

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 29, 2020

The Sikeston City Council meeting of June 29, 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, Ryan Merideth, Brandon Sparks, Karen Evans and Gerald Settles. Councilwoman Onethia Williams arrived at 5:04 p.m. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Rhonda Council, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, HR Director Amanda Groves, Director of Public Works Jay Lancaster, Public Works Superintendent Brian Dial, Director of Public Safety James McMillen, City Collector Vicky Lewis, Community Development Director Lorenzo Ware and Public Safety Captain Ryan Smith.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Approval of Purchase of Tractor and Side Arm Mower

Staff seeks to purchase a 2019 John Deere 6120 Cab Tractor from Greenway Equipment, Inc. for \$93,712.98. Greenway holds the state contract for this tractor and is the only retailer that has it available.

Staff would also like to purchase the Side Arm Mower from Woody's Municipal Supply Co. for \$50,918.00. Woody's holds the Sourcewell contract for this mower, therefore it does not require a bid-out procedure. These items were budgeted under Capital Improvements for FY2021.

Councilman Sparks moved to approve the purchase of the 2019 John Deere 6120 Cab Tractor from Greenway Equipment, Inc. in the amount of \$93,712.98 and also the purchase of the Side Arm Mower from Woody's Municipal Supply Co. for \$50,918.00. 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.

Resolution 20-07-01, Surplus of Tractor and Boom Mower

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI DECLARING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT, VEHICLES AND ITEMS IN THE CITY'S INVENTORY TO BE SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSAL.

WHEREAS, Certain equipment, vehicles and items in the City's inventory, due to its age or state of disrepair can no longer adequately perform the day-to-day operations of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sikeston seeks to remove such items from its inventories to maximize operations, and while providing a safe and efficient environment for its employees.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

All of the items enumerated below are hereby declared surplus and the City Manager is directed to proceed with the removal of these items from City inventories by sale at public auction, sale by sealed bid, or when the item is no longer usable, by disposal.

Vehicles:

1. 2001 John Deere 7210, VIN# RW7210R05286
2. 2013 Diamond Boom Mower (#77)

Councilman Merideth moved to adopt Resolution 20-07-01 to surplus the tractor and boom mower. 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.

Proposal Regarding Billboard on City Property

City Manager Jonathan Douglass briefed Council on a billboard company who would like to install a digital billboard on the northeast corner of Main & Malone. The ground at this location is owned by the City and was leased to General Outdoor Advertising, who recently sold their sign location to Boatner Adworks from Poplar Bluff. The City was made aware of the sale and contacted Boatner Adworks about the lease, who were unaware there was a lease involved.

City Manager Douglass gave a recommendation to send a lease termination notice to Boatner Adworks and release a Request for Proposal for new ground leases at the location. Council requested more information on railroad sign leases.

Renewal of Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) Agreement

The three (3) year contract with the Sikeston Regional Chamber of Commerce for Tourism Marketing & Promotion Services is set to expire on June 30, 2020 with the agreement including maintenance of a city-owned billboard on I-57.

The new owner of the property where the billboard resides wants to enter into a contract for mowing the area around the sign for approximately \$200-\$300 per month. The Tourism Advisory Board met and decided not to use the billboard anymore because the sign is blocked by several small trees and needs some repairs and new design face. The new contract would remove this section of the agreement.

Councilman Self moved to authorize the renewal of the Convention and Visitors Bureau Operating Agreement for an additional three years and removing the maintenance of the billboard on I-57. 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.

Briefing on "Strengthening Police and Community Partnerships" Planning Meeting

Department of Public Safety's Chief James McMillen gave an update on the first planning meeting for Strengthening Police & Community Partnerships (SPCP). The planning group held their first meeting June 26 with approximately 18 people in attendance (this included some staff members as well). The planning committee members were given the assignment to submit names of individuals to include in the next phase of the program. This group should include people such as interfaith-based leadership, community based organizations, civil rights leaders, youth and seniors. This select group will meet at the next scheduled meeting to be held on July 10th.

Other Items

The July 6th Council meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 27th.

Work is being done to add lighting on the basketball courts at Lincoln Park, on the walking trail and at the Complex.

Firework discussions included a suggestion from a citizen to have an open space available that could be monitored by public safety and the fire department where people could go and shoot fireworks.

Citizen spoke on housing complaints she had regarding apartments on S. New Madrid.

Citizen mentioned having a Juneteenth celebration next year possibly at Malone Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Settles 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:

RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK

SEAL: