

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018

The special Sikeston City Council meeting of June 25, 2018 was called to order at 11:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 105 East Center, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Pro Tem Brian Self and Councilmen Ryan Merideth, Gerald Settles, Mary White-Ross and Karen Evans. Mayor Steven Burch and Councilman Jon Gilmore were absent. 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, Assistant Public Safety Director James McMillen, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Street Supervisor Darren Martin, and Code Enforcement Manager Lorenzo Ware.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Briefing: Pawnshop Regulations

City Manager Douglass briefed on pawnshop regulations as a result of a local pawnshop owner (who is grandfathered at their current location) wishing to relocate his business to a location that is within 500 feet of another pawnshop. Current code prohibits a pawnshop from opening within 500 feet of another pawnshop. Council authorized the City Manager to revise the current ordinance to allow "grandfathered" pawnshops to move to another location that is within 500 feet of another pawnshop.

2nd Reading & Consideration of Bill #6104, Re-adoption of Ethics Ordinance

Councilman Settles moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6104. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Absent, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

Counselor Leible presented the bill for reading.

BILL Number 6104

ORDINANCE Number 6104

THIS BILL, AS ADOPTED, SHALL BECOME ORDINANCE NUMBER 6104, ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS.

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

SECTION I: This ordinance shall be codified in the Sikeston Municipal Code as follows:

SECTION II: Chapter 120 "Conflicts of Interest", Disclosure of Personal Financial Interests, hereby established to read as follows:

"120.010 Declaration of Policy. The proper operation of government requires that public officials and employees be independent, impartial and responsible to the people; that government decisions and policy be made in the proper channels of the governmental structure;

that public office not be used for personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its government. In recognition of these goals, there is hereby established a procedure for disclosure by certain officials and employees of private financial or other interests in matters affecting the City.

120.020 Conflicts of Interest

A. All elected and appointed officials as well as employees of The City of Sikeston must comply with Section 105.454 of Missouri Revised Statutes on conflicts of interest as well as any other state law governing official conduct.

B. Any member of the governing body of The City of Sikeston who has a "substantial personal or private interest" in any measure, bill, order or ordinance proposed or pending before such governing body must disclose that interest to the City Clerk of the City and such disclosure shall be recorded in the appropriate journal of the governing body. Substantial personal or private interest is defined as ownership by the individual, his spouse, or his dependent children, whether singularly or collectively, directly or indirectly of: (1) 10% or more of any business entity; or (2) an interest having a value of \$10,000 or more; or (3) the receipt of a salary, gratuity, or other compensation or remuneration of \$5,000 or more, per year from any individual, partnership, organization, or association within any calendar year.

120.030 Disclosure Reports. Each elected official, the City Manager, and the City Clerk shall disclose the following information by May 1 if any such transactions occurred during the previous calendar year.

A. For such person, and all persons within the first degree of consanguinity or affinity of such person, the date and the identities of the parties to each transaction with a total value in excess of five hundred dollars, if any, that such person had with the City of Sikeston, other than compensation received as an employee or payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to the City, and other than transfers for no consideration to the City.

B. The date and the identities of the parties to each transaction known to the person with a total value in excess of five hundred dollars, if any, that any business entity in which such person had a substantial interest, had with the City, other than payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to the City or transactions involving payment for providing utility service to the City, and other than transfers for no consideration to the City.

C. The City Manager and the City Clerk also shall disclose by May 1 for the previous calendar year the following information:

1. The name and address of each of the employers of such person from whom income of one thousand dollars or more was received during the year covered by statement;

2. The name and address of each sole proprietorship that he owned, the name, address and the general nature of the business conducted of each general partnership and joint venture in which he was a partner or participant; the name and address of each partner or coparticipant for each partnership or joint venture unless such names and addresses are filed by the partnership or joint venture with the secretary of state; the name, address and general nature of the business conducted of any closely held corporation or limited partnership in which the person owned ten percent or more of any class of the outstanding stock or limited partnership units; and the name of any publicly traded corporation or limited partnership that is listed on a regulated stock exchange or automated quotation system in which the person owned two percent or more of any class of outstanding stock, limited partnership units or other equity interests;

3. The name and address of each corporation for which such person served in the capacity of a director, officer or receiver.

120.040 Filing of Reports

A. The financial interest statements shall be filed at the following times, but no person is required to file more than one financial interest statement in any calendar year.

1. Every person required to file a financial interest statement shall file the statement annually not later than May 1 and the statement shall cover the calendar year ending the immediately preceding December 31; provided that any member of the (city council) may supplement the financial interest statement to report additional interest acquired after December 31 of the covered year until the date of filing of the financial interest statement.

2. Each person appointed to office shall file the statement within thirty days of such appointment or employment;

B. Financial disclosure reports giving the financial information required in Section 120.020 shall be filed with the City and with the Missouri Ethics Commission. The reports shall be available for public inspection and copying during normal business hours.

120.050 Filing of Ordinance. A certified copy of this ordinance shall be sent to the Missouri Ethics Commission within ten days of its adoption."

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

SECTION V: Record of Passage.

- A. Bill Number 6104 was introduced to Council and read the first time this 11th day of June 11, 2018.
- B. Bill Number 6104 was read the second time and discussed this 11th day of June, 2018. Councilman Merideth moved to approve Bill Number 6104. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:

Gilmore Absent, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, White-Ross Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed, and becoming ordinance 6104.

Award Purchase of DPS Vehicles

Department of Public Safety is seeking to purchase two (2) 2019 4WD Chevrolet Tahoe's at the state contract price of \$36,249 each from Don Brown Chevrolet in St. Louis and three (3) used AWD Highway Patrol 2015 Dodge Chargers at \$17,200 each.

Councilman Merideth moved to authorize the purchase from Don Brown Chevrolet of two Chevrolet Tahoe's at the state contract price \$36,249 each and three 2015 Dodge Chargers at \$17,200 each. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Absent, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, White-Ross Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

Award Purchase of DPW Vehicles

Department of Public Works is seeking to purchase a 3/4 ton pickup truck for Street Division with state contract vendor Don Brown Chevrolet of St. Louis at the state contract price of \$30,988.

Councilwoman White-Ross moved to authorize the purchase of the 2017 Silverado 2500HD 4WD pickup truck from Don Brown Chevrolet at the state contract price of \$30,988. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

Gilmore Absent, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, White-Ross Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

Other Items

Larry McClellan, a resident of Sikeston, informed Council that he was not prepared to speak with them at this meeting but would return next month.

Councilman Merideth asked about the overgrown grass on Ingram/Linn Street. Street Department indicated they are planning to mow that area soon.

Tim Davis of Sikeston presented to Council information on BRIDGE (Bringing Revenue Industry Diversity Growing Economy) which is a nonprofit organization interested in helping existing minority businesses to grow and assisting aspiring minority persons with start-up for new businesses.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman Evans moved to adjourn into executive session for discussion of security. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman White-Ross and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Gilmore Absent, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, White-Ross Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

Mayor Pro Tem Self called the executive session to order. Present were: Mayor Pro Tem Brian Self and Councilmen Karen Evans, Ryan Merideth, Gerald Settles, and Mary White-Ross. 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 Works Director Jay Lancaster, Public Safety Director Mike Williams and Assistant Public Safety Director James McMillen.

Councilman Merideth moved to authorize Department of Public Safety to purchase two (2) undercover 2018 Ford F-150 trucks at the state contract price of \$26,925 each from Joe Machens Ford/Lincoln of Columbia. Councilwoman White-Ross seconded the motion and the following roll call vote recorded:

Gilmore Absent, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, White-Ross Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilwoman White-Ross moved to adjourn from executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following roll call vote recorded:

Gilmore Absent, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, White-Ross Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Councilwoman White-Ross moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Gilmore Absent, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, White-Ross Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: