The special Sikeston City Council meeting of September 24, 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 Pro Tem Brian Self and Councilmen Gerald Settles, Mary White-Ross, Karen Evans and Ryan Merideth. Mayor Steven Burch was absent. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Chuck Leible, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Council, Public Safety Director Mike Williams, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Street Supervisor Darren Martin and Parks Director Dustin Care.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Appointment to BMU Board

Councilman Gilmore moved to reappoint Alan Keenan to the Board of Municipal Utilities. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman White-Ross and the following vote recorded:

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

Appointment to Tourism Advisory Board

Councilman Merideth moved to appoint Brooke Buchanan to the Tourism Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

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

Appointment to SEMO University - Sikeston Advisory Council

Councilman Gilmore moved to reappoint Freida Cardwell to the SEMO University - Sikeston Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

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

There is still one position left to fill on this advisory council. Will post on social media to see if we get any candidates interested in serving on this committee.

Memo of Understanding with Sikeston Housing Authority

The City of Sikeston has maintained a contractual Memorandum of Understanding Agreement with the Sikeston Public Housing Authority in which the City provides additional police services for their properties and in return, the Housing Authority reimburses the City for all associated costs. In order to continue receiving reimbursements, it is recommended that the Memo of Understanding be renewed.
Councilwoman White-Ross moved to approve the 5-year Memo of Understanding with the Sikeston Public Housing Authority. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

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

License Agreement with Brooke Buchanan, Personal Expressions, Regarding Use of Alley

Brooke Buchanan is the owner of Personal Expressions and she recently rented the old Otasco building directly across the alley from her building. She will be moving retail space into the Otasco building and would like for patrons to pass between the buildings in the alley space. In addition, she would like to fence in the space between the two stores.

The license agreement with Ms. Buchanan and the City of Sikeston to allow the above use of alley space will include the following conditions:
- West bound traffic on the east side of the alley can exit through the North parking lot
- Any fencing must have a minimum 10’-6” wide gate or removable panel
- The alley can be reopened at a later time should the City determine it needed

Councilman Gilmore moved to approve the license agreement between the City of Sikeston and Brooke Buchanan with the understanding that her business will carry liability insurance coverage. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

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

Authorization for Repairs at Airport Fuel Facility

Sikeston Municipal Airport fuel supplier, Eastern Aviation, conducted a quality control inspection of the airport’s fuel system and found numerous issues. Several of these issues are in violation of minimum federal standards and require immediate repairs.

One bid was received from Rebel Services of Ripley, MS in the amount of $10,616.44. Because these repairs were unknown during budget prep, they are not included in the current budget.

Councilman Settles moved to authorize extending the contract with Eastern Aviation from 3 to 5 years, have the City pay 50% of the cost for repairs ($5,308.22) and Eastern Aviation paying the other half with no further recovery fees from Eastern Aviation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

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

1st & 2nd Reading, Emergency Bill #6124, Authorizing Approval of Municipal and Cost Appointment Agreement for the Route 62, 61 and 114 Pavement Improvement Projects

Councilman Settles moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6124. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:
Counselor Leible presented Bill Number 6124 for reading, this bill as approved shall become emergency Ordinance Number 6124 authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Sikeston, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the Route 62-J9S3271, Route 61-J9S3282 and Route 114-J9S3287 Pavement Improvement Projects. This Ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure to comply with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission requirements.

Councilman Gilmore moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6124. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:


Counselor Leible presented the bill for a second reading.

Bill No. 6124  Ordinance No. 6124

THIS BILL AS APPROVED SHALL BECOME EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NUMBER 6124 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE ROUTE 62- J9S3271, ROUTE 61- J9S3282, AND ROUTE 114- J9S3287 PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

THEREFORE, 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:  That the Agreement set forth on “Exhibit A” set forth the various responsibilities and liabilities of the parties regarding the Municipal and Cost Apportionment Agreement.

SECTION III:  The Mayor and such other officials as may be necessary are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute any documents necessary and proper to effectuate the same and specifically “Exhibit A” which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

SECTION IV:  General Repealer Section.  Any ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION V:  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 VI:  Emergency Clause.  This Ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure to comply with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission requirements.

SECTION VII:  Record of Passage:
A. Bill Number 6124 was introduced to Council and read the first time this 24th day of September 2018.

B. Bill Number 6124 was read the second time and discussed on this 24th day of September, 2018. Councilman Settles moved to approve Bill Number 6109. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:


Authorization to Proceed with the Transportation Alternatives Program

Missouri Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) which are for projects regarding bicycle/pedestrian facilities and/or ADA Improvements to existing facilities. They must seek a minimum of $100,000 and a maximum of $400,000 with a 20% match or more. Applications are due by November 2, 2018.

Councilman Gilmore moved to authorize proceeding with the TAP Application and submit a request for installation of sidewalks along North West Street to Salcedo Road for Safe Route to School. Councilman Settles seconded the motion and the following vote recorded:


Other Items

On behalf of the Mayor, City Manager Douglass discussed the idea of possibly leasing out some empty space upstairs at City Hall for possible residential development. If considered, would need to send out letters of interest to potential developers.

ADJOURNMENT

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


APPROVED:

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STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: