

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 15, 2015

CALL TO ORDER/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The special Sikeston City Council Meeting of April 15, 2015 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 105 East Center, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were, Mayor Jerry Pullen and Councilmen Steven Burch, Bob Depro, Jon Gilmore, John Graham, Maude Harris and Kathy Teachout. 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, Public Safety Director Drew Juden, Economic Development Director Ed Dust, Parks Director Jiggs Moore, and Public Safety Captain James McMillen.

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

Presentation and Acceptance of Verification Board – Election of Mayor, and Ward 2 and 3 Council Representatives

City Clerk Carroll Couch presented the New Madrid and Scott County Clerks' Certifications for Election of Mayor, Councilman Ward 2 and Councilman Ward 3. Councilman Depro moved to accept the results as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Teachout and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

Oath of Office Ceremony

City Clerk Couch swore in Mayor Steven Burch, Ward 2 Council Representative Gerald Settles, and Ward 3 Council Representative Karen Evans.

Mayor Burch presented former Mayor Jerry Pullen, Councilman Ward 2 John Graham and Ward 3 Kathy Teachout plaques, in recognition of their years of service. Public Safety Director Juden presented plaques and shovels to former Mayor Pullen and Councilman Teachout for their efforts in the construction of the DPS Building.

Nomination and Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

Councilman Gilmore nominated Councilman Depro to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilman Harris seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Depro Abstain, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Oath of Office Ceremony of Mayor Pro Tempore

City Clerk Carroll Couch administered the oath to Mayor Pro Tempore Depro.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Gilmore moved to adjourn into executive session for the discussion of personnel [RSMO 610.021 (3)]. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris and the following roll call vote recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Mayor Burch called the executive session to order. Present were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Bob Depro, Karen Evans, John Gilmore, Maude Harris, and George Settles. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Chuck Leible, City Clerk Carroll Couch, and City Treasurer Karen Bailey.

Councilman Depro nominated Ryan Merideth to fill the unexpired term for the at-large council representative position, vacated with the election of Steven Burch to Mayor. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Evans and the following roll call vote recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

No further action was taken in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

MEETING RECONVENED

Councilman Harris moved to reconvene the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and the following vote recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Mayor Burch called the meeting to order.

Appointment of Interim At-Large Council Representative

Councilman Depro nominated Ryan Merideth to fill the unexpired term for the at-large council representative position, vacated with the election of Steven Burch to Mayor. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Evans and the following roll call vote recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye,
Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

City Clerk Carroll administered the oath of office to Councilman At-Large Ryan Merideth.

Nomination and Election of Professional Consulting Committee

The Professional Consulting Committee consists of three members that review and make recommendation on the award of all professional services contracts when the fees for these services exceed \$10,000. Councilman Depro nominated Councilmen Settles, second by Councilman Harris. Councilman Depro nominated Councilman Gilmore, second by Councilman Harris. Councilman Depro nominated Councilman Evans with a second by Councilman Harris. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Interim Council Appointment to Liquor License Review Board

The Liquor License Review Board created by Municipal Code Section 600.089, hears and rules on appeals to the City Manager's suspension or revocation of a City liquor license. Councilman Graham was appointed to an initial 3-year term in 2014. With the election of Councilman Settles as Ward 2 Councilman, this position is now vacant.

Councilman Gilmore nominated Councilman Ryan Merideth to fill the remaining term of John Graham. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye, Merideth Abstain, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Selection of Planning and Zoning Commission Representatives

The Planning and Zoning Commission consists of eleven members, including the Mayor or his designee and one other member of Council. Councilman Depro nominated Councilman Settles to represent the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris and there being no further nominations, the following roll call vote recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Abstain, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Councilman Gilmore nominated Councilman Depro, with a second by Councilman Harris to serve as the Council's representative on the Planning and Zoning Commission. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded for Councilman Depro:

Depro Abstain, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Nomination and Election of Ex Officio Representative to the Board of Municipal Utilities Commission

Municipal Code establishes an ex officio position on the BMU Board of Commissioners for a City Council representative. Councilman Depro nominated Councilman Harris to serve as the ex-officio member to the Board of Municipal Utilities. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Settles. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Abstain, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Nomination and election of DED Executive Board Representative

The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are automatically appointed to the DED Executive Board. In addition, one councilman serves as a council representative. Councilman Depro nominated Councilman Gilmore to serve as the council's representative to the DED Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Harris and the following roll call vote recorded.

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Abstain, Harris Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Appointment of Council Representative to the Library Board of Trustees

Councilman Settles nominated Councilman Depro to reappointment to the Library Board of Trustees. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Harris. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Depro Abstain, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Council Appointment to Sikeston Housing Authority Board

Councilman Gilmore nominated Councilman Settles for reappointment to the Sikeston Housing Authority Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Harris. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Abstain, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Council Appointment to the Land Clearance Redevelopment Authority (LCRA) Commission

Councilman Depro nominated Councilman Evans to serve as the council representative to the LCRA Commission. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Gilmore. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Abstain, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Council Appointment to the Park Board

Councilman Depro nominated Councilman Harris to serve as the council representative to the Park Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and there being no further nominations, the following roll call vote recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Abstain, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Council Appointments to the Strategic Plan Implementation Commission

The Mayor and two councilmen serve on the Strategic Plan Implementation Commission. Councilman Depro nominated Councilmen Gilmore to serve on the Strategic Plan Implementation Commission. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Harris. Councilman Gilmore nominated Councilman Merideth to serve on the Strategic Plan Implementation Commission. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Harris. There being no further nominations, the following roll call votes were recorded:

For Councilman Gilmore -

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Abstain, Harris Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

For Councilman Merideth -

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye, Merideth Abstain, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Council Appointment to the Public Safety Advisory Board

Councilman Gilmore nominated Councilman Evans to serve as the council's representative on the Public Safety Advisory Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Harris. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Abstain, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Appointment to Tourism Advisory Board

Two councilmembers serve on the seven member Tourism Advisory Board. Councilman Depro nominated Councilman Merideth, with a second by Councilman Gilmore, to serve as a council representative on the Tourism Advisory Board. Councilman Depro nominated Councilman Harris, with a second by Councilman Evans, to serve as a council representative on the Tourism Advisory Board. There being no further nominations, the following roll call votes were recorded:

For Councilman Merideth:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye, Merideth Abstain, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

For Councilman Harris:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Abstain, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Council Appointment to the Stormwater Management Board

The Stormwater Management Board meets to consider actions for municipal compliance with DNR Stormwater Management regulations and to design/implement on-going education campaigns. Councilman Gilmore nominated Councilman Settles for appointment to the

Stormwater Management Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Depro. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye, Merideth Aye,
Settles Abstain, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Council Appointment to Capital Improvements Plan Evaluation Committee

Councilman Depro nominated Mayor Burch to serve as the City Council representative on the Capital Improvement Evaluation Committee. Councilman Harris seconded the motion and there being no further nominations, the following roll call vote recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye, Merideth Aye,
Settles Aye, and Burch Abstain, thereby being passed.

Mayor Burch declared a 20 minute recess at 5:48 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 6:12 p.m.

Preliminary Discussion of Budget Issues

City Treasurer Karen Bailey and Public Safety Director Drew Juden reviewed staffing and budget issues regarding the Public Safety Department.

Other Items

Director Juden reviewed discussions with the Scott County Commission regarding the City of Sikeston entering into an agreement to provide dispatching services to Scott County. Councilman Depro moved to authorize negotiations to continue with Scott County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye, Merideth Aye,
Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Harris Aye, Merideth Aye,
Settles Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

JERRY PULLEN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: