The special Sikeston City Council meeting of August 27, 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 Steven Burch and Councilmen Brian Self, Gerald Settles, Mary White-Ross, Karen Evans and Ryan Merideth. Councilman Jon Gilmore was 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, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Parks Director Dustin Care and Senior Building Official Collin Cecil.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

1st Reading, Bill #6115, BMU Rate Increase - Electrical

Councilman Settles moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6115. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and the following vote recorded:


Counselor Leible presented Bill Number 6115 for reading, this bill as adopted shall become Ordinance Number 6115 authorizing and establishing electrical charges and rates for the City of Sikeston.

Rick Landers, Board of Municipal Utilities General Manager along with a representative from the consulting firm Utility Financial Solutions, LLC presented to Council a presentation showing comparisons to other communities in Missouri and our rates are among the lowest in the state. Due to upgrades needed to essential equipment, along with bond obligations, rate increases are needed for electrical, sanitary sewer and water.

Councilman Merideth left the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

1st Reading, Bill #6122, BMU Rate Increase - Sanitary Sewer

Councilman Settles moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6122. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible presented Bill Number 6122 for reading, this bill as adopted shall become Ordinance Number 6122 authorizing and establishing sanitary sewer charges and rates for the City of Sikeston.

Councilman Self left the meeting at 12:17 p.m.
1st Reading, Bill #6123, BMU Rate Increase - Water

Councilwoman Evans moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6123. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible presented Bill Number 6123 for reading, this bill as adopted shall become Ordinance Number 6123 authorizing and establishing water charges and rates for the City of Sikeston.

2nd Reading Bill #6114, Authorization to Enter Into An Option to Purchase Real Estate on Behalf of BMU

Councilwoman Evans moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6114. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman White-Ross and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible presented Bill Number 6114 for reading.

BILL NUMBER 6114

ORDINANCE NUMBER 6114

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN OPTION TO PURCHASE REAL ESTATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that it is necessary and desirable to execute an option to purchase from David K. Lape Farms, Inc. certain property for future well and water treatment plant needs for the Board of Municipal Utilities and to approve the execution of certain documents herein.

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

SECTION I: Authorization of Documents. The City is hereby authorized to enter into the following documents (the “City Documents”), in substantially the form presented to the City Council and attached to this Ordinance, with such changes therein as are approved by the officials of the City executing the documents, such officials’ signatures thereon being conclusive evidence of their approval thereof:

(a) Option to Purchase Real Estate (Exhibit “A”).

SECTION II: Execution of Documents. Upon the transfer of all funds necessary and proper to comply with the terms of the Option to Purchase Real Estate and associated documents by the Board of Municipal Utilities to the City of Sikeston, the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the City Documents and such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Ordinance, for and on behalf of and as the act and deed of the City. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest to and affix the seal of the City to the City Documents and such other documents, certificates and
instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Ordinance.

SECTION III. Further Authority. The City shall, and the officials, agents and employees of the City are hereby authorized to, take such further action, and execute such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or desirable to carry out and comply with the intent of this Ordinance and to carry out, comply with and perform the duties of the City with respect to the City Documents.

SECTION IV. Any other ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION V. 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 continue in full force and effect.

SECTION VI: Record of Passage:

A. Bill Number 6114 was introduced and read the first time this 6th day of August, 2018.

B. Bill Number 6114 was read the second time and discussed on this 27th day of August, 2018. Councilman Settles moved to approve Bill Number 6114. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman White-Ross, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

Councilman Merideth was present via electronic device at 12:37 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING - ESTABLISHMENT OF 2018 MUNICIPAL TAX LEVY

Councilman Settles moved to open the Public Hearing for discussions on the 2018 Municipal Tax Levy. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

No comments from the public were heard. City Clerk Carroll Couch gave an overview on the 2018 Property Tax Rates for the City of Sikeston. Councilman Settles moved to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1st & 2nd Reading, Emergency Bill #6109, Establishment of 2018 Municipal Tax Levy

Councilwoman White-Ross moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6109. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:
Gilmore Absent, Merideth Aye, Self Absent, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Counselor Leible presented Bill Number 6109 for reading an emergency bill which upon adoption and passage shall become Ordinance Number 6109, an ordinance fixing the rate of taxation on all taxable property in the City of Sikeston, Missouri for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

Due to requirements of the State of Missouri, this ordinance will become effective upon its passage.

Councilwoman Evans moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6109. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman White-Ross and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible presented the bill for a second reading.

BILL Number 6109

ORDINANCE Number 6109

AN EMERGENCY BILL, WHICH UPON ADOPTION AND PASSAGE, SHALL BECOME ORDINANCE NUMBER 6109, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019.

WHEREAS, the Sikeston City Council held a public hearing in accordance with Section 67.110 RSMO prior to the adoption of the City's 2018-2019 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 thirty-five thousandths cents ($0.4135) per one hundred dollars ($100.00) of assessed valuation on all taxable property in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, for the year 2018-2019.

Section III. That for the purpose of maintaining a public library fund, there is hereby levied a tax rate of two thousandths cents ($0.2000) per one hundred dollars ($100.00) of assessed valuation on all taxable property in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, for the year 2018-2019.

Section IV. That for the purpose of maintaining public parks, there is hereby levied a tax rate of eighteen and two thousandths cents ($0.1802) per one hundred dollars ($100.00) of assessed valuation on all taxable property in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, for the year 2018-2019.

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 6109 was introduced to Council and read the first time this 27th day of August 2018.

B. Bill Number 6109 was read the second time and discussed on this 27th day of August, 2018. Councilman Settles moved to approve Bill Number 6109. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

Councilman Merideth was excused from the meeting via electronic device at 12:44 p.m.

Operation of Golf Carts on City Streets

Following review of State statutes, other city ordinances and discussions with Public Safety and Public Works management, City Manager Douglass presented an outline for a new ordinance for Sikeston. After review and comments from Council, Staff was directed to draft an ordinance and present it at the next meeting.

Resolution 18-08-01, Authorizing Emergency Demolition of Four Structures

This resolution authorizes the emergency demolition of four structures found to be health and safety hazards in the City of Sikeston.

RESOLUTION 18-08-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY DEMOLITION OF FOUR STRUCTURES FOUND TO BE HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARDS IN THE CITY OF SIKESTON

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of our citizens and their neighborhoods is a priority purpose of our municipality, and

WHEREAS, unsafe and dilapidated structures pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of our citizens and constitute a public nuisance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following structures constitute a public nuisance:

   315 Alabama       Sikeston, MO 63801
   402 William       Sikeston, MO 63801
   309 Jaycee        Sikeston, MO 63801
   1510 W North      Sikeston, MO 63801
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that since said structures pose an immediate danger to the health, safety and welfare of our citizens, the City is authorized to take emergency measures to demolish and/or remove said structures and assess the costs of such measures personally against the owners of said real estate and as a lien on the real estate.

Councilwoman White-Ross moved to adopt Resolution 18-08-01, authorizing the demolition of four structures in the City of Sikeston. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

1st Reading, Bill #6116, 4-Way Stop Sign at Wakefield & N. Ranney

Councilman Settles moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6116. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman White-Ross and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible presented Bill Number 6116 for reading, this bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6116 and shall amend Title III, Chapter 300, Schedule III, Table III-A of the Uniform Traffic Code establishing additional traffic control measures within the City of Sikeston, Missouri.

1st Reading, Bill #6117, Stop Sign at Glacier & Yellowstone

Councilman Settles moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6117. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible presented Bill Number 6117 for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 1667 and shall amend Title III, Chapter 300, Schedule III, Table III-A of the Uniform Traffic Code establishing additional traffic control measures within the City of Sikeston, Missouri.

1st Reading, Emergency Bill #6119, Request to Rezone Property Located South of Brunt Blvd. and North of US Highway 60 from “AG” Agriculture to “R-1” Single Family Residential

Councilwoman White-Ross moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6119. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible presented Bill Number 6119 for reading. This bill as approved shall become emergency Ordinance Number 6119, providing for the rezoning from Agriculture “AG” to Single-Family Residential “R-1” the following described real estate to-wit: a tract of land, which
consists of approximately 7.27 acres and is located generally south of brunt boulevard and north of US Highway 60, in the City of Sikeston, New Madrid County, Missouri.

To allow the developer to immediately begin the marketing of this tract, this matter is being presented as an emergency measure.

1st Reading, Emergency Bill #6120, Request to Approve Proposed Subdivision, South Ridge Estates 22nd Addition, Located South of Brunt Blvd. and North of US Highway 60

Councilwoman Evans moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6120. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman White-Ross and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible presented Bill Number 6120 for reading. This bill as approved shall become emergency Ordinance Number 6120, providing for approval of subdividing a 7.47 acre tract or parcel of land being known as South Ridge Estates, 22nd Addition, City of Sikeston, New Madrid County, Missouri, and which generally lies South of Brunt Boulevard and North of US Highway 60, in the City of Sikeston, New Madrid County, Missouri.

To allow the developer to immediately begin the marketing of this tract, this matter is being presented as an emergency measure.

Award Bid 19-12, Commercial Grader with Transit

Bids were received from two vendors for a box blade grader with transit: Redexim Turf Products-$16,900 and BRANDEIS-$13,802.40. The low bid was from BRANDEIS in the amount of $13,802.40. This was for a Level Best Grader which comes with a 1-year warranty. This grader is for the Parks and Recreation Department for touchups on ballfield grading.

Councilman Settles moved to award bid 19-12 in the amount of $13,802.40 to BRANDEIS for the purchase of a box blade grader with transit. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Authorize Purchase of DuraEdge Infield Materials

The Parks and Recreation Department seeks approval to purchase 125 tons of DuraEdge Professional Infield Material to be installed on Field #1 and Field #2 infields for $17,350 ($8,675 per field) and 50 tons of Dura Trax Warning Track Material for $5,700 ($2,850 per field) for a total of $23,050. Advanced Turf Solutions is the sole authorized distributor of DuraEdge material in Southeast Missouri.

Councilwoman Evans moved to authorize the purchase of DuraEdge Infield Materials and Dura Trax Warning Track Material from Advanced Turf Solutions in the amount of $23,050. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman White-Ross and the following vote recorded:
Gilmore Absent, Merideth Absent, Self Absent, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Award Bid 19-13, Infield Renovations at Recreation Complex

One bid was received from Advanced Turf Solutions for the renovation of three infields at the Recreation Complex (Field #1, Field #2 and Field #8). Field #8 was an alternate bid. Advanced Turf Solutions submitted a bid for Field #1 in the amount of $23,258.94 and Field #2 for $16,156.53. They did not submit a bid for Field #8. Total costs for both fields were $39,415.47.

Due to budget overage, a Contract Amendment was made to reduce the size of the track which resulted in a new submitted amount from Advanced Turf Solutions in the amount of $30,615.47.

Councilman Settles moved to award bid 19-13 for infield renovations to Advanced Turf Solutions in the amount of $30,615.47. Councilwoman White-Ross seconded the motion and the following vote recorded:

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

Other Items

The following items were tabled for the next Council meeting: Monument/Wayfinding Sign Locations; Award Contract to MUSCO Lighting for Lighting Upgrade; Briefing: New Madison County Flood Plain; and Approval of Land Lease for Airport Hanger.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

APPROVED:

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STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: