

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2020

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of October 26, 2020 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Clinton Building located at 501 Campanella Drive, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Steven Burch, Brandon Sparks, Brian Self, Karen Evans, Onethia Williams and Gerald Settles. Councilman Ryan Merideth was 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, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Public Safety Director James McMillen, Community Development Director Lorenzo Ware, City Collector Vicky Lewis, IT Network Administrator Sam Villagrana and Code Enforcement Officers Bruce Copeland and Andy Barnes.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Award Domestic Violence Surcharge Funding

The State placed has a \$4.00 Domestic Violence Shelter Surcharge on all municipal court convictions. This funding is for domestic violence shelters and is collected by the City and distributed monthly to the domestic violence shelter that serves our municipality.

The House of Refuge is our only local shelter and they submitted their application for funding in the amount of \$8,000. Their application meets all requirements and based on our municipal court caseloads, at least \$5,000 in fees should be generated.

Councilman Self moved to award the Domestic Violence Shelter Surcharge in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 to The House of Refuge. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
Williams Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Authorize Lease of New Postage Machine

The City's current contract with Pitney Bowes is set to expire December 30th, 2020. We are currently lease a Connect +1000 Series mailing system at \$250.07 per month that we acquired in 3026 with a 5-year lease term. Because of the age of our current machine, we will be required to upgrade to a newer postage machine with the latest technology.

A proposal was received from Pitney-Bowes for an updated version of our current machine, which is the SendPro P1000, for a lease amount of \$291.28 over a 5-year term, for a total of \$17,476.80. This includes all equipment, maintenance and software support. The only competitor to Pitney Bowes is Quadiant (formally known as Neopost) and their review were not favorable.

We have used this company for over 20 years and are familiar with their product and services and would like to continue doing business with Pitney-Bowes.

Councilman Sparks moved to authorize the lease of a new postage machine with Pitney Bowes in the amount of \$291.28 for a 5-year term. 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.

1st Reading, Bill #6209, Authorization to Rezone South Ridge Estates, 23rd Addition from "AG" Agricultural to "R-1" Single Family Residential

Councilman Settles moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6209. 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.

City Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6209 providing for the rezoning from "AG" Agricultural to "R-1" Single Family Residential the following described real estate to-wit: 7.35 acres, more or less, which generally lies along the south side of Brunt Blvd. and between Huntress Drive and Yellowstone Drive, New Madrid County, Missouri

1st Reading, Bill #6210, Request to Approve Proposed Subdivision, South Ridge Estates, 23rd Addition

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6210. 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 Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6210, providing for the approval of subdividing a 7.35 acre tract or parcel of land being known as South Ridge Estates, 23rd Addition, which generally lies along the south side of Brunt Blvd. and between Huntress Drive and Yellowstone Drive, New Madrid County, Missouri.

Authorize Purchase of DPS Vehicles

Department of Public Safety Chief James McMillen asked to table the purchase of vehicle for his department to next year due to a decrease in staff.

Approve Engineering Services for South Industrial Park

Staff submitted Request for Qualifications for engineering services for the possible design and inspection of infrastructure improvements for the South Industrial Park. With the assistance of Bootheel Regional Planning, four sets of qualifications were reviewed and scored by the Professional Consulting Committee: Smith & Co. Engineers; Waters Engineering, Inc.; KLG Engineering, LLC; and Civil Engineering Associates, LLC. Waters Engineering scored the highest by the committee.

Councilman Sparks moved to approve Waters Engineering, Inc. as the engineering services consultant for the design and inspection of infrastructure improvements at the South Industrial Park. 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.

Other Items:

A Council Study Session has been planned for November 17th at noon at the Clinton Building. The Council meeting scheduled for December 28th has been cancelled.

Citizen Lynn DeLisle, resident of Aspen Trace, had a complaint about Sonny's Solid Waste dripping oil and fluid on the streets in her neighborhood.

Citizen Terrell Johnson asked if the City had a domestic violence ordinance on file. We do not, but DPS staff informed him what procedures are taken when they receive those calls.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Self moved to adjourn into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks 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.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Self moved to adjourn into executive session for discussion of RSMo 6.10.021(21) Records that identify the configuration of components or the operation of a computer, computer system, computer network, or telecommunications network, and would allow unauthorized access to or unlawful disruption of a computer, computer system, computer network, or telecommunications network of a public governmental body. 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.

Due to an increase in cyberattacks, Staff began assessing the cybersecurity needs for the City of Sikeston. Research has determined that CrowdStrike would provide better protection than our current software, Symantec. However, Symantec has been budgeted at \$4,875 for three years and CrowdStrike is \$23,154.30. Even though insufficient funds are budgeted, the improved security is warranted. Councilman Self moved to approve the purchase of CrowdStrike Antivirus in the amount of \$23,154.30. 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.

No other action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Merideth moved to adjourn from executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self 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 Sparks moved to adjourn. 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.

APPROVED:

STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK

SEAL: