

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 15, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

The special Sikeston City Council Meeting of April 15, 2016 was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 105 East Center, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were, Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Bob Depro, Karen Evans, Jon Gilmore, Maude Harris, Ryan Merideth, and Gerald Settles. 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, Economic Development Director Ed Dust, Parks Director Dustin Care, and Public Safety Captain James McMillen.

**COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**

**Presentation and Acceptance of Verification Board – Election of At-Large, Ward 1 and Ward 4 Council Representatives**

City Clerk Carroll Couch presented the New Madrid and Scott County Clerks' Certifications for Election of At-Large Councilman, Councilman Ward 1 and Councilman Ward 4. Councilman Depro moved to accept the results as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

**Oath of Office Ceremony**

City Clerk Couch administered the oath of office to Councilman At-Large Ryan Merideth, Ward 1 Councilman Jon Gilmore and Ward 4 Council Representative Mary White-Ross.

Mayor Burch presented Dr. Maude Harris a plaque in recognition of her years of service to the City and Ward 4.

**Nomination and Election of Mayor Pro Tempore**

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

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross 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 Gilmore.

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 Gilmore, Evans and Settles to continue serving on the Professional Consulting Committee. The nominations were seconded by Councilman Merideth. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross 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 Gilmore nominated Councilman Ryan Merideth to continue serving on the Liquor License Review Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Evans. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross 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 Gilmore nominated Councilman Settles to represent the Mayor and Councilman Bob Depro as the Council's representative. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and there being no further nominations, the following roll call vote recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Councilman Gilmore nominated Councilman Gerald Settles to serve as the Mayor's representative and Councilman Bob Depro to serve as the Council's representative on the Planning and Zoning Commission. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Merideth. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross 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 Gilmore nominated Councilman Merideth to serve as the ex-officio member to the Board of Municipal Utilities. 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, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross 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. Mayor Burch and Councilman Gilmore confirmed their intention to serve on the DED Executive Board. Councilman Merideth nominated Councilman Depro to serve as the council's representative to the DED Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and the following roll call vote recorded.

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Appointment of Council Representative to the Library Board of Trustees

Councilman Gilmore nominated Councilman Depro to reappointment to the Library Board of Trustees. 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, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Council Appointment to Sikeston Housing Authority Board

Councilman Gilmore nominated Councilman Mary White-Ross for reappointment to the Sikeston Housing Authority 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, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

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

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

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Council Appointment to the Park Board

Councilman Merideth nominated Councilman Evans 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, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross 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. Mayor Burch named Councilman Merideth to serve as his designee. Councilman Depro nominated Councilmen Settles and Evans to serve on the Strategic Plan Implementation Commission. The nominations were seconded by Councilman Gilmore. There being no further nominations, the following roll call votes were recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Council Appointment to the Public Safety Advisory Board

Councilman Merideth nominated Councilman Evans to serve as the council's representative on the Public Safety Advisory Board. 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, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross 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 and Councilman Gilmore to serve on the Tourism Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles. There being no further nominations, the following roll call votes were recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross 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, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Council Appointment to Capital Improvements Plan Evaluation Committee

Councilman Merideth nominated Mayor Burch to serve as the City Council representative on the Capital Improvement Evaluation Committee. Councilman Gilmore seconded the motion and there being no further nominations, Mayor Pro Tem Gilmore called for a roll call vote recorded:

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Council Meeting Calendar Items

A State of the City presentation will be held July 14, 2016. The regular meeting in July will fall on July 4. Council consensus was to cancel that meeting. Council discussed holding their annual goal setting session for September 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Aye, Settles Aye,  
White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

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STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: