

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2019

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of August 26, 2019 was called to order at 7:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 105 East Center, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmembers Ryan Merideth, Gerald Settles, Ryan Merideth, Karen Evans, Brian Self and Brandon Sparks. Councilmember Onethia Williams arrived at 7:33 a.m. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Carroll Couch, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Council, Acting Public Safety Director James McMillen, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Street Supervisor Darren Martin, Building Maintenance Supervisor Billy Smith and Parks Director Dustin Care.

PUBLIC HEARING - ESTABLISHMENT OF 2020 MUNICIPAL TAX LEVY

Councilman Settles motioned to begin the Public Hearing to discuss the Establishment of 2020 Municipal Tax Levy. 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.

City Clerk Carroll Couch presented the tax rates to be set for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019. General Fund tax rates are set at \$.04171, Park Fund \$.7937 and Library Fund \$.2000.

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 Self 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

1st & 2nd Reading, Emergency Bill #6154, Establishing the 2020 Tax Levy

Councilman Self moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6154. 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.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. Emergency Bill Number 6154, which upon adoption and passage shall become Ordinance Number 6154, an ordinance fixing the rate of taxation on all taxable property in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

Councilman Merideth moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6154. 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.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for a second reading.

BILL Number 6154

ORDINANCE Number 6154

AN EMERGENCY BILL, WHICH UPON ADOPTION AND PASSAGE, SHALL BECOME ORDINANCE NUMBER 6154, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.

WHEREAS, the Sikeston City Council held a public hearing in accordance with Section 67.110 RSMO prior to the adoption of the City's 2019-2020 Tax Rate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, as follows:

Section I. This ordinance will not be codified in the Municipal Code Book of the City of Sikeston.

Section II. That for the purpose of maintaining a general fund, there is hereby levied a tax rate of forty-one and seventy-one thousandths cents (\$.4171) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on all taxable property in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, for the year 2019-2020.

Section III. That for the purpose of maintaining a public library fund, there is hereby levied a tax rate of two thousandths cents (\$.2000) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on all taxable property in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, for the year 2019-2020.

Section IV. That for the purpose of maintaining public parks, there is hereby levied a tax rate of eighteen and eighteen thousandths cents (\$.1818) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on all taxable property in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, for the year 2019-2020.

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

Section VII. Emergency Clause: Due to requirements of the State of Missouri, this ordinance will become effective upon its passage.

Section VIII. Record of Passage:

- A. Bill Number 6154 was introduced and read the first time this 26th day of August, 2019.
- B. Bill Number 6154 was read the second time and discussed this 26th day of August, 2019. Following discussion, Councilman Sparks moved to approve Bill Number 6154. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth, 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 6154 shall be in full force and effect immediately upon passage.

Authorization to Purchase New Playground Unit for Malone Park

In July of 2018, Malone Park's playground unit caught fire due to combustion of wood chips. Hutchison Recreation & Design out of St. Louis has a replacement unit identical to the current one for \$18,100 and this price includes installation. Estimated time for delivery and installation is 4-6 weeks after purchase date.

Councilman Self moved to authorize the purchase of a new playground unit for Malone Park in the amount of \$18,100 from Hutchison Recreation & Design. 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.

Authorization to Purchase DuraEdge Infield Mix

The Parks and Recreation Department seeks approval to purchase 100 tons of DuraEdge Professional Infield Material to be installed on Field #8 (JBR Baseball). Total cost, including freight, is \$16,500 and is sold by Advanced Turf Solutions.

Councilman Settles moved to authorize the purchase of DuraEdge Professional Infield Material in the amount of \$16,500 from Advanced Turf Solutions. 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.

Award Bid #20-04, Field #8 Infield Renovation

Bids were received from two vendors for the renovation of Infield #8 (JBR Baseball) - Advanced Turf Solutions in the amount of \$23,794.27 and Precision Consulting & Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$68,000.00.

Councilman Merideth moved to award Bid #20-04, Field #8 Infield Renovation, to Advanced Turf Solutions in the amount of \$23,794.27. 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.

Briefing: Stallcup Building Wall Repairs

Bids were opened July 19th for repairs to the rear wall of the Stallcup Building and two bids were received - Hickman Construction, \$103,006.25 and Boulder Construction, \$117,211.55. With a budget of \$70,000, both bids were higher than anticipated and were rejected by Council on August 5.

After discussing the issues, Council suggested the City explore the option of selling the building "as is" before rebidding the project and spending money for further repairs.

Other Items

The first day to file for City Council is October 15 and the last is November 19. With Councilman At-Large Brian Self's term expiring in 2020, his seat will be up for election. Serving his first term, Councilman Self has the option to file for a second term.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Merideth moved to adjourn into executive session for discussion of property and personnel. 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 Ryan Merideth, Gerald Settles, Onethia Williams, Brandon Sparks, Karen Evans and Brian Self. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Carroll Couch, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Council, Acting Public Safety Director James McMillen, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster and Parks Director Dustin Care.

No action was taken during discussion of property.

City Clerk Carroll Couch, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Council, Acting Public Safety Director James McMillen, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster and Parks Director Dustin Care were excused from the meeting for discussion of personnel.

No action was taken during discussion of personnel.

ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Merideth moved to adjourn from executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams 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 Merideth moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles 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: