



City of Sikeston

TENTATIVE AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SIKESTON CITY HALL

Monday, October 27, 2014  
11:30 A.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE
- III. OPENING PRAYER
- IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS
  - A. Briefing: Wakefield Bridge Project
  - B. Briefing: DPW Winter Operations
  - C. Project Update: Repair of DPW Building
  - D. Award Bid #15-13, Painting of Bleacher Supports at VFW Stadium
  - E. Award Bid #15-14, Replacement of Backstops in Recreation Complex
  - F. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Bill #5969, Repealing Ordinance #5250 and Updating the City's Relocation Policy in Association with Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Projects
  - G. Briefing/Award: 2015 Domestic Violence Surcharge Funding
  - H. Interim Appointment to Park Board
  - I. Briefing: Holiday Office Hours
  - J. Other Items As May Be Determined During the Course of the Meeting
- V. ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Litigation (RSMo 6.10.021(1))
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2014

  
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Carroll Couch, City Clerk

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## Council Letter

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Date of Meeting: 14-10-27

Originating Department: Public Works Department

To the Mayor and City Council:

Subject: Briefing on Wakefield Bridge Project

Action Options:

1. No action required at this time

Background:

It was several weeks ago when the City Council voted to award the bid for the replacement of the Wakefield Bridge project. Shortly after, there arose funding issues within the federal government, and it put our project on hold. Those issues have since been resolved, and we are now moving forward on this project. The contracts for the construction work were signed last week, and the pre-construction meeting with the consultant and contractor is scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will issue a notice to proceed at that meeting, and we will expect work to begin in the very near future.

Darrall Hirtz from Waters Engineering anticipates the construction, once it begins, taking around 8 weeks to replace the bridge, and reopen the road to traffic. Please note that this does not figure in bad weather days. The contractor would most likely return in early April to complete the asphalt overlay (due to temperature reasons).

## Council Letter

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Date of Meeting: 14-10-27

Originating Department: Public Works Department

To the Mayor and City Council:

Subject: Briefing on Winter Operations

Action Options:

1. No action required at this time

Background:

As winter approaches, the Department of Public Works is beginning to make preparations for the snow and ice we may face again this winter. This involves looking at equipment, supplies and methods. We began by looking at equipment. Of our four dump trucks that plow snow, we are in the process of replacing the oldest three. We are replacing trucks that are 20 years old. This will be a huge improvement. The technology and equipment have improved greatly in 20 years. We are also acquiring a snow plow for our front end loader, which will give us another tool.

We looked at supplies next. Although hard to find and expensive, we have purchased rock salt to use for treating icy roads. We should be in good shape to handle a few storm events. We do hope to find more as the year progresses at lower prices. We have also begun researching the mixing and storage of salt brine with MoDOT staff. We hope to test the use of salt brine to pretreat roads this winter.

Finally, we look at our methods. This involves determining the priority of roads to be treated. We have primary and secondary areas that we look at first before we go into residential areas. These include intersections, curves, bridges, and high volume roads. We also are analyzing the school bus routes.

So as winter approaches we are checking equipment and supplies, and making sure we are as ready as we can be.

# **Council Letter**

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Date of Meeting: 14-10-27

Originating Department: Public Works Department

To the Mayor and City Council:

Subject: Briefing on Public Works Building

Action Options:

1. No action required at this time

Background:

Council has already approved the repairs to the Public Works building. We would like to report one small change in the plans. After council approval, we began to work toward letting a project to have the electrical, phone and data wiring removed from the trusses and reinstalled after the trusses were replaced. In the discussions we had with electrical contractors, and our own investigations, it became obvious that the complexity of the work and the sensitivity of the timing were going to make letting the project very difficult. We have instead decided to allow our DPW staff work with Stockade to remove the necessary wiring and reinstall it when appropriate. We think this will make for a less complex project. The cost savings may allow us to replace some lights and heaters that are in dire need of replacement. This also allows us to wire the finished product to exactly what our needs are, rather than simply replacing what had been there. We also have the flexibility to work with Stockade in whatever timing requirements they may have, which would have been difficult for a contractor. We think overall it is a great move.

# **Council Letter**

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Date of Meeting: 14-10-27

Originating Department: Public Works Department

To the Mayor and City Council:

Subject: Authorization to Award Bids for Painting of Bleachers at VFW Field

Action Options:

1. Authorize Award
2. Other action Council may deem appropriate

Background:

As part of the Capital Improvement Plan for the Parks & Recreation Department, we have solicited bids for the painting of the bleachers at the VFW baseball field. These have already bid once unsuccessfully in the recent past. We are opening bids on Friday afternoon (10/24/2014). The timing of the project is critical, so we are asking for the consideration of the council for this item. It is a budgeted item. We apologize for the lack of notice prior to the meeting, but time was of the essence.

The bids will be submitted as an attachment at the meeting.

# **Council Letter**

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Date of Meeting: 14-10-27

Originating Department: Public Works Department

To the Mayor and City Council:

Subject: Authorization to Award Bids for Backstop Replacement

Action Options:

1. Authorize Award
2. Other action Council may deem appropriate

Background:

As part of the Capital Improvement Plan for the Parks & Recreation Department, we have solicited bids for the replacement of backstops at four different ball fields at the Sikeston recreation complex. These have already bid once unsuccessfully in the recent past. We are opening bids on Friday afternoon (10/24/2014). The timing of the project is critical, so we are asking for the consideration of the council for this item. It is a budgeted item. We apologize for the lack of notice prior to the meeting, but time was of the essence.

The bids will be submitted as an attachment at the meeting.

# **Council Letter**

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Date of Meeting: 14-10-27

Originating Department: Administrative Services

To the Mayor and City Council:

Subject: Relocation Policy

Attachments:

1. Ordinance 5969
2. RSMo 523.200-523.205

Action Options:

1. Approve Ordinance 5969
2. Disapprove Ordinance 5969
3. Other action Council may deem appropriate

Background:

During the current TIF process, it was discovered the City's relocation policy, needs to be updated from the most recent adoption in 1999. The reference to the policy is included in the redevelopment plan for the 60 West TIF proposal.

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 5250 AND ESTABLISHING A NEW POLICY FOR THE RELOCATION OF BUSINESSES AND RESIDENCES DUE TO REDEVELOPMENT PLANS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO CHAPTERS 99, 100 AND 353 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF MISSOURI.**

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 1999, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 5250 establishing a relocation policy applicable to any plan, project, or area for redevelopment under the operation of Chapter 99, Chapter 100, or Chapter 353 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 523.200 and 523.205 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri General Assembly subsequently amended Sections 523.200 and 523.205 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, and the City Council finds it necessary and desirable to repeal Ordinance No. 5250 and adopt a new ordinance establishing a relocation policy that conforms to the revised provisions of Missouri law;

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

**Section 1.** Ordinance No. 5250 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**Section 2.** The provisions of Sections 523.200 to 523.205 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended, are hereby incorporated herein as if expressly set forth and are adopted as the Relocation Policy of the City with respect to any plan, project or area for redevelopment under the operation of Chapter 99, Chapter 100 and/or Chapter 353 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended.

**Section 3.** The sections of this Ordinance shall be severable. If any section of this Ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining sections shall remain valid, unless the court finds that the valid sections are so essential to and inseparably connected with and dependent upon the void section that it cannot be presumed that the City Council has or would have enacted the valid sections without the void ones, unless the court finds that the valid sections, standing alone, are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

**Section 4. Record of Passage:**

A. Bill number 5969 was introduced to the City Council and read the first time on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

B. Bill number 5969 was read for the second and final time and discussed on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2014, and final passage thereon was voted as follows:

Burch \_\_\_\_\_, Depro \_\_\_\_\_, Gilmore \_\_\_\_\_,  
Graham \_\_\_\_\_, Harris \_\_\_\_\_, Teachout \_\_\_\_\_, and Pullen \_\_\_\_\_,  
thereby being \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Upon passage by the City Council, this bill shall become Ordinance 5969 and shall be in full force and effect from 30 days after its passage.

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Mayor Jerry Pullen

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Approved as to form  
Chuck Leible, City Attorney

**SEAL/ATTEST**

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Carroll L. Couch, City Clerk



# *Missouri Revised Statutes*

## **Chapter 523 Condemnation Proceedings Section 523.200**

August 28, 2013

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### **Definitions.**

523.200. As used in sections 523.200 to 523.215, the following words mean:

- (1) "Displaced person", any person that moves from the real property or moves his personal property from the real property permanently and voluntarily as a direct result of the acquisition, rehabilitation or demolition of or the written notice of intent to acquire such real property, in whole or in part, for a public purpose;
- (2) "Public agency", the state of Missouri or any political subdivision or any branch, bureau or department thereof, any public school district, and any quasi-public corporation created or existing by law which are authorized to acquire real property for public purpose and which acquire any such property either partly or wholly with aid or reimbursement from federal funds;
- (3) "Urban redevelopment corporation", as defined in section 353.020.

(L. 1971 H.B. 94 § 1, A.L. 1991 H.B. 502, A.L. 2006 H.B. 1944)

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# *Missouri Revised Statutes*

## **Chapter 523 Condemnation Proceedings Section 523.205**

August 28, 2013

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**Relocation assistance given, when--definitions--relocation plans--contents--residential payments--business payments--advance payments--waiver--notice--report--ineligibility for tax abatement, when--additional requirements.**

523.205. 1. Any public agency as defined in section 523.200 which is required, as a condition to the receipt of federal funds to give relocation assistance to any displaced person, is hereby authorized and directed to give similar relocation assistance to displaced persons when the property involved is being acquired for the same public purpose through the same procedures, and is being purchased solely through expenditure of state or local funds.

2. Any political subdivision, governmental entity, or corporation created under chapter 353, initiating condemnation proceedings which may necessitate displacement of persons, when such displacement is not subject to the provisions of the Federal Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. Sections 4601 to 4655, as amended) or subsection 1 of this section, shall establish by ordinance or rule a relocation policy which shall include, but not be limited to, the provisions and requirements of subsections 2 to 15 of this section, or in lieu thereof, such relocation policy shall contain provisions and requirements which are equivalent to the requirements of the Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. Sections 4601 to 4655, as amended).

3. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Business", any lawful activity that is conducted:

(a) Primarily for the purchase, sale or use of personal or real property or for the manufacture, processing or marketing of products or commodities;

(b) Primarily for the sale of services to the public; or

(c) On a not-for-profit basis by any organization that has obtained an exemption from the payment of federal income taxes as provided in Section 501(c)(3) of Title 26, U.S.C., as amended, and veterans organizations;

(2) "Decent, safe and sanitary dwelling", a dwelling which meets applicable housing and occupancy codes. The dwelling shall:

(a) Be structurally sound, weathertight and in good repair;

(b) Contain a safe electrical wiring system;

(c) Contain an adequate heating system;

(d) Be adequate in size with respect to the number of rooms needed to accommodate the displaced person; and

(e) For a handicapped person, be free of any barriers which would preclude reasonable ingress, egress or use of



the dwelling;

(3) "Handicapped person", any person who is deaf, legally blind or orthopedically disabled to the extent that acquisition of another residence presents a greater burden than other persons would encounter or to the extent that modifications to the replacement residence would be necessary;

(4) "Person", any individual, family, partnership, corporation, or association that has a legal right to occupy the property, including but not limited to month-to-month tenants.

4. Every urban redevelopment corporation acquiring property within a redevelopment area shall submit a relocation plan as part of the redevelopment plan.

5. Unless the property acquisition under the operation of chapter 99, chapter 100, or chapter 353 is subject to federal relocation standards or subsection 1 of this section, the relocation plan shall provide for the following:

(1) Payments to all eligible displaced persons, as defined in section 523.200, who occupied the property to be acquired for not less than ninety days prior to the initiation of negotiations who are required to vacate the premises;

(2) A program for identifying special needs of displaced persons with specific consideration given to income, age, size of family, nature of business, availability of suitable replacement facilities and vacancy rates of affordable facilities;

(3) A program for providing proper and timely notice to all displaced persons, including a general description of their potential rights and benefits if they are displaced, their eligibility for relocation assistance, and the nature of that assistance. The notices required for compliance with this section are as follows:

(a) A general information notice that shall be issued at the approval and selection of a designated redeveloper and shall inform residential and nonresidential owners and occupants of a potential project, including the potential acquisition of the property;

(b) A notice of relocation eligibility that shall be issued as soon as feasible after the execution of the redevelopment agreement and shall inform residential and nonresidential occupants within the project area who will be displaced of their relocation assistance and nature of that assistance, including ninety days' advance notice of the date the occupants must vacate;

(4) A program for referrals of displaced persons with provisions for a minimum of three decent, safe and sanitary housing referrals for residential persons or suitable referral sites for displaced businesses, a minimum of ninety days' notice of referral sites for all displaced persons prior to the date such displaced persons are required to vacate the premises, and arrangements for transportation to inspect referral sites; and

(5) Every displaced person shall be given a ninety-day notice to vacate, prior to the date such displaced person is required to vacate the premises.

6. All displaced residential persons eligible for payments shall be provided with relocation payments based upon one of the following, at the option of the person:

(1) A one thousand dollar fixed moving expense payment; or

(2) Actual reasonable costs of relocation including, but not limited to, actual moving costs, utility deposits, key deposits, storage of personal property up to one month, utility transfer and connection fees and other initial rehousing deposits including first and last month's rent and security deposit. Such costs of relocation shall not include the cost of a replacement property or any capital improvements thereto.

7. All displaced businesses eligible for payments shall be provided with relocation payments based upon the



following, at the option of the business:

(1) A three thousand dollar fixed moving expense payment and up to an additional ten thousand dollars for reestablishment expenses. Reestablishment expenses are limited to costs incurred for physical improvements to the replacement property to accommodate the particular business at issue; or

(2) Actual costs of moving including costs for packing, crating, disconnection, dismantling, reassembling and installing all personal equipment and costs for relettering similar signs and similar replacement stationery, and up to an additional ten thousand dollars for reestablishment expenses. Reestablishment expenses are limited to actual costs incurred for physical improvements to the replacement property to accommodate the particular business at issue.

8. If a displaced person demonstrates the need for an advance relocation payment, in order to avoid or reduce a hardship, the developer or public agency shall issue the payment subject to such safeguards as are appropriate to ensure that the objective of the payment is accomplished. Payment for a satisfactory claim shall be made within thirty days following receipt of sufficient documentation to support the claim. All claims for relocation payment shall be filed with the displacing agency within six months after:

(1) For tenants, the date of displacement;

(2) For owners, the date of displacement or the final payment for the acquisition of the real property, whichever is later.

9. Any displaced person, who is also the owner of the premises, may waive relocation payments as part of the negotiations for acquisition of the interest held by such person. Such waiver shall be in writing, shall disclose the person's knowledge of the provisions of this section and his entitlement to payment and shall be filed with the acquiring public agency. However, any such waiver shall not include a waiver of any notice provisions of this section, and a displaced person shall remain entitled to all of the provisions regarding programs which are contained in subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection 5 of this section.

10. All persons eligible for relocation benefits shall be notified in writing of the availability of such relocation payments and assistance, with such notice to be given concurrently with the notice of referral sites as required in subdivision (4) of subsection 5 of this section.

11. Any urban redevelopment corporation, its assigns or transferees, which have been provided any assistance under the operation of chapter 99, chapter 100, chapter 353, or this chapter, with land acquisition by the local governing body, shall be required to make a report to the local governing body or appropriate public agency which shall include, but not be limited to, the addresses of all occupied residential buildings and structures within the redevelopment area and the names and addresses of persons displaced by the redeveloper and specific relocation benefits provided to each person, as well as a sample notice provided to each person.

12. An urban redevelopment corporation which fails to comply with the relocation requirements provided in this section shall not be eligible for tax abatement as provided for in chapter 353.

13. The requirements set out in this section shall be considered minimum standards. In reviewing any proposed relocation plan under the operation of chapter 99, chapter 100, or chapter 353, the local governing body or public agency shall determine the adequacy of the proposal and may require additional elements to be provided.

14. Relocation assistance shall not be provided to any person who purposely resides or locates his business in a redevelopment area solely for the purpose of obtaining relocation benefits.

15. The provisions of sections 523.200 and 523.205 shall apply to land acquisitions under the operation of chapter 99, chapter 100, or chapter 353, filed for approval, approved or amended on or after August 31, 1991, and, as provided by subsection 2 of this section, any other land acquisition by a political subdivision or governmental entity through condemnation proceedings initiated after December 31, 2006.

## Council Letter

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Council Letter: 14-10-27

Originating Department: Department of Governmental Services

To the Mayor and City Council:

Subject: Briefing/Award of 2015 Domestic Violence Surcharge Funding Application

Attachments:

1. House of Refuge: Narrative, Nature of Services Provided
2. House of Refuge: 2014 Report of Services Provided
3. House of Refuge: 2014 Summary of those Assisted by Census Classification
4. House of Refuge: 2015 Statement of Proposed Services

Action Options:

1. Action as Council may deem appropriate.

Background:

On September 29, 2014 the House of Refuge for Abused and Battered Women submitted an application for funding, seeking \$6,500 during calendar year 2015. This application met all municipal requirements, and the funding request is being submitted for Council review and approval. The combined fees carried over from 2014 plus 2015 collections should meet or exceed the Shelter's \$6,500 funding request.

An overview of the attachments follows:

Nature of Services Provided: Overnight shelter, food, medical services, children's services, mental health and/or drug abuse counseling, transportation, referral to other state and federal assistance programs, permanent housing referral services, employment services and abuse prevention education.

Individuals Served, 2014: During the period January 1 through August 31, 2014 the Shelter assisted 85 individuals of whom 72 were residents of Sikeston. Of that group 50 were women and 22 were children. Their ages served ranged from under 17 to over 59. Those served were of the following races: Caucasian – 51%; African-American - 45%; Hispanic – 2%; and multiple-race – 2%.

Services Provided, 2014: During the period January 1 through August 31, 2014 the Shelter provided the following services: crisis intervention, emergency ex parte, full protection orders, transportation, and referrals. They provided assistance to women who were pregnant, disabled or in need of mental health services. The Shelter's Crisis Line processed 303 calls.

It is staff's recommendation to approve \$6,500 in funding from Sikeston Municipal Court's Domestic Violence Shelter Surcharge Fees to the House of Refuge for Abused and Battered Women.

## House of Refuge for Abused and Battered Women

### Nature and Type of Residential Services

- **Overnight Shelter**—The House of Refuge will provide overnight shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and their children with a maximum stay of 90 days. The total bed capacity is 16. Residential and non-residential services are provided. If the shelter is full, assistance is provided to secure, safe housing in other shelters or a motel.
- **Food**—This shelter provides three meals a day and snacks for residential clients. Much of this food is from donations by local churches, community organizations, and the Food Bank. To achieve the goal of independent living, we will also assist clients in applying for food stamps or WIC when applicable.
- **Medical Services**—All clients will be screened for medical needs and if necessary will be assisted in referral and transportation to appropriate medical care. We have excellent cooperation from our local medical community.
- **Children's Services**—Services are provided for dependent children of domestic violence victims. These services are individualized according to the child's needs and can include support sessions, child advocacy, and counseling. If needed, assistance will be given in referral to appropriate agencies.
- **Mental Health and/or Drug Abuse Counseling**—All those requiring services are referred for appropriate diagnosis and treatment. Bootheel Counseling has agreed to assist us in providing needed services.
- **Transportation**—Transportation is provided to residential and nonresidential clients when they have legal/court appointments, medical care appointments, outside counseling appointments, and/or need transportation to other agencies or to other shelters.
- **Referral to Other State and Federal Programs**—Trained staff assesses the needs of clients and referrals are made to the appropriate state or federal agency for assistance if necessary. The goals of this shelter include safe and independent living arrangements for our clients and frequently there is a need to access ongoing programs provided by agencies such as DFS or the Health Department.



- Permanent Housing Referral Services—The staff and trained volunteers will assist clients in obtaining permanent housing. This will be accomplished with both direct assistance and referral to local agencies such as the Delta Area Economic Opportunity Collaboration (DAEOC) and/or the Housing Authority.
- Employment Services—If assistance with employment is needed, clients are referred to local programs such as Employment Readiness Program, Manpower, Missouri Career Center, Workforce Investment Board programs, etc.
- Prevention—Employees, board members, and volunteers provide community education programs to churches, organizations, and schools, with the focus being awareness of the nature and dynamics of domestic violence. Resident and non residents are also educated about the cycle of domestic violence, how they are a part of it and ways of ending the cycle. Weekly life skills classes are offered at the shelter and there is ongoing collaboration with other local agencies to identify persons at risk.

## House of Refuge for Abused and Battered Women Service Report for 2014

Statistics are from January 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014; compiled from information collected from monthly service reports and resident census data.

Number of Individuals Served: 85 Total

### Residents

Women:	50
Children:	22
Men:	0
Total:	72

### Non-Residents

Women:	7
Children:	6
Men:	0
Total:	13

### Relationship of DV Victim to Abuser

Girlfriend/Boyfriend:	28
Husband/Wife:	26
Unspecified:	3

Number of Referrals (some individuals were referred to multiple services, some choose not to be referred)

Medical:	18
Psychological:	18
Financial:	9
Educational:	10 children; 9 adult
Vocational:	2
Child Care:	8
Legal Services:	3



## House of Refuge for Abused and Battered Women Historical Data 2014

Statistics are from January 1, 2014 through August 31, 2014; compiled from information collected from monthly service reports and census data.

### Ages Served

Under 17	28
18 – 25	6
26 – 35	22
36 – 45	22
46 – 59	6
Over 59	1

### Race

Caucasian Women	37
Caucasian Children	6
African America Women	19
African American Children	19
Multi-Race Women	0
Multi-Race Children	2
Native American Women	0
Native American Children	0
Hispanic Women	2
Hispanic Children	0
Asian Women	0
Asian Children	0

### Services

Crisis Intervention	31
Emergency Ex Parte	6
Full Protection Order	1
Transportation to the shelter	1
Referrals	93
Services for Pregnant Women	4
Services for Disabled Women	11
Services for Mental Health Issues	18
Total Number of Crisis Calls	303

## **House of Refuge for Abused and Battered Women**

### **Proposed Services and**

### **Estimated Number of Persons to be Served**

This Program will provide much needed services and protection to victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault and to their children from Scott, Stoddard and New Madrid Counties. Residential and non-residential victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault who request services will receive crisis intervention services, 24-hour hotline emergency services, community referral linkage, assistance in filing compensation claims, and court advocacy. Individuals needing shelter will be provided with up to 90 days temporary shelter at the House of Refuge. If openings are not available, they will be referred to the closest domestic violence shelter or provided emergency hotel placement. Our shelter is staffed 24 hours a day/7 days a week. We are a secure, confidential facility and the exterior is monitored with security cameras. We also provide outreach to the community, through education and prevention.

The anticipated number of victims to be served in 2015 is 112. This breaks down to 72 women and 40 children. Also 4480 bed nights are projected and 540 hotline calls are estimated. We are committed to assisting these women and their children to break away from the cycle of domestic violence and enhance their quality of life.

## Council Letter

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Council Letter: 14-10-28

Originating Department: Department of Governmental Services

To the Mayor and City Council:

Subject: Interim Appointment to Park Board

Attachments:

- A. Resignation of G. Wendell Weathers

Action Options:

- A. Make Interim appointment
- B. Other action as may be deemed appropriate

Background:

Staff is in receipt of G. Wendell Weathers' resignation from the Park Board, effective immediately. At this time staff requests Council make an interim appointment to fill the remainder of Mr. Weathers' term. Information to assist Council in this action follows:

Remaining Park Board Members: Rod Anderson, Paul Cohen, Jackie Cowan, Chad Crow, Susanne Chitwood, Jason Davis, Jeff Hay, and Larry Williams

Qualifications for Appointment: Must be a citizen of Sikeston. No member of municipal government may be appointed to the board (RSMo 90.520)

Length of term: Interim term ends in September 2015.

Resource Bank Applicants (all meet residency requirement):

Jared Straton, 1302 Primrose Drive  
Ellen Brandom, 115 Greenbrier  
Holly Greene, 912 Stanford

October 15, 2014  
Unit 205  
1300 N. Main Street  
Sikeston, MO 63801

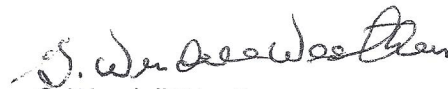
Mr. Jiggs Moore  
Sikeston Park Board  
Clinton Building  
501 Campanella St.  
Sikeston, MO 63801

Dear Mr. Moore:

It has been a pleasure having served on the Sikeston City Park Board, and I want to express my appreciation to you and all the board members for the courtesy shown me; as well as to the City of Sikeston for appointing me to the Board.

It is with much reservation, and truthfully, sadness, that I submit to you, by way of this letter, my resignation from the Board, effective immediately. This is a decision I have labored with for some weeks now and due to personal reasons, I feel this action to be in the best interest of the Board.

Sincerely yours,

  
G. Wendell Weathers

# **Council Letter**

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Date of Meeting: October 27, 2014

Originating Department: City Manager

To the Mayor and City Council:

Subject: Holiday Office Hours

Attachment(s):

1. None

Action Options:

1. Briefing Only
2. Other Action Council May Deem Necessary

Background:

Per city policy, the following upcoming holidays will be observed by the city unless directed otherwise by City Council.

Wednesday, November 26: City offices open all day

Thursday, November 27: Thanksgiving, full-day holiday

Friday, November 28: Full-day holiday

Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve, half-day holiday (closed at noon)

Thursday, December 25: Christmas, full-day holiday

Friday, December 26: City offices open all day

Wednesday, December 31: City offices open all day

Thursday, January 1: New Year's Day, full-day holiday

Friday, January 2: City offices open all day

The cost to close city offices and give city employees an additional full-day holiday (for instance, on December 26) would be approximately \$10,900. The cost of an additional holiday is due to the fact that if a holiday is declared, city employees that still have to work (such as Public Safety Officers) would then have to be paid double time. The cost of an additional half-day holiday would be \$5,450.