The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of May 4, 2020 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Clinton Building located at 501 Campanella Drive, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmembers Brian Self, Karen Evans, Onethia Williams, Gerald Settles, Ryan Merideth and Brandon Sparks. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Carroll Couch, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Council, Public Safety Director James McMillen, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Parks Director Dustin Care, Community Development Director Lorenzo Ware and Code Enforcement Officer Andy Barnes.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council minutes of February 24, March 9, March 24, April 3 and April 29, 2020 were presented for approval. Councilman Sparks moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Settles seconded the motion 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.

ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

None were presented.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY21 BUDGET

Councilman Self motioned to begin the Public Hearing to discuss the City’s FY21 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following vote recorded:

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

City Manager Douglass presented a draft of the City’s FY21 budget. Council is not bound to the draft of the budget. It can be adjusted up or down until the day it is adopted. The Budget will be discussed at the June 1st meeting and formally adopted at the June 8th Council meeting.

No remarks were heard from the public.

There being no further discussion before the City Council, Councilman Self moved to adjourn from the public hearing. 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.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Library Board of Trustee Appointments

State statute mandates Library Board of Trustee terms take effect on July 1 of each year. Currently, there are three members whose terms need to be filled, with one person eligible for reappointment.
Councilwoman Evans moved reappoint Carolyn Harris and appoint Colleen Flaker and Melissa Kelley to the Library Board of Trustees. 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.

Approve Location for Welcome to Sikeston Monument Sign

All wayfinding and highway welcome signs have been installed and paid for, leaving two monument signs to be installed as the final phase of the contract with Geograph. At an estimated cost of $89,000, this amount would be paid by Convention & Visitors Bureau under the management of the Chamber of Commerce. One location has already been approved by Council (Matthews Park, facing westbound Highway 60/Future I-57 traffic). The second recommended location is the railroad right-of-way near the Miner/Sikeston city limits just west of Edward Avenue near the MoDOT maintenance yard.

Councilman Sparks moved to approve the location on the railroad right-of-way near the Sikeston/Miner city limits. 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.

Renewal of DAEOC Homeless Shelter Agreement

Since 1988, the City has entered into a rental contract with Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation (DAEOC) for property at 820 Anderson Street where they constructed a homeless facility. This lease agreement is for five years. The lease does not generate any revenue for the City but does require DAEOC to provide insurance on the facility and list the City as an additional insured. This lease may be cancelled by either party with a 90-day notice.

Councilman Merideth motioned to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the five-year lease agreement with DAEOC. 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.

2nd Reading & Consideration, Bill #6138, Authorization for Alcohol Considered as a Conditional Use in C-1 Zoning

Councilman Self moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6138. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading.
BILL Number 6187  
ORDINANCE Number 6187


BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I:  This Ordinance shall be codified in the City Municipal Code.

SECTION II:  Section 405.920 Tables - Use, Height and Area Regulations; shall be amended by changing the following:

Add the following to the Category Use-Commercial, miscellaneous (b)(c)

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| Commercial, miscellaneous (b)(c) | Alcohol Sales | CU | P | P | P |

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

SECTION IV:  Severability:  Should any part or parts of this ordinance be found or held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the remaining part or parts shall be severable and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION V:  Record of Passage:
A.  Bill Number 6187 was introduced and read the first time this 9th day of March, 2020.

B.  Bill Number 6187 was read the second time and discussed on this 4th day of May, 2020. Following discussion, Councilman Self moved to approve Bill Number 6187. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth, 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 6187 shall be in full force and effect from and after June 3, 2020.

2nd Reading & Consideration, Bill #6186, Mowing Right-of-Ways

Councilman Settles moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6186. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following vote recorded:
Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading.

BILL Number 6186

ORDINANCE Number 6186

THIS BILL AS APPROVED SHALL BECOME ORDINANCE NUMBER 6186 AND SHALL AMEND ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 210, OF THE CITY CODE ESTABLISHING OFFENSES WITHIN THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: This Ordinance shall be codified in the City Municipal Code.

SECTION II: Article X, Chapter 500, Section 500.740 – Weeds – Declaration of Public Nuisance; shall be amended to read as follows:

All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of ten (10) inches (25 mm). All noxious weeds shall be prohibited, “Weeds” shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees and shrubs, provided however, this term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens. This includes the maintenance of weeds (as defined above) in the area between the edge of street (including the curb) and the property line (more commonly known as “right-of-way”) in all zones, including agricultural. It is provided, however, that the city shall mow some areas as identified and prioritized by the City of Sikeston for safety and/or maintenance purposes.

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

SECTION IV: Severability. Should any part or parts of this ordinance be found or held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the remaining part or parts shall be severable and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION V: Record of Passage:

A. Bill Number 6186 was introduced and read the first time this 9th day of March, 2020.

B. Bill Number 6186 was read the second time and discussed on this 4th day of May, 2020. Following discussion, Councilman Settles moved to approve Bill Number 6186. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self, 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 6186 shall be in full force and effect from and after June 3, 2020.

1st Reading, Bill #6188, Re-adoption of Fair Housing Policy

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6188. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the following vote recorded:

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

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6188, providing “Fair Housing” for the City of Sikeston, Missouri, defining discriminatory housing practices and creating a Fair Housing Committee.

Award Bid #20-47, Street Improvement Program – Lambert Engineering, Inc.

Bids were accepted for the City’s Street Improvement Program for the following projects:

- Mill and Resurface Kentucky (Broadway to Crowe)
- Mill and Resurface Illinois (400 Block)
- Mill and Resurface West North (Sunset to Luther)
- Mill and Resurface Alley Downtown (100 Block of East Front St)
- ADA Improvements Along Kingshighway and Tanner
- Hackberry Drive – Drainage Improvements

The lowest bid, $207,849.21, was received from Apex Paving Company of Cape Girardeau, MO.

Councilman Merideth moved to award Bid #20-47, Street Improvement Program-Lambert Engineering, to Apex Paving Company in the amount of $207,849.21. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following vote recorded:

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

1st & 2nd Reading, Emergency Bill #6193, Establishing Chapter 650 – Firework Sales

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6193. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams 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.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as adopted shall become emergency Ordinance Number 6193 and shall establish Title VI, Chapter 650 – Firework Sales – in the Municipal Code of the City of Sikeston, Missouri.

Councilman Sparks moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6193. 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.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for a second reading.

Emergency BILL Number 6193  Emergency ORDINANCE Number 6193

THIS BILL AS APPROVED SHALL BECOME EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NUMBER 6193 AND SHALL ESTABLISH TITLE VI, CHAPTER 650 – FIREWORK SALES - IN THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I:  This Ordinance shall be codified in the City Municipal Code.

SECTION II: Section 650.010 is hereby established and shall read as follows:

Section 650.010 Definitions.
For the purposes of this Chapter, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given to them in this Section. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number and words in the singular number, the plural number.

Common fireworks include but are not limited to the following:

Wire sparkler, dipped stick. Stick or wire coated with pyrotechnic composition that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition. Total pyrotechnic composition may not exceed one hundred (100) grams per item. Those devices containing any chlorate or perchlorate salts are not to exceed five (5) grams in total composition per item. Wire sparklers which contain no magnesium and which contain less than one hundred (100) grams of composition per item are not included in this category, in accordance with the Regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Cylindrical fountain Cylindrical tube not exceeding three-fourths inch in inside diameter containing up to seventy-five (75) grams of pyrotechnic composition. Fountains produce a shower of color and sparks upon ignition, and sometimes a whistling effect. Cylindrical fountains may contain a spike to be inserted in the ground (spike fountain), a wooden or plastic base to be placed on the ground (base fountain), or a wooden handle or cardboard handle for items designed to be hand-held (handle fountain).

Cone fountain Cardboard or heavy paper cone containing up to fifty (50) grams of pyrotechnic composition. The effect is the same as that of a cylindrical fountain.

Illuminating torch Cylindrical tube containing up to one hundred (100) grams of pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, colored fire is produced. These may be either spike, base, or handle-type devices.

Wheel Pyrotechnic device attached to a post or tree by means of a nail or string. Wheel contains up to six (6) "driver" units—tubes not exceeding one-half inch in inside diameter that may contain up to sixty (60) grams of composition per drive unit. Upon ignition, the wheel revolves, producing a shower of color and sparks and sometimes a whistling effect.

Ground spinner Small device similar to wheels in design and effect placed on the ground and ignited. A shower of sparks and color is produced by the rapidly spinning device.

Flitter sparkler Narrow paper tube filled with pyrotechnic composition that produces color and sparks upon ignition. These devices do not use a fuse for ignition. The paper at one (1) end of the tube is ignited to make the device function.

Skyrocket Skyrockets contain a wooden stick for guidance and stability and rise into the air upon ignition. A burst of color or noise or both is produced at the height of flight. Total charge alone may not be less than three and one-half (3.5) grams nor more than twenty (20) grams of chemical composition. Tube casing size may not be less than one-half (½) inch for the outside diameter and may not be less than three and one-half (3½) inches in length. Overall rocket
length, including the stick, may not be less than fifteen (15) inches and the rocket stick must be securely fastened to the casing.

Bottle rocket Device similar to a skyrocket in design, but smaller with a cylindrical tube containing not less than three and one-half (3.5) grams nor more than twenty (20) grams of chemical composition. A wooden stick is attached for guidance and stability. Rockets rise into the air upon ignition. A burst of color and/or sound may be produced at the height of flight.

Missile-type rocket Device similar to a skyrocket in size, composition, and effect that uses fins rather than a stick for guidance and stability.

Helicopter, aerial spinner A tube not exceeding one-half (½) inch in inside diameter that may contain up to twenty (20) grams of pyrotechnic composition. Some type of propeller or blade device is attached, and upon ignition the rapidly spinning device lifts into the air. A visible or audible effect is produced at several-second intervals.

Roman candle Heavy paper or cardboard tube not exceeding three-eighths (3/8) inch in inside diameter that contains up to twenty (20) grams of pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, up to ten (10) "stars" (pellets of pressed pyrotechnic composition that burn with bright color) are individually expelled at several-second intervals.

Mine, shell Heavy cardboard or paper tube up to two and one-half (2½) inches in inside diameter with a wooden or plastic base attached, containing up to forty (40) grams of pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition, stars, firecrackers, whistles, parachutes or a combination of these effects are propelled into the air, with the tube remaining on the ground.

Ground audible devices or salute firecrackers Small paper-wrapped or cardboard tube that may not contain more than fifty (50) mg of pyrotechnic composition. Noise, accompanied by a flash of light, is produced upon ignition.

Combination items Fireworks devices containing combinations of two (2) or more of the effects described in the preceding categories.

Explosive composition means a chemical or mixture of chemicals that produces an audible effect by deflagration or detonation when ignited.

Fireworks means any combustible or explosive composition, or any substance or combination of substances or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation.

Fireworks stand means a temporary structure used exclusively for the sale of fireworks and related items.

Snake, glow worm Pressed pellet of pyrotechnic composition that produces a large, snake-like ash upon burning. The ash expands in length as the pellet burns. These devices may not contain mercuric thiocyanate.

Smoke device Tube or sphere containing pyrotechnic composition that produces white or colored smoke upon ignition as the primary effect.

Wire sparkler Wire coated with pyrotechnic composition that produces a shower of sparks upon ignition. These items may not contain magnesium and must not exceed one hundred (100) grams of composition per item. Devices containing any chlorate or perchlorate salts may not exceed five (5) grams of composition per item.
Party popper Small plastic or paper item containing not in excess of sixteen (16) mg of explosive composition that is friction sensitive. A string protruding from the device is pulled to ignite it, expelling paper streamers and producing a small report.

Booby trap Small tube with string protruding from both ends, similar to a party popper in design. The ends of the string are pulled to ignite the friction sensitive composition, producing a small report.

Snapper Small, paper-wrapped item containing a minute quantity of explosive composition coated on small bits of sand. When dropped, the devices explode.

Trick match Kitchen or book match that has been coated with a small quantity of explosive or pyrotechnic composition. Upon ignition of the match, a small report or a shower of sparks is produced.

Cigarette load Small wooden peg that has been coated with a small quantity of explosive composition. Upon ignition of a cigarette containing one (1) of the pegs, a small report is produced.

Auto burglar alarm Tube which contains pyrotechnic composition that produces a loud whistle or smoke when ignited. A small quantity of explosive, not exceeding fifty (50) mg, may also be used to ignite the device.

SECTION III: Section 650.020 is hereby established and shall read as follows:

Section 650.020 General Restrictions.
No article of common fireworks shall be sold or offered for sale at retail unless it shall comply with RSMo 320.106(2) and shall be properly named to conform to the nomenclature in this section and unless its classification as common fireworks is certified to by imprinting on the article or retail container "I.C.C. Class C common consumer fireworks," such imprinting to be of sufficient size and so positioned as to be readily recognized.

SECTION IV: Section 650.030 is hereby established and shall read as follows:

Section 650.030 License Required.
Each dealer in fireworks, at wholesale or retail, before selling any article of fireworks, shall obtain from the city collector a license to sell fireworks for each location at which fireworks are to be offered for sale. Each license shall bear the date of expiration on the face thereof, shall designate the location for which it is granted, shall not be transferable, and shall only be issued after inspection and approval of the premises by the fire marshal. Each license for a permanent wholesale or retail location shall be for a period of not more than one (1) year. Each license for a temporary retail location shall be for not more than two (2) months.

SECTION V: Section 650.040 is hereby established and shall read as follows:

Section 650.040 Safety Requirements.
  a. No permissible fireworks may be sold at retail without a retail license. The license must be on display at the location where the retail sale takes place.
  b. No license shall be issued for any location where paints, oils or varnishes are manufactured or kept for use or sale nor where rosin, turpentine, gasoline or other similar inflammable substances or any substance which may generate inflammable vapors is used, stored or offered for sale or where the fire inspector shall determine
that any condition exists which makes the storage or sale of fireworks at such location unusually hazardous.

c. No fireworks shall be stored, kept or sold within one hundred (100) feet of any gasoline pump, gasoline filling station, gasoline bulk station or any building in which gasoline or volatile liquids are sold in quantities in excess of one (1) gallon.

d. Each licensee shall keep and maintain at least two (2), five (5) pounds each, A.B.C. dry chemical fire extinguishers with a 2-A rating or over, mounted in plain view, per location.

e. The smoking or carrying of a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette or tobacco in any form is prohibited in all places where fireworks are sold or displayed within fifty (50) feet thereof.

f. No fireworks shall be sold within five hundred (500) feet of any hospital building.

g. No fireworks shall be sold within fifty feet (50) feet of any public right-of-way.

h. No fireworks shall be sold on the real property of any church or school unless such person shall first obtain the consent in writing of the board of directors of the school or the consent in writing of the majority of the managing board of the church or place of worship.

i. It shall be unlawful to offer for sale or to sell any fireworks to any intoxicated or irresponsible person.

j. No person shall expose fireworks in any location where the sun may shine through glass on the fireworks displayed.

k. No person shall sell any fireworks at or on property of another without first obtaining written consent of the owner, lessee or occupant of such property.

l. No fireworks shall be sold other than at a licensed fireworks stand. No fireworks stand shall be located within twenty-five (25) feet of any building of masonry construction or within fifty (50) feet of any building not of masonry construction.

m. It shall be unlawful for any individual under seventeen (17) years of age to purchase or attempt to purchase any of the fireworks described in this division, or to present or offer to any person purported proof of age which is false, fraudulent or not actually his or her own for purpose of purchasing any such fireworks.

n. Fireworks sales are permitted in Light Industrial, Heavy Industrial, Commercial 3 and Downtown zones only.

SECTION VI: Section 650.050 is hereby established and shall read as follows:

Section 650.050 Dates and Hours of Sale.
No fireworks may be sold except between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

SECTION VII: Section 650.060 is hereby established and shall read as follows:

Section 650.060 Penalties.
Violation of any of the provisions of this article shall be punishable by an immediate and automatic revocation of all licenses or permits issued pursuant to this chapter, and the violator shall be prohibited from selling fireworks within the city for a period of two (2) years.
Furthermore, any violation which involves the sale of fireworks other than permissible fireworks shall cause an automatic forfeiture of that merchandise to the city. A fine of up to five hundred dollars ($500.00) may also be levied against the violator of this ordinance.

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

SECTION IX: Severability: Should any part or parts of this ordinance be found or held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the remaining part or parts shall be severable and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION X: Emergency Clause. This bill is adopted as an emergency measure in order to conform to holiday schedules and due to limited City Council meetings due to COVID-19 limitations on gatherings and social distancing.

SECTION XI: Record of Passage:

A. Bill Number 6193 was introduced and read the first time this 4th day of May, 2020.

B. Bill Number 6193 was read the second time and discussed on this 4th day of May, 2020. Following discussion, Councilman Settles moved to approve Bill Number 6193. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth, 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 6193 shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage.

1st & 2nd Reading, Emergency Bill #6195, Zoning for Firework Stands

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6195. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans 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.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as adopted shall become emergency Ordinance Number 6195 and shall amend Title IV, Chapter 405, Section 405.920 Tables-Use, Height and Area Regulations in the Municipal Code of the City of Sikeston, Missouri.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for a second reading.

BILL Number 6195

ORDINANCE Number 6195

THIS BILL AS APPROVED SHALL BECOME ORDINANCE NUMBER 6195 AND SHALL AMEND TITLE IV, CHAPTER 405, SECTION 405.920. TABLES – USE, HEIGHT AND AREA REGULATIONS IN THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: This Ordinance shall be codified in the City Municipal Code.
SECTION II: Section 405.920 Tables - Use, Height and Area Regulations; shall be amended to add Fireworks Sales to the Category Use-Commercial, miscellaneous (b)(c):

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Fireworks Sales

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

SECTION IV: Severability: Should any part or parts of this ordinance be found or held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the remaining part or parts shall be severable and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION V: Emergency Clause. This bill is adopted as an emergency measure in order to conform to holiday schedules and due to limited City Council meetings due to COVID-19 limitations on gatherings and social distancing.

SECTION VI: Record of Passage:

A. Bill Number 6195 was introduced and read the first time this 4th day of May, 2020.

B. Bill Number 6195 was read the second time and discussed on this 4th day of May, 2020. Following discussion, Councilman Self moved to approve Bill Number 6195. 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 6195 shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage.

Other Items

Due to Memorial Day, the May 25th Council meeting has been cancelled. The next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1st at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

City Manager Douglass explained that once the Census results are in, the City will have to re-establish the ward boundaries in the city limits of Sikeston.

Councilman Settles suggested installing a bulletin board outside City Hall for posting Council meeting agendas.

Citizen Donald Gipson spoke to Council regarding his rental property.
ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Sparks moved to adjourn into executive session for discussion of property and personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans 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: Councilmen Karen Evans, Brandon Sparks, Ryan Merideth, Brian Self, Gerald Settles and Onethia Williams. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Carroll Couch, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Council, Public Safety Director James McMillen, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Parks Director Dustin Care and Community Development Director Lorenzo Ware. Also present were Brian Menz, Board of Municipal Utilities (BMU) Chairperson and Tim Merideth, member of the BMU Board.

Mayor Burch gave Council an update on the area south of Sikeston along Highway 60/61 and the benefits of the City to develop the right-of-way of this property with Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) for future development.

Councilman Merideth moved to authorize the City begin the process of acquiring the right-of-way property located south of Sikeston along Highway 60/61 from Scott Matthews in the amount of $750,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the following vote recorded:

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

Excused from the meeting for personnel discussions were Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Parks Director Dustin Care and Community Development Director Lorenzo Ware.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Evans moved to adjourn from executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks 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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Self moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans 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: