

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 6, 2019

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of May 6, 2019 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 105 East Center, 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, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Council, Public Safety Director Mike Williams, Assistant Public Safety Director James McMillen, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Street Supervisor Darren Martin and Code Enforcement Manager Lorenzo Ware. Also present were Board of Municipal Utilities General Manager Rick Landers and members of the BMU board and staff.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council minutes of March 25, April 1, April 12 and April 29, 2019 were presented for approval. Councilman Merideth moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Self 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.

ADVISORY BOARD COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

No reports were presented.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY20 BUDGET

Councilman Merideth motioned to begin the Public Hearing to discuss the City's FY20 Budget. 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.

City Manager Douglass presented a draft of the City's FY20 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 3rd meeting and formally adopted at the June 10th Council meeting.

No remarks were heard from the public.

There being no further discussion before the City Council, Councilman Merideth 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 Jay Leible and appoint Connie Thompson and Laura Tongate 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.

2nd Reading & Consideration, Bill #6137, Water Rate Increase

Councilman Merideth moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6137. 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 Thurman presented the bill for reading.

BILL NUMBER 6137

ORDINANCE NUMBER 6137

A BILL, WHICH UPON ADOPTION AND PASSAGE SHALL BECOME ORDINANCE NUMBER 6137 AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING WATER CHARGES AND RATES FOR THE CITY OF SIKESTON.

WHEREAS, the Board of Municipal Utilities has determined that water rate increases are necessary and proper to maintain the economic viability of the municipal utility system, and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes an increase in rates is in the overall best interest of the residents of Sikeston.

NOW THEREFORE 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 water rates to be charged by the Board of Municipal Utilities from and after January 1, 2022 shall be as set forth on Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

SECTION III: The water rates to be charged by the Board of Municipal Utilities from and after January 1, 2023 shall be as set forth on Exhibit "B" which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

SECTION IV: The Mayor and/or City Clerk are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to implement said rate changes

SECTION V: General Repealer Section. Any 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, then the remaining part or parts shall be severable and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION VII: Record of Passage:

A. Bill Number 6137 was introduced and read the first time this 29th day of April, 2019.

B. Bill Number 6137 was read the second time and discussed on this 6th day of May, 2019. Following discussion, Councilman Settles moved to approve Bill Number 6137. 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 6137 shall be in full force and effect from and after June 5, 2019.

Rodeo Facility Use Agreement

Beginning in 2018, the City, BMU and the Jaycees formalized procedures for renting/reserving certain facilities for official Rodeo events. It is the City's and BMU's desire to allow the Jaycees usage of the Bootheel Golf Course/Clubhouse and the Complex/Clinton Building for official rodeo events designated by the Jaycee Rodeo Committee.

Councilman Sparks moved to authorize the execution of the Rodeo Facility Use Agreement. 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

Treston Pulley, 324 South West St., spoke on behalf of Youth Empowerment 573 asked for the City's assistance with the flag football league they will be hosting this summer at Lincoln Park.

Carolyn Ahlfield, 907 N. Ranney, addressed Council about issues she is having with her neighbors living in their garage.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Self moved to adjourn into executive session for discussion of litigation. 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, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Council, Public Safety Director Mike Williams and Assistant Public Safety Director James McMillen.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Self moved to adjourn from executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles 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:

STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: