

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2021

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of January 25, 2021 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing in Sikeston, MO. Present at the zoom video meeting were: Mayor Steven Burch, Brian Self, Karen Evans, Gerald Settles, Ryan Merideth. Brandon Sparks and Onethia Williams. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Rhonda Council, Finance Director Karen Bailey, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Public Safety Director James McMillen and Community Development Director Lorenzo Ware

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Award Bid 21-11, Copier for City Hall

The City solicited bids for a 5-year lease of a new photocopier for use by City Hall personnel. The lease on our current copier with Novatech expired January 13th of this year. Bid specs included usage of 5,500 black and white copies and 1,600 color copies per month and the Maintenance Agreement to include all parts, labor and toner. Three firms responded as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Lease Price w/ Maintenance Agreement</u>
Novatech Malden, MO	Konica Bizhub	\$318.73/month=\$19,123.80
GFI Digital Cape Girardeau, MO	Sharp MX-6071	\$270.81/month*=\$16,248.60
Scheffer's Miner, MO	Cannon Toshiba	\$373.90/month=\$22,434.00 \$328.29/month=\$19,697.40

Based on demonstrating both Novatech and GFI copiers, comments received from staff and pricing, staff seek Council's authorization to award the bid to GFI Digital at a 5-year lease price of \$270.81 per month.

Councilman Self moved award the copier bid to GFI Digital at a 5-year lease price of \$270.81 a month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
Williams Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Award Selection of Municipal Financial Advisor

RFQ 21-12 was made available on December 2, 2020 to 17 municipal financial advisor firms. On December 23, 2020 proposals were received from three (3) of them:

Raymond James and Associates/Kansas City Missouri
Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC/Kansas City Missouri, and
Piper Sandler/St. Louis Missouri

On January 8, 2021 the Professional Consulting Committee and city staff met to review the proposals. Following discussion, it was agreed to recommend the firm of Piper Sandler. Both the Board of Municipal Utilities and Sikeston R-6 School District work with Piper Sandler and Gilmore and Bell have recommended them. We also felt their location was an asset.

Councilman Sparks moved to award the contract for a Municipal Financial Advisor for the City of Sikeston to Piper Sandler of St. Louis, MO. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, Williams Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Resolution 21-01-01, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Application

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, STATING ITS INTENT TO SEEK FUNDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PHASE TWO OF THE RAILROAD RAIL-TO-TRAIL PROJECT THROUGH THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURSUE ACTIVITIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE SAID FUNDING.

WHEREAS, The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) was authorized under Section 1122 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and is reauthorized under the FAST Act and Continuing Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the federally funded TAP provides opportunities to communities to expand transportation choices and enhance the transportation experience through categories of activities related to the surface transportation system; and

WHEREAS, The Missouri Department of Transportation is designated to award Transportation Alternatives Program funding; and

WHEREAS, The City has an eligible project which may apply for and utilize TAP funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, that it desires to participate with the Missouri Department of Transportation in the improvement of our community under the activities authorized pursuant to the Transportation Alternatives Program.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, is hereby authorized to prepare and submit documents which are necessary in applying for funding and establishing an administrative organization to implement activities pursuant to the aforementioned act.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the applicant will dedicate up to \$ 100,000.00 of local cash funds to be used in the development of phase two of the rail to trail project.

MoDOT announced another round for TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) funding for cities and counties seeking to do trail projects. The City of Sikeston wishes to apply for these funds for the purpose of constructing the next phase of rail trail.

For the TAP grant, the most you can request is \$400,000 in federal reimbursement funding, and you must provide at least a 20% local match.

For this phase, we would begin near the depot at Scott Street and proceed west to North West Street. Originally, we desired to build this phase all the way to Sunset Drive, however, the costs for that exceed our budget at this time.

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We plan to extend the trail west of North West enough to connect to Lincoln where we intend to propose building a connector sidewalk to the NE corner of Osage/Felker (Lincoln), where it can connect with the new sidewalk for Lincoln University. This was an important tie-in to the community that they discussed with us.

If awarded, we would need to dedicate up to \$100,000 in local match out of the FY2022 budget effective in July 2021.

Councilman Merideth moved to approve Resolution 21-01-01, supporting the TAP application to apply for funding. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and the following vote recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
Williams Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Other Items

Council members would like to start meeting back in person at the Clinton Building starting with the next Council meeting scheduled for February 1st. Meetings will be open to the public with social distancing and mask requirements.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Merideth moved to adjourn into executive session for property. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
Williams Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

Mayor Burch called the executive session to order. Present were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Ryan Merideth, Brandon Sparks, Brian Self, Karen Evans, Gerald Settles and Onethia Williams. Staff present were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Rhonda Council, Finance Director Karen Bailey, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Public Safety Director James McMillen and Community Development Director Lorenzo Ware.

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
Williams Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,
Williams Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK

SEAL: