

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 24, 2020

The Special Sikeston City Council meeting of March 24, 2020 was called to order at 12:30 p.m., via Zoom Video Conferencing. in the City Council Chambers, located at 105 East Center, Sikeston. Present at the meeting via video were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmembers Brian Self, Ryan Merideth, Gerald Settles, Brandon Sparks and Onethia Williams. Councilwoman Karen Evans was absent. Staff in attendance in the Council Chambers at City Hall were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Clerk Carroll Couch, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Council. Staff in attendance via Zoom Video Conferencing were City Counselor Tabatha Thurman and Director of Public Safety James McMillen. Also in attendance via Zoom Video Conferencing were Attorneys Joe Blanton, Bryan Nickell, Shaun Hanschen and Jim Martin.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Burch called the executive session to order. Councilman Sparks moved to adjourn into executive session for discussion of litigation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Self and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Attorney Joe Blanton provided an update on the David Robinson lawsuit against the City of Sikeston. Attorney Blanton is seeking Council's authorization to allow the litigation committee consisting of Mayor Steven Burch, City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman and Councilman Brian Self to negotiate a settlement for the City to prepare to possibly pay the Self-Insured Retention insurance in an amount up to \$330,500 if the case is settled.

Councilman Settles moved to authorize the litigation committee to negotiate payment up to \$330,500 of the Self-Insured Retention Insurance on the David Robinson lawsuit against the City of Sikeston. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

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 Absent,
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 Councilman Sparks and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

APPROVED:

STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: