

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 30, 2021

The Sikeston City Council meeting of August 30, 2020 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 105 E. Center St., Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Greg Turnbow and Councilmembers Brian Self, Ryan Merideth, Brandon Sparks and Vest Baker. Councilmembers Onethia Williams and David Teachout were absent. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Rhonda Council, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Director of Public Works Jay Lancaster, Public Works Superintendent Brian Dial, Parks Director Dustin Care, Airport Manager Chris Hart and Public Safety Captain Ryan Smith.

PUBLIC HEARING – ESTABLISHMENT OF 2022 MUNICIPAL TAX LEVY

Councilman Self motioned to begin the Public Hearing to discuss the Establishment of the 2022 Municipal Tax Levy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Absent,
Williams Absent, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Finance Director Karen Bailey presented the State Auditor's Office Assessed Valuation Summary and Tax Rate Calculations for establishing the 2022 property tax rates. The value of real estate and personal property in Sikeston increased by more than the Consumer Price Index of 1.4% established by the State Tax Commission. Tax rates will decrease slightly but combines revenues will increase.

No remarks were heard from the public.

There being no further discussion before the City Council, Councilman Self moved to adjourn from the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Absent,
Williams Absent, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1st & 2nd Reading, Emergency Bill #6238, Establishing the 2022 Tax Levy

Councilman Merideth moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6238. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Absent,
Williams Absent, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. An emergency bill, which upon adoption and passage, shall become Ordinance Number 6238, an ordinance fixing the rate of taxation on all taxable property in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, for the fiscal year 2021-2022.

Councilman Sparks moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6238. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baker and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Absent, Williams Absent, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for a second reading.

BILL Number 6238

ORDINANCE Number 6238

AN EMERGENCY BILL, WHICH UPON ADOPTION AND PASSAGE, SHALL BECOME ORDINANCE NUMBER 6238, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022.

WHEREAS, the Sikeston City Council held a public hearing in accordance with Section 67.110 RSMO prior to the adoption of the City's 2021-2022 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 four thousand one hundred sixty hundredths of a cent (\$.4160) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on all taxable property in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, for the year 2021-2022.

Section III. That for the purpose of maintaining a public library fund, there is hereby levied a tax rate of one thousand nine hundred ninety-four one hundredths of a cent (\$.1994) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on all taxable property in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, for the year 2021-2022.

Section IV. That for the purpose of maintaining public parks, there is hereby levied a tax rate of one thousand eight hundred thirteen one hundredths of a cent (\$.1813) per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation on all taxable property in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, for the year 2021-2022.

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 6238 was introduced and read the first time this 30th day of August 2021.
- B. Bill Number 6238 was read the second time and discussed this 30th day of August 2021. Following discussion, Councilman Self moved to approve Bill Number 6238. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Absent, Williams Absent, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

C. Ordinance 6238 shall be in full force and effect from and after Monday, August 30, 2021.

Approve Consultant Selection for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Street Project

Bootheel Regional Planning Commission sought RFQs for an engineering consultant on the City's behalf for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to pay for supplemental street projects within the City of Sikeston. The grant could be up to \$500,000. Three engineers responded to the RFQ: Smith & Company, Waters Engineering and Lambert Engineering. The City's Professional Consultant Committee reviewed the qualifications and unanimously selected Lambert Engineering for this project.

Councilman Sparks moved to approve Lambert Engineering as the consultant for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Street Project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Absent, Williams Absent, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Approve Bid #22-10, Installation of Electric Service & Heater for Airport Multi Hangar

Over the last couple of years, many improvements have been made to the Multi Hangar at the airport. We are now in the process of updating the electrical service in the multi hangar to accommodate heaters. Six commercial heaters were purchased as a part of last year's budget. Electrical service additions and upgrades are needed for us to accommodate heat in the multi hangar.

On July 22nd, 2021, bids were solicited for the installation of a new 600amp electrical service to be installed and the hanging of the 6 commercial heaters. Only one bid packet was received and it was from Hart Electric Inc. for \$37,135. We reached out to John Chittenden from Waters Engineering for his review and recommendations, and based on his experience with airports, he felt it was a fair price.

Councilman Self moved to approve bid #22-10, authorizing the installation of electric service and heaters for the airport multi hangar. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Absent, Williams Absent, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Authorize Lease Purchase of Dump Truck

Staff has worked with the most current state contract low bidder for dump trucks (TAG Trucking Enterprises) to prepare quotes for a single tandem axle truck. Staff is recommending the lease purchase of a new dump truck. The bid for the tandem axle is \$186,670.00. This is a 4-year lease.

Trucks will have automatic transmissions and be outfitted and ready to plow snow and pretreat with salt brine.

Councilman Sparks moved to authorize the lease purchase of one single tandem axle dump truck in the amount of \$186,670.00 for a 4-year term. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Absent, Williams Absent, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

1st Reading, Bill #6239, Stop Sign at Taylor & College

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6239. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Absent, Williams Absent, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6239 and shall amend Title III, Chapter 300, Scheduled III, Table III-A of the Uniform Traffic Code establishing additional traffic control measures within the City of Sikeston, Missouri.

1st Reading, Bill #6240, Establish School Zone at 115 S. West (DAEOC Headstart)

Councilman Merideth moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6240. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Absent, Williams Absent, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6240 and shall amend Title III, Chapter 320.050 Schedule I-B by adding another designated school zone.

1st Reading, Bill #6241, Amending Chapter 300, Section 300.010 - Definitions

Councilman Self moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6241. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baker and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Absent, Williams Absent, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6241 and shall amend Chapter 300 "General Provisions" of the Sikeston Municipal Code of the City of Sikeston, Missouri.

1st Draft of Plans for American Recovery Plan Act Funds

The City of Sikeston will receive \$3,233,210.22 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The first half of those funds was just received, and the second half will be received in twelve months. All of the funds must be obligated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026. Generally, what is included in the attached plan are parks/outdoor recreation projects in Qualified Census Tracts, technology upgrades to allow more citizen self-service or remote access to information and services, personal protective equipment for city employees, and stormwater projects.

Other Items

Councilman Self suggested to amend our ordinance, allowing non-city residents to ride their UTV's in the city limits of Sikeston.

Councilman Sparks read a letter of resignation, announcing his resignation as Ward 1 Councilman/Mayor Pro Tem effective October 1, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Self moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Baker Aye, Teachout Absent, Williams Absent, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

GREG TURNBOW, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK

SEAL: