

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2021

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of October 4, 2021 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, Brian Self, Ryan Merideth, and David Teachout. Councilmembers Onethia Williams and Vest Baker were absent. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Rhonda Council, Finance Director Karen Bailey, HR Director Amanda Groves, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Code Enforcement Officer Andy Barnes, Public Safety Director James McMillen and Public Safety Captain Derick Wheatley.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council minutes for August 30 and September 13, 2021 were presented for approval. Councilman Merideth moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Teachout seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY

City Clerk Rhonda Council conducted the oath of office ceremony to swear in citizens appointed to various City Boards and Commission.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nomination and Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

Councilman Self nominated Councilman Teachout to serve as Mayor Pro Tem due to the resignation of former Mayor Pro Tem Brandon Sparks. Councilman Merideth seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Oath of Office Ceremony of Mayor Pro Tempore

City Clerk Rhonda Council administered the oath to Mayor Pro Tempore Teachout.

Appoint Council Representatives to Professional Consulting Committee, Planning & Zoning Commission and Capital Improvements Plan Evaluation Committee

With the resignation of Councilmember Brandon Sparks, his position as Council Liaison will need to be replaced on Professional Consulting Committee, Planning & Zoning Commission and Capital Improvements Plan Evaluation Committee.

Councilman Self nominated Councilman Baker to serve as Council Liaison on the Professional Consulting Committee. Councilman Merideth seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Baker Absent, Teachout Aye,

Williams Absent, and Turnbow Aye, thereby being passed.

Councilman Merideth motioned to table the nomination to the Planning & Zoning Commission due to the absence of some Council members. Councilman Teachout seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Councilman Self nominated Mayor Turnbow to serve as Council Liaison on the Capital Improvements Plan Evaluation Committee. Councilman Teachout seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Award Domestic Violence Shelter Surcharge Funding

In 2002, the State established a funding source for domestic violence abuse shelters. A \$4.00 Domestic Violence Shelter Surcharge was placed on all municipal court convictions. These funds are retained by the City and distributed via an application process to domestic violence shelters serving the municipality.

On September 28, 2021 the House of Refuge for Abused and Battered Women submitted an application for funding in the amount of \$5,000. This amount would be distributed on a monthly basis during calendar year 2022. Their application meets all municipal requirements, and if Sikeston's municipal court caseload remains at current levels, at least \$5,000 in domestic violence shelter surcharge fees should be generated.

Councilman Merideth motioned to award the Domestic Violence Shelter Surcharge Funding to the House of Refuge in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Authorization to Purchase Fire Gear

Sikeston Department of Public Safety request to purchase six new sets of structural firefighting gear with Sentinel Emergency Solutions in the amount of \$19,386. They are the only vendor that sales Lions protective clothing for this area.

Councilman Self motioned to award the purchase of six structural firefighting gear to Sentinel Emergency Solutions in the amount of \$19,386. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Bid Process for Airport Fuel System Project – Briefing Only

After receiving final plans/blueprints from Waters Engineering and Hanson Professional Services, Airport staff is ready to send this information to MoDOT for their approval and to proceed with

bidding out the airport fuel system project. The project was originally estimated at \$703,543 but money is expected to be received from Non-Primary Entitlement funds in the amount of \$612,478.

Award Bid 22-12, John Dancler Field Fence Replacement

Parks and Recreation Department has bid out the removal of existing fencing and the installation of all new fencing. Because it was decided to have the area surveyed for a professional layout, this resulted in a need to shift the field and have more posts and fencing and also with the increase of cost for material, the bid price came in higher than expected. Once bid was received from Bootheel Fence Company in Jackson, MO for \$70,500. Because prices of material are expected to rise over the next few months, staff feels it is best to continue forward this project with the quoted price.

Councilman Self motioned to award Bid 22-12, replacement of fencing at John Dancler Field, to Bootheel Fence Company of Jackson, MO in the amount of \$70,500. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout, discussed and the following vote recorded:

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

1st Reading, Bill #6244, Request to Rezone 623 E. Kathleen from R-4 Two Family Residential to C-3 Highway Commercial

Councilman Merideth moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6244. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following vote recorded:

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

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6244 providing for the rezoning from "R-4" Two Family Residential to "C-3" Highway Commercial the following described real estate to-wit: All of Lot 6 Block 15 in the Chamber of Commerce Addition, also knowns as 623 E. Kathleen, Scott County, Missouri.

Request from Jamika Allen for Conditional Use Variance for In-Home Daycare at 201 Edwards

Staff received a request from Jamika Allen for a conditional use variance for in-home daycare located at 201 Edwards Ave. Planning & Zoning Committee approved the rezoning request on September 14, 2021. Seeking Council's approval on this request.

Councilman Merideth motioned to approve the request from Jamika Allen for a conditional use variance for in-home daycare at 201 Edwards Ave. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Award Bid 22-14, South Industrial Park Improvements

As part of the new Carlisle Construction Materials plant being built, bids were sent out for improvements to the South Industrial Park. This project includes the development and construction of a new street, new water lines, new sanitary sewer lines, new stormwater sewer lines and the development of a stormwater basin for the entire park. Nine (9) planholders obtained

bid packets but only three (3) were submitted for consideration. The low bidder for this project was G & C Contracting, Inc. of Perryville, MO in the amount of \$3,350,992.50, which is over the estimated \$2,939,000 that was budgeted. To reduce the project to better match the project funding, it was recommended that certain projects be removed to reduce the amount to \$3,181,898.50. Once additional funding of \$250,000 is secured, recommendation would be to award this bid to G & C Contracting in the amount of \$3,181,898.50.

Councilman Merideth motioned to award bid 22-14 for South Industrial Park Improvements to G & C Contracting of Perryville, MO in the amount of \$3,181,898.50. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

1st Reading, Bill #6245, Repealing Ordinance #5918, Establishing the Sheriff's Retirement Fund

Councilman Teachout motioned for the first reading of Bill #6245. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

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

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. A bill, which upon adoption and passage, shall become Ordinance Number 6245 and shall repeal Ordinance Number 5918, which authorized the collection of additional court costs as required by state statute, and removing Title 1, Chapter 135, Section 135.295 in the Municipal Code of the City of Sikeston, Missouri.

In August 2013, the State of Missouri established the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund Surcharge. A fee of three dollars (\$3.00) was assessed following a conviction or please of guilty in all cases involving the violation of a municipal ordinance or traffic law. This money was collected by the municipal court clerk and forwarded by the city to the Sheriffs' Retirement Fund.

In June 2021, the Missouri Supreme Court ruled the fee was unconstitutional and municipalities were ordered to stop withholding it effective July 1, 2021. The city immediately ceased collection of the fee. This bill updates city code referencing court costs.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

APPROVED:

GREG TURNBOW, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK

SEAL: