REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 2, 2025

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of June 2, 2025 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall located at 105 E. Center St., Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Greg Turnbow, Matthew Drake, Ryan Lindsey, Tom Robison, David Teachout and Lorenzo Ware, Sr. Council member Vest Baker was absent. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Graham, City Clerk Rhonda Council, Finance Director Amanda Groves, HR Director Carrie Burgfeld, Communications Manager David Jenkins, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Street Supervisor Darren Martin, Community Development Director Barry Blevins, Public Safety Director James McMillen. Also present was Rick Landers, General Manager for Board of Municipal Utilities (BMU).

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The City Council minutes of the April 28 and May 5, 2025 Council meetings were presented for approval. Councilman Teachout moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Ware seconded the motion and the following vote was recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye,
Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY26 BUDGET

Councilman Robison motioned to begin the Public Hearing to discuss the City's FY26 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lindsey and the following vote recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye,
Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Manager Douglass presented a draft of the City's FY26 budget. There have been no significant changes since the budge was presented to Council on April 28th. The Budget will be formally adopted at the June 9th Council meeting. There were no public comments.

There being no further discussion before the City Council, Councilman Teachout moved to adjourn from the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drake and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye,
Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1st Reading, Bill #6378, FY25 Budget Amendment

Councilman Ware moved for the first reading of Bill #6378. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote was recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye,
Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Graham presented the bill for reading. This bill as adopted shall become emergency Ordinance Number 6378 and shall amend Ordinance Number 6349, the FY-25 Budget. Many of the adjustments are due to the impact of increased costs for insurance premiums, and higher than expected election costs, debris clean-up, and other expenses tied

to the May 2024 tornado, and costs associated with the bonds sold for the new fire station.

1st Reading, Bill #6379, FY26 Budget Ordinance

Councilman Lindsey moved for the first reading of Bill #6379. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drake and the following vote was recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye,
Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Graham presented the bill for reading. This bill as adopted shall become emergency Ordinance Number 6379 and shall be referred to as "The FY-2026 Budget" (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026). It shall repeal Ordinance 6349, being the "FY-2025 Budget" and all amendments thereto. It shall provide for the appropriation of monies and administration of expenditures of monies received by the City of Sikeston in accordance with the ordinance.

1st Reading, Bill #6380, FY26 Staffing & Compensation Ordinance

Councilman Ware moved for the first reading of Bill #6380. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote was recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye,
Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Graham presented the bill for reading. This bill as adopted shall become emergency Ordinance Number 6380 and shall repeal Ordinance Number 6354 being the FY-25 Compensation Plan and Employee Staffing Level Authorization, and all amendments thereto; and shall establish the Employee Compensation Plan and Staffing Levels and the administration thereof for Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026). Staffing level for FY26 will consist of 137 full-time employees, 16 part-time and 32 seasonal. Changes to the ordinance include:

- A $1,500 across the board wage adjustment
- Addition of one full-time flight lineman at the Airport
- Addition of 6 communications officers and one communications supervisor with the merger of Scott County 911 dispatch

Staff will seek approval of this bill at the June 9th Council meeting, with the effective date of July 1, 2025.

Appointments to Library Board

State statutes mandates Library Board of Trustee terms take effect July 1 of each year with a limit of three full terms. Three (3) board member have terms expiring this year and have indicated a desire to be reappointed. The members are:

Trustee Appointments Being Considered	Terms Served
Susanne Chitwood	Interim Term, Eligible for reappointment
Karen Evans	1 Full Term, Eligible for reappointment
Laura Tongate	2 Full Terms, Eligible for reappointment

Resource bank applicants include Camille Lancaster and Blake Bain. Councilman Robison motioned to reappoint Susanne Chitwood, Karen Evans and Laura Tongate. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye,
Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Fire Protection District Contract

The City of Sikeston has maintained a contractual agreement with the Sikeston Fire Protection District in which the City provides fire suppression, rescue, hazardous material response and dispatching services. The Sikeston Department of Public Safety is the primary responder to all structure fires within the District. The most recent contract with the Fire Protection District has expired.

Staff proposed a new contract to the Fire Protection District in October 2024. The proposed contract included a slight increase in billing costs from $400 per call to $500 per call and an additional $10 for each 15 minutes over the first 90 minutes. It should be noted that rates for callouts were last increased in 2007, the only time since 1990. Dispatching rates have not changed since 1999, when they were decreased from $0.03/100 assessed valuation to $0.01/100 assessed valuation within the District. The rates in the proposed contract were calculated by the City to cover the actual direct costs of the City to provide the service. The Fire Protection District felt those rates could not be afforded by the District within their current revenues constraints, and proposed a flat rate contract instead. The attached short-term, flat rate contract is the result of negotiations between the City and the District.

The Sikeston Fire Protection District informed the City of their intent to ask voters to approve an increase to the current tax levy in the next election. The attached contract is intended to be a short-term agreement that will allow the District time to secure an increased revenue stream while continuing to provide fire protection services to citizens within the fire district.

This two-year agreement would be retroactive to January 1, 2025 and expire on December 31, 2026. It differs from previous contracts in that it is a flat rate of fifty-five thousand dollars ($55,000) for fire protection services as defined in the contract. It continues to include additional fees outlined below:

1. For dispatching services, the City will continue to receive $.01 per $100 valuation of all property presently located or hereafter developed and constructed, within the whole Fire Protection.

1. The District will reimburse the City for all direct costs incurred to house, store, maintain, and insure equipment owned by the District.

2. The District agrees to pay any and all costs associated with a chemical spill or hazardous materials incident that occurs within the District.

Councilman Lindsey motioned to approve the execution of the Fire Protection District contract that will expire December 31, 2026. The motion was seconded by Council Baker, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye,
Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Renew Municipal Judge Contract

The proposed FY25 Municipal Judge contract in the amount of $30,000 per year does not include an increase for Judge Frank Marshall. Mr. Marshall has been the municipal judge since 1993. Language in the contract includes:

- Judge is responsible for the daily operations of the Municipal Court Division of Sikeston

- Judge is responsible for the Municipal Court's compliance with Missouri State Statutes and OSCA's rules and regulations
- Judge is responsible for meeting all of the 33rd Judicial Circuit Court's requirements

Councilman Teachout moved to approve the Municipal Judge contract for Frank Marshall in the amount of $30,000/year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ware, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye, Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

2nd Reading and Consideration, Bill #6374 Water Rate Increase

Councilman Lindsey moved for the second reading of Bill #6374. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye, Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Graham presented the bill for reading.

BILL NUMBER 6374 ORDINANCE NUMBER 6374

A BILL, WHICH UPON ADOPTION AND PASSAGE SHALL BECOME ORDINANCE NUMBER 6374, AND SHALL ESTABLISH SECTION 705.060 – WATER RATE SCHEDULE, 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 rates presented will increase customer charge based on meter sizes effective September 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the rates presented will increase customer charge based on meter sizes effective June 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the rates presented will increase customer charge based on meter sizes effective June 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the rates presented will increase customer charge based on meter sizes effective June 1, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the rates presented will increase water usage charge to $4.79 per thousand gallons for the first 4,000,000 gallons or less and $3.68 per thousand gallons over 4,000,000 gallons effective September 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the rates presented will increase water usage charge to $5.15 per thousand gallons for the first 4,000,000 gallons or less and $3.95 per thousand gallons over 4,000,000 gallons effective June 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the rates presented will increase water usage charge to $5.55 per thousand gallons for the first 4,000,000 gallons or less and $4.25 per thousand gallons over 4,000,000 gallons effective June 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the rates presented will increase water usage charge to $5.95 per thousand gallons for the first 4,000,000 gallons or less and $4.55 per thousand gallons over 4,000,000 gallons effective June 1, 2028; and

WHEREAS, the water rates to be charged by the Board of Municipal Utilities from and after July 2, 2025 shall be as set forth on Exhibit "A" which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to implement said rate changes.

NOW THEREFORE 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: Chapter 705, Section 705.060 Water – Rate Schedule is hereby established and shall read as follows:

Section 705.060 Water – Rate Schedule.
(Ord. No. 6123, 9-10-2018; Ord. No. 6137, 5-6-2019)

The sewer rates to be charged by the Board of Municipal Utilities from and after July 2, 2025 shall be in accordance with Exhibit "A" which is on file in the City office, attached to the ordinance codified in this Section and made a part hereof as if more fully set out in this Chapter.

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 6374 was introduced to Council and read the first time this 5th day of May 2025.

B. Bill Number 6374 was read the second time this 2nd day of June 2025. Following discussion, Councilman Lindsey moved to approve Bill Number 6374. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye,
Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

C. Ordinance Number 6374 shall be in full force and effect from and after July 2, 2025.

2nd Reading & Consideration, Bill #6375, Sewer Rate Increase

Councilman Lindsey moved for the second reading of Bill #6375. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye,

Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Graham presented the bill for reading.

BILL Number 6375 ORDINANCE Number 6375

THIS BILL AS APPROVED SHALL BECOME ORDINANCE NUMBER 6375 AND SHALL AMEND CHAPTER 705 SECTION 705.040 – SEWER-RATE SCHEDULE, OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI.

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

WHEREAS, The rates presented will increase the customer charge and volume charge per thousand gallons effective September 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The rates presented will increase the customer charge and volume charge per thousand gallons effective June 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The rates presented will increase the customer charge and volume charge per thousand gallons effective June 1, 2027; and

WHEREAS, The rates presented will increase the customer charge and volume charge per thousand gallons effective June 1, 2028; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to implement said rate changes.

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

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

SECTION II: Section 705.040 is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

Section 705.040. Sewer – Rate Schedule.
(R.O. 2009 §13.12.040; Ord. No. 4398 §1, 1983; Ord. No. 6122, 9-10-2018; Ord. No. 6270, 7-25-2022)

The sewer rates to be charged by the Board of Municipal Utilities of the City, from and after July 2, 2025, shall be in accordance with Exhibit A, which is on file in the City offices, attached to the ordinance codified in this Section and made a part hereof as if more fully set out in this section.

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 6375 was introduced to Council and read the first time this 5th day of May 2025.

B. Bill Number 6375 was read the second time this 2nd day of June 2025. Sikeston resident Tiffany Vaughn questioned the transparency of the Board of Municipal Utilities (BMU) as well as issues with BMU regarding her Sunshine Law requests. Suggestions were made for her to attend BMU Board meetings since this matter was with BMU, not City Council. Following discussion, Councilman Drake moved to approve Bill Number 6375. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robison, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye,
Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

C. Ordinance Number 6375 shall be in full force and effect from and after July 2, 2025.

2nd Reading & Consideration, Bill #6377, Electric Rate Adjustment

Councilman Teachout moved for the second reading of Bill #6377. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ware and the following vote recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye,
Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Graham presented the bill for reading.

BILL NUMBER 6377 ORDINANCE NUMBER 6377

A BILL, WHICH UPON ADOPTION AND PASSAGE SHALL BECOME ORDINANCE NUMBER 6377 AUTHORIZING AND ESTABLISHING ELECTRICAL CHARGES AND RATES FOR THE CITY OF SIKESTON.

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

WHEREAS, the City Council believes electrical rate reclassifications are in the overall best interest of the residents of Sikeston; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to implement said rate changes.

NOW THEREFORE 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 705.030 is hereby amended and shall read as follows:

Section 705.030. Electrical – Rate Schedule.
(R.O. 2009 §13.12.030; Ord. No. 3964 §1, 1979; Ord. No. 4337 §1, 1982; Ord. No. 4397 §1, 1983; Ord. No. 4551, 3-3-1986; Ord. No. 5274, 6-7-1999; Ord. No. 5879, 6-5-2012; Ord. No. 5964, 8-25-2014; Ord. No. 6009, 2-1-2016; Ord. No. 6115, 9-10-2018)

The electrical rates to be charged by the Board of Municipal Utilities of the City from and after July 2, 2025, shall be in accordance with Exhibit A, which is on file in the City office, attached to the ordinance codified in this Section and made a part hereof as if more fully set out in this Chapter.

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 6377 was introduced to Council and read the first time this 5th day of May 2025.

B. Bill Number 6377 was read the second time this 2nd day of June 2025. Following discussion, Councilman Robison moved to approve Bill Number 6377. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ware, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye,
Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

C. Ordinance Number 6377 shall be in full force and effect from and after July 2, 2025.

Other Items

Sikeston resident Margaret Ann Mhoon addressed concerns of cars speeding on Gladys Street in addition to issues of dogs running loose in Sikeston city limits.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye,
Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Present at the Executive Session meeting were: Mayor Greg Turnbow, Matthew Drake, Ryan Lindsey, Tom Robison, David Teachout and Lorenzo Ware, Sr. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Clerk Rhonda Council, Finance Director Amanda Groves, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Public Safety Director James McMillen and Community Development Director Barry Blevins.

Councilman Teachout motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign documents for permission to purchase property from the YMCA and also Cole Smith's property on Wilson St. for Board of Municipal Utilities (BMU) to test for well water. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ware, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye,
Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Ware moved to adjourn out of Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote was recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye,
Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Teachout moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ware and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Baker Absent, Drake Aye, Lindsey Aye, Robison Aye, Teachout Aye,
Ware Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

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DAVID TEACHOUT, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

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RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK SEAL: