

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 24, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

The special Sikeston City Council meeting of November 24, 2014 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 Steven Burch and Councilmen Bob Depro, Jon Gilmore, John Graham, Maude Harris, and Kathy Teachout. Mayor Jerry Pullen was absent. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Chuck Leible, City Clerk Carroll Couch, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Governmental Services Director Linda Lowes, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Economic Development Director Ed Dust, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Director of Public Safety Drew Juden, Senior Building Official Collin Cecil, and Parks Director Jiggs Moore.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Presentation by New Madrid County Mayors Association**

New Madrid Mayor Donnie Brown, representing the New Madrid Mayor's Association, made a brief presentation to Council. In his remarks he shared the purpose of the group, and invited the Council and City Manager to attend their December 11 meeting.

**Bill Number 5972, Calling for the 2015 General Election**

Councilman Depro moved for the first reading of Bill Number 5972. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and the following vote recorded:

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Graham Aye, Harris Aye, and  
Teachout Aye, thereby being passed.

Counselor Leible presented Bill Number 5972 for a first reading, this bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 5972, calling for a general election in the City of Sikeston, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 7, 2015, for the purpose of electing a candidate for the position of Councilman-Ward 2, Councilman – Ward 3 and Mayor.

**Briefing, DPS CAD/Records Management Software Purchase**

Director Juden briefed the Council on the status of the software purchase for the City's 911 Computer-Aided Dispatch Center and providing records management software. Six vendors submitted proposals and staff anticipates a recommendation by the end of the calendar year.

**Award of Bid 15-16, Snowplow**

Street Superintendent Brian Dial reviewed two bids received for a snowplow to fit the front end loader. Councilman Graham moved to award Bid Number 15-16 to Roland Machinery for the lowest and best bid, in the amount of \$15,350. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and the following roll call vote recorded:

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Graham Aye, Harris Aye, and  
Teachout Aye, thereby being passed..

Award of Employee Ancillary Benefits

City Treasurer Bailey reported bids had been received by Mitchell Insurance to provide life, dental and vision insurance to city employees. The City will pay 100% of the life insurance, discontinuing the Kansas City Life and Anthem Life policies. The dental and vision plans will be voluntary.

Councilman Gilmore moved to authorize employee enrollment in ancillary benefits offered by Assurant Benefits. The motion was seconded by Councilman Depro and the following vote recorded:

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Graham Aye, Harris Aye, and Teachout Aye, thereby being passed.

Employee Health Insurance Renewal

The City of Sikeston's Employee Health Insurance Plan is with HealthScope Benefits. They have submitted a 27.77% increase for 2015. The impact to the City for FY2015 will be an additional \$320,000. City Treasurer Bailey requested renewal of the existing health care plan.

Councilman Gilmore moved to approve the renewal of the City's employee health insurance plan for 2015, including a 27.77% increase in premium. The motion was seconded by Councilman Depro and the following roll call vote recorded:

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Graham Aye, Harris Aye, and Teachout Aye, thereby being passed.

Discussion of Greenbrier Ditch

Josh Bill, representing the Huff Family, presented his thoughts on the Greenbrier Ditch Project and the need for future stormwater management projects. No action was taken by the City Council.

Other Items

Director Juden reported the Department of Public Safety had surplused 9 vehicles last year. In October they solicited bids for police vehicles from local vendors and no responses were received. The State bid for a Chevrolet Tahoe, police package, 2 wheel-drive is \$29,555. Director Juden requested permission to purchase two vehicles off of the State contract.

Councilman Depro moved to authorize the purchase of the two Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles off of State bid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Graham and the following vote recorded:

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Graham Aye, Harris Aye, and Teachout Aye, thereby being passed.

**ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Gilmore moved to adjourn into executive session for the discussion of litigation [RSMO 610.021 (1)]. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris and the following roll call vote recorded:

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Graham Aye, Harris Aye, and Teachout Aye, thereby being passed.

No action was taken in executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilman Depro moved to adjourn from executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Graham and the following roll call vote recorded:

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Graham Aye, Harris Aye, and Teachout Aye, thereby being passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Burch Aye, Depro Aye, Gilmore Aye, Graham Aye, Harris Aye, and Teachout Aye, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

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JERRY PULLEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: