

**REORGANIZATIONAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JUNE 10, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER/RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

The Reorganizational Sikeston City Council Meeting of June 10, 2020 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Clinton Building, located at 501 Campanella Drive, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Pro Tem Karen Evans, Gerald Settles, Brian Self, Ryan Merideth, Brandon Sparks and Onethia Williams. Mayor Steven Burch was absent. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Carroll Couch, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Council, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Public Safety Director James McMillen, Street Superintendent Brian Self, Community Development Director Lorenzo Ware and City Collector Vicky Lewis.

**COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**

**Presentation and Acceptance of Verification Board for Election of At-Large, Council Representative**

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

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

**Oath of Office Ceremony**

City Clerk Couch administered the oath of office for At-Large Councilman Brian Self.

**Nomination and Election of Mayor Pro Tempore**

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

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

**Oath of Office Ceremony of Mayor Pro Tempore**

City Clerk Carroll Couch administered the oath to Mayor Pro Tempore Sparks.

**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. Councilwoman Williams nominated Councilmen Self, Sparks and Merideth. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Settles. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded for the appointment of Councilmen Self, Sparks and Merideth to serve on the Professional Consulting Committee:

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

#### 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 Self nominated Councilman Merideth to continue serving on the Liquor License Review Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, 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 Merideth nominated Councilmen Sparks to represent the Mayor and Councilman Self as the Council's representative. The nomination was seconded by Councilwoman Williams and there being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye, Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, 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. Councilwoman Williams nominated Councilman Settles to continue serving as the ex-officio member to the Board of Municipal Utilities. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Self. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

#### Appointment of Council Representative to the Library Board of Trustees

Councilman Merideth nominated Councilman Evans for to continue her appointment 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:

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

#### Council Appointment to Sikeston Housing Authority Board

Councilman Self nominated Councilwoman Onethia Williams for reappointment to the Sikeston Housing Authority Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Sparks. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

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

Councilman Settles nominated Mayor Burch to continue serving 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:

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

Council Appointment to the Park Board

Councilman Merideth nominated Councilman Self to continue serving as the council representative to the Park Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and there being no further nominations, the following roll call vote recorded:

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

Council Appointment to the Public Safety Advisory Board

Councilman Merideth nominated Councilman Evans for reappointment on the Public Safety Advisory Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Sparks. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Appointment to Tourism Advisory Board

Two councilmembers serve on the seven member Tourism Advisory Board. Councilman Self nominated Councilman Merideth and Councilwoman Williams to continue serving on the Tourism Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles. There being no further nominations, the following roll call votes were recorded:

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Aye, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,  
Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, 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 Self nominated Councilman Settles for reappointment to the Stormwater Management Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Sparks. There being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Appointment to Friends of the PAWS Animal Shelter Advisory Board

PAWS Board meets to raise community support and interest in the care and well-being of animals. Councilman Merideth nominated Councilwoman Evans for reappointment as Council representative to the PAWS Animal Shelter Advisory Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

Council Appointment to Capital Improvements Plan Evaluation Committee

Councilman Sparks nominated Councilman Settles to continue serving as the City Council representative on the Capital Improvement Evaluation Committee. Councilman Merideth seconded the motion and there being no further nominations, the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Other Business:

Mayor Pro Tem Evans congratulated City Clerk Carroll Couch on his retirement after 33 years of service with the City of Sikeston.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Councilman Settles 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 Aye,  
Williams Aye, and Burch Absent, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

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STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK

SEAL: