CALL TO ORDER/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

The special Sikeston City Council meeting of June 27, 2016 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 Steven Burch and Councilmen Bob Depro, Karen Evans, Jon Gilmore, Ryan Merideth, and Mary White-Ross. 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, Parks Director Dustin Care, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Street Supervisor Darren Martin, Public Safety Captains Bill Mygatt and Jim McMillen.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Assignment of Airport Property Lease

Ron and Debbie Nichols had presented a request to transfer their airport lease to Sam Thomas. Following discussion, Councilman Depro moved to table the matter for further review. The motion was seconded by Councilman Evans and the following vote recorded:


Contract Renewal with the Sikeston Humane Society

Public Works Director Jay Lancaster requested renewal of the city’s contract with the Sikeston Humane Society to provide services in the management of the city’s animal shelter. The amount of the contract is $63,000 per year.

Councilman Gilmore moved to renew the contract with the Sikeston Humane Society for one year, in the amount of $63,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following roll call vote recorded:


Department of Economic Development/Chamber of Commerce Partnership

City Manager Douglass reviewed the process that led to the development of a centralized point of contact for all economic development activities in Sikeston. The City will contract with a new non-profit Sikeston Area Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) to provide economic development activities. The Chamber of Commerce will provide executive and administrative staffing to the City/SAEDC. The City will lease furnished office space to the Chamber of Commerce for location of the new unified Department of Economic Development and Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman Depro moved to authorize the mayor to sign a contract for administrative services and lease agreement with the Chamber of Commerce. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following roll call vote recorded:
Briefing, 2016 VISION Leadership Sikeston Dog Park Class Project

The 2016 VISION Leadership Sikeston group wishes to build a dog park at the recreation complex for their class project. They will solicit donations and host a fall fundraiser. The City will incur no costs. The Parks and Recreation Department will assist in determining the location and layout of the park.

Authorization to Apply for MoDOT Funding Opportunity

Director Lancaster requested Council authorization to apply to the “Missouri Moves Cost Share Program” through the Missouri Department of Transportation. The funds would be used for a project along Salcedo Road to improve the drainage ditches and driveway pipes between Northwest Street and the Sikeston ridge to the west. This project has a construction estimate of $300,000 to $400,000. The City will request a 50% share from MoDOT.

Councilman Depro moved to authorize staff to proceed with applying to the “Missouri Moves Cost Share Program” to address drainage along Salcedo Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:


Rail Trail Master Plan Consultant

Council previously approved the award of RFP 16-19 to Gateway Design Studio of St. Louis, Missouri for a not to exceed fee of $17,000 plus reimbursable expenses up to $1000. Staff is now requesting authorization of the contract.

Councilwoman White-Ross moved to authorize execution of the contract with Gateway Design Studio for RFP 16-19, Rail Trail Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following roll call vote recorded:


Bill Number 6027, Re-adoption of Ethics Ordinance

Councilman Merideth moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6027. The motion was seconded by Councilman Depro and the following vote recorded:


Counselor Leible presented the bill for reading. This bill as adopted, shall become Ordinance Number 6027, establishing a procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest and substantial interest for certain municipal officials.
Bill Number 6028, Authorization to Execute Right-of-Way Signage Agreement with Missouri Highway & Transportation Commission

Councilman Depro moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6028. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:


Counselor Leible presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6028 authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Sikeston, Missouri and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the installation and maintenance of municipal monument and wayfinding signage to be erected on Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission Right-of-Way.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Settles moved to adjourn into executive session for the discussion of litigation, property and personnel [RSMO 610.021 (1, 2 & 3)]. The motion was seconded by Councilman Evans and the following roll call vote recorded:


Mayor Burch called the executive session to order. Present were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Bob Depro, Karen Evans, Jon Gilmore, Ryan Merideth, Gerald Settles and Mary White-Ross. 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 and Economic Development Director Ed Dust.

Councilman Merideth left the meeting prior to discussion regarding property and litigation.

Counselor Leible recused himself from the meeting during discussions regarding litigation.

Councilman Depro moved to approve City Manager Douglass sending the letter he presented regarding the fixed base operator at the Sikeston Memorial Airport. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gilmore and the following vote recorded:

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

No further action was taken in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Absent, Settles Aye, White-Ross Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.
Counselor Leible returned to the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Depro Aye, Evans Aye, Gilmore Aye, Merideth Absent, 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: