Works Jay Lancaster and Director of Public Safety James McMillen. Also present via video were Attorneys Joe Blanton and Jim Martin.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6192. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as adopted shall become emergency Ordinance Number 6192 repealing Ordinance Number 6189 regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and the conduct of essential and non-essential businesses, business operations and activities.

Councilman Self moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6192. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for a second reading.

BILL Number 6192

ORDINANCE Number 6192

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 6189 REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE CONDUCT OF ESSENTIAL AND NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES, BUSINESS OPERATIONS, AND ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the City Council adopted Ordinance Number 6189, declaring a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and implementing certain orders regarding the conduct of essential and non-essential businesses, business operations, and activities; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, a state-wide stay at home order by the Governor went into effect; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's order and amendments thereto have been extended through May 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to bring the local COVID-19 related regulations into alignment with state regulations of the same.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, as follows:

Section I. Ordinance 6189 of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, is repealed effective 12:01 a.m., Monday, May 4, 2020.

Section II. General Repealer: 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 Clause. This ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure in order to enable timely action to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and to coincide with changes in State of Missouri regulations regarding the same.

Section V. Record of Passage:

- A. Bill Number 6192 was introduced to Council and read the first time this 29th day of April 2020.
- B. Bill Number 6192 was read the second time and discussed this 29th day of April, 2020. Following discussion, Councilman Self moved to approve Bill Number 6192. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

- C. Ordinance 6192 shall be in full force and effect beginning 12:01 a.m., Monday, May 4, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Staff present were City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Carroll Couch, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Council and Director of Public Safety James McMillen. Also present were Attorneys Joe Blanton and Jim Martin.

Attorney's Blanton and Martin explained the Release and Settlement Agreement (see Exhibit A) that was reached in the David Robinson lawsuit against the City of Sikeston.

Councilman Self made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign, on behalf of the City of Sikeston, the settlement agreement with David Robinson, identified as Exhibit A. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Absent, Evans Aye,
Williams Aye, and Burch 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 Sparks and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

APPROVED:

STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: