

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JULY 31, 2023**

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of July 31, 2023 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, John Leible, Tom Robison, Brian Self, Vest Baker and David Teachout. Council member Onethia Williams was absent. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Graham, City Clerk Rhonda Council, Finance Director Karen Bailey, HR Director Amanda Groves and Carrie Burgfeld, Communications Manager David Jenkins, Street Supervisor Darren Martin, Community Development Director Barry Blevins, Public Safety Captain Derick Wheatley.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Emergency Bill #6316, Permit the Sale of Liquor by the Drink

Councilman Leible moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6316. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote recorded:

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Lindsey Aye, Teachout Aye,  
Williams Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Graham presented the bill for reading. This bill, as adopted as an emergency measure, shall become Ordinance Number 6316, calling for an election in the City of Sikeston, Missouri on the question of whether to allow the sale of liquor by drink in excess of 5% to be held on November 7, 2023; and directing the City Clerk to give notice of the election.

Councilman Baker moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6316. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and the following vote recorded:

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Lindsey Aye, Teachout Aye,  
Williams Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Graham presented the bill for reading.

Bill Number 6316

Ordinance Number 6316

THIS BILL, AS ADOPTED AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE, SHALL BECOME ORDINANCE NUMBER 6316, CALLING FOR AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TO ALLOW THE SALE OF LIQUOR BY DRINK IN EXCESS OF 5% TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE ELECTION.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, under the authority of Section 311.110 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri has determined upon its own motion that the question herein be submitted to the voters to determine whether or not intoxicating liquor as defined in Chapter 311 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri shall be sold, furnished, or given away within the corporate limits of the City of Sikeston, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, said election is required prior to liquor by the drink being authorized in accordance with Section 311.090 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the substantial form of the ballot issue is set forth in Section 311.130 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

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: A special election is hereby ordered to be held in the City of Sikeston, Missouri on November 7, 2023 on the following question:

**QUESTION**

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE RETAIL OPPORTUNITES THAT ARE EQUAL TO CITIES WITH A POPULATION IN EXCESS OF 19,500 INHABITANTS AND IN ORDER TO PROMOTE RETAIL GROWTH AND IN ORDER TO PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESSES THAT DO NOT HAVE A LIQUOR LICENSE CONNECTED WITH FOOD OR OTHER RETAIL SALES, SHALL INTOXICATING LIQUOR, CONTAINING ALCOHOL IN EXCESS OF FIVE PERCENT (5%) BY WEIGHT, BE SOLD BY THE DRINK AT RETAIL FOR CONSUMPTION ON THE PREMISES WHERE SOLD?

YES                       NO

IF YOU ARE IN FAVOR OF THE QUESTION, PLACE AN 'X' IN THE BOX OPPOSITE 'YES'. IF YOU ARE OPPOSED TO THE QUESTION, PLACE AN 'X' IN THE BOX OPPOSITE 'NO'.

SECTION III: The form of the Notice of Special Election for said election, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof, is hereby approved.

SECTION IV: That said election be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023, and that appropriate steps be taken to ensure that said election be held on said day.

SECTION V: Any other ordinances or part(s) thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION VI: Should any other 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 VII: This ordinance is passed as an emergency measure, as it must be forwarded immediately to the appropriate County Clerks for inclusion on the November ballot, in order to meet the requirements of State Election Law, Chapter 115 of the Missouri Revised Statutes.

SECTION VIII: Record of passage:

- A. Bill Number 6316 was introduced and read the first time this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023.
- B. Bill Number 6316 was read the second time and discussed on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2023. Following discussion, Councilman Leible moved to approve Bill Number 6316. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Lindsey Aye, Teachout Aye, Williams Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

- C. Ordinance No. 6316 and shall be in full force and effect from and after Monday, July 31, 2023.

Authorization to Purchase Additional Flock Cameras

The Department of Public Safety would like to enter into a 5-year agreement with Flock Safety to add four Flock cameras to the existing city-wide camera infrastructure. This adds to their existing four Flock Cameras. These cameras have proven to be very useful with investigations and recoveries that may have gone undetected. To date, the existing four cameras have been responsible for the direct recovery of two stolen vehicles and two stolen license plates (totaling approximately \$20,000 in recovered value). The system directly contributed to the locating of a missing person as well as a person with an active felony arrest warrant. Officers successfully used the system to locate a suspect involved in the leaving the scene of an accident incident. With the information received from the Flock system, the officer identified the suspect and cleared the report that resulted in a felony amount of damage to a vehicle. These cameras have only been online since June.

The cost quoted is a total of \$60,600 billed annually with the first payment being \$12,600 (this first year includes installation fees). The remaining years will be billed at \$12,000 per year. This amount would be covered by the current DPS camera budget.

Councilman Baker moved to authorize the purchase of four (4) additional flock cameras for Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$60,600, billed annually with first payment of \$12,600 and additional payments at \$12,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Leible, discussed and the following vote recorded:

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Lindsey Aye, Teachout Aye, Williams Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

(Walk-On Item) Resolution 23-07-01, Authorization to Apply for Transportation Alternate Funding for Phase 4 of Rail-to-Trail Project

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI STATING ITS INTENT TO SEEK FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PHASE FOUR OF THE SIKESTON RAIL TRAIL PROJECT THROUGH THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURSUE ACTIVITIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE SAID FUNDING.

WHEREAS, The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) was authorized under Section 1122 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21) and is reauthorized under the FAST Act and Continuing Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the federally funded TAP provides opportunities to communities to expand transportation choices and enhance the transportation experience through categories of activities related to the surface transportation system; and

WHEREAS, The Missouri Department of Transportation is designed to award Transportation Alternatives Program funding; and

WHEREAS, The City has an eligible project which may apply for and utilize TAP funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, that it desires to participate with the Missouri Department of Transportation in the improvement of our community under the activities authorized pursuant to the Transportation Alternative Program.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, is hereby authorized to prepare and submit documents which are necessary in applying for funding and establishing an administrative organization to implement activities pursuant to the aforementioned act.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant will dedicate a minimum 20% local match from local cash general funds to be used in the development of phase four of the rail to trail project.

Councilman Baker moved to authorize the City to apply for Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding for the Phase 4 of the Sikeston Rail Trail, which will begin midblock between Ingram and Pine and continue east to a pedestrian connection with Veterans Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Lindsey Aye, Teachout Aye, Williams Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

(Walk-on Item) Authorize Engineering Services Contract with Waters Engineering for Project TAP #5800(015), Rail-to-Trail Phase 4

The City of Sikeston was awarded a TAP project from MoDOT to continue the Rail Trail east from Main Street to a future parking area midway between Pine and Ingram. To begin this project, authorization of contracts for the design engineering and construction inspection of the project will need to be approved. This item is for the approval of the engineering contract with Waters Engineering. Waters Engineering was already selected by the council with the assistance of the professional services committee months prior. Authorization will allow design work to begin.

Councilman Leible moved to authorize engineering services contract with Waters Engineering for the design and construction services for the Rail-to-Trail project from Main Street to a future parking area midway between Pine and Ingram. This motion was seconded by Councilman Baker, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Lindsey Aye, Teachout Aye, Williams Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Other Items:

Mayor Turnbow reminded citizens to vote on August 8 for the renewal of the half cent sales tax renewal.

Mayor Turnbow recognized Finance Director Karen Bailey on attending her final Council meeting as an employee of the City of Sikeston. Bailey will be retiring from the city effective August 4, 2023 after 44 years of service.

City Manager Douglass reminded Council that a super majority quorum will be needed at the August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting for the emergency ordinance establishing the 2024 Municipal Tax Levy. With Mayor Turnbow and Councilwoman Williams anticipated to be absent, the meeting will be moved to 4:00 p.m. to assure we have the quorum needed.

**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 Leible and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Lindsey Aye, Teachout Aye, Williams Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Present at the Executive Session meeting were: Mayor Greg Turnbow, David Teachout, Onethia Williams, John Leible, Vest Baker, Ryan Lindsey and Tom Robison. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha J. Graham, City Clerk Rhonda Council, Finance Director Karen Bailey and Amanda Groves, Public Safety Director James McMillen and Community Development Director Barry Blevins. Also present was Rick Landers, General Manager for Board of Municipal Utilities (BMU).

Board of Municipal Utilities (BMU) General Manager Rick Landers seeks Council's authorization to negotiate and enter into a contract to dispose of Brush Creek Coal Mine property in Southern Illinois. Councilman Teachout motioned to authorize BMU to negotiate and enter into a contract to dispose of property located in Southern Illinois. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robison, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Lindsey Aye, Teachout Aye, Williams Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Rick Landers left the meeting.

Sikeston Area Chamber of Commerce would like to donate property located by Jeremiah's to the City of Sikeston. Councilman Leible motioned to authorize the Mayor to execute contract for the donation of property located by Jeremiah's from the Sikeston Area Chamber of Commerce to the City of Sikeston. The motion was seconded by Councilman baker, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:

Baker Aye, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Lindsey Aye, Teachout Aye, Williams Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Councilman Baker recused himself from the meeting.

The City of Sikeston seeks to purchase one acre of property located off Larcel Drive on Highway 60 from LaValle Farm in the amount of \$50,000.00. Councilman Teachout motioned to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract to purchase one acre of land from LaValle Farm in the amount of \$50,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:

Baker Recused, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Lindsey Aye, Teachout Aye, Williams Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

**ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Baker Absent, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Lindsey Aye, Teachout Aye,  
Williams 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 Leible and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Baker Absent, Leible Aye, Robison Aye, Lindsey Aye, Teachout Aye,  
Williams Aye, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

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GREG TURNBOW, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK

SEAL: