The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of June 1, 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 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, Public Safety Director Drew Juden, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Economic Development Director Ed Dust, Parks Director Jiggs Moore, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Network Administrator Dave Warren, and Senior Building Official Collin Cecil.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council minutes of May 4, May 12, and May 26, 2015 were presented for approval. Councilman Depro moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Gilmore seconded the motion 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.

ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Minutes from various board and commission meetings were presented to the City Council. Councilman Depro moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and voted as follows:

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

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Consideration of Request to Sponsor DAEOC Grant

Joel Evans, President and CEO of Delta Area Economic Opportunity Corporation (DAEOC) teleconferenced with the City Council, requesting the City sponsor their grant application to the Missouri Department of Economic Development. The funding will allow DAEOC to expand their Early Head Start Program which includes construction of a new facility. DAEOC will bear the full cost of this project.

Councilman Depro moved to sponsor a DAEOC grant application to the Missouri Department of Economic Development’s Start Smart Program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore 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.
FY-16 Budget Discussions

City Manager J.D. Douglass presented Council with a balanced FY-16 budget, explaining that in his effort not to use City reserve funds, several significant projects had been removed from the initial budget proposal. Following a briefing on the status of municipal reserves, Councilman Gilmore moved to amend the FY2016 Budget Ordinance to increase funding in the FY2016 Budget for the following expenditures:

- $20,000 for ditch maintenance, bringing the total budgeted FY-16 amount to $50,000;
- $20,000 for street maintenance, bringing the FY-16 appropriation to $600,000;
- $40,000 for the replacement of a police vehicle; and
- $40,000 for the replacement of a restroom, where determined most needed by City staff.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Depro 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.

FY-15 Budget Amendment

Councilman Depro moved for the first reading of Bill Number 5987. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible presented the bill for reading. This bill as adopted shall become an emergency Ordinance Number 5987, and shall amend Ordinance Number 5956, the FY-15 Budget.

Ordinance 5987 presents supplemental appropriations which reflect changes in FY-15 financial activity.

FY-16 Budget Ordinance Number 5988

Councilman Merideth moved for the first reading of Bill Number 5988. 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.

Counselor Leible presented the bill for reading. This bill as adopted shall become emergency Ordinance Number 5988, and shall be referred to as “The FY-2016 Budget” (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016), it shall repeal Ordinance 5956, being the “FY-15 Budget” and all amendments thereto, it shall provide for the appropriation of monies and administration of expenditures of monies received by the City of Sikeston in accordance with the ordinance.
Bill 5989 Establishing Staffing and Compensation Levels for FY-16

Councilman Depro moved for the first reading of Bill Number 5989. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Leible presented the bill for reading. This bill as adopted shall become emergency Ordinance Number 5989 and shall repeal Ordinance Number 5957 being the FY-15 Compensation Plan and Employee Staffing Level Authorization, and all amendments thereto; and shall establish the Employee Compensation Plan and Staffing Levels, and the administration thereof for Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016).

City Treasurer Bailey reviewed changes in the FY-16 Compensation Plan and Employee Staffing Level Authorization.

City Council Meeting Calendar

Council reviewed a schedule of tentative meeting dates and times. The study session scheduled for July 16, 2015 was canceled.

Other Items

DPS Director Juden briefed the City Council regarding application for a Byrne Jag Grant. The grant would be shared by the City of Sikeston and Scott County, with $17,913 being awarded to the City and $7,677 to Scott County. Funds have been used in the past to purchase tasers, officer body cameras, and radios.

Councilman Depro moved to authorize staff to apply for the Byrne Jag Grant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Evans 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.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Settles moved to adjourn into executive session for the discussion of litigation and property [RSMO 610.021 (1 & 2)]. The motion was seconded by Councilman Evans 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.

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 Merideth and the following roll call vote recorded:
MEETING RECONVENE

Councilman Harris moved to reconvene the regular City Council meeting of June 1, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris and the following vote recorded:

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

Other Items

The BMU has purchased a batwing mower for use on property formerly known as the Bootheel Golf Club. City staff will be allowed to use the mower for airport maintenance.

On June 25, 2015 at 5 p.m., an appreciation dinner for various City boards and commissions will be held at the Clinton Building. The City of Sikeston will not be funding the event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Settles moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth 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:

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STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: