

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of September 8, 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 Steven Burch and Councilmembers Ryan Merideth, Brian Self, Gerald Settles, Brandon Sparks, Karen Evans and Onethia Williams. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Clerk Carroll Rhonda Council, Finance Director Karen Bailey, HR Director Amanda Groves, Public Safety Director James McMillen, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Street Supervisor Darren Martin, Parks Director Dustin Care, Community Development Director Lorenzo Ware and DPS Captain Ryan Smith. City Counselor Tabatha Thurman was absent.

**APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

City Council minutes of July 27 and August 3, 2020 were presented for approval. Councilman Sparks moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Merideth seconded the motion 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.

**ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES**

None were presented.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Bill #6203, Board of Municipal Utilities (BMU) Board Qualifications

Councilman Merideth moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6203. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

City Clerk Rhonda Council presented the bill for reading.

**BILL Number 6203**

**ORDINANCE Number 6203**

THIS BILL AS APPROVED SHALL BECOME ORDINANCE NUMBER 6203 AND SHALL AMEND ARTICLE IV, CHAPTER 130, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SIKESTON BOARD OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: This Ordinance shall be codified in the City Municipal Code.

SECTION II: Article IV, Chapter 130, Section 130.280. Commissioners — Qualifications.; shall be amended to read as follows:

No person shall be a Commissioner unless he/she has been for at least four (4) years next preceding his/her appointment a resident elector of the City and unless he/she professes belief in the desirability of municipal utility ownership and operation. No person who holds any other public office or who is an employee of the City Government or who has any business relationship with the department other than as a consumer shall be a Commissioner. A Commissioner ceasing to possess any of these qualifications shall be removed from his/her office forthwith by the Mayor. Not more than two (2) members of the Board of Commissioners shall belong to the same political party and its administration shall in all respects be entirely non-partisan. Preference should be given to candidates with demonstrated experience in large commercial business enterprises, financial management, prior service on other City boards and commissions, and extensive history of non-profit service with community minded organizations.

SECTION III: General Repealer Section. Any ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV: Severability. Should any part or parts of this ordinance be found or held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the remaining part or parts shall be severable and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION V: Record of Passage:

A. Bill Number 6203 was introduced and read the first time this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2020.

B. Bill Number 6203 was read the second time and discussed on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020. Following discussion, Councilman Merideth moved to approve Bill Number 6203. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks, discussed 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.

C. Ordinance 6203 shall be in full force and effect from and after October 8, 2020.

#### Boards and Commissions Appointments

Councilman Merideth motioned to table appointments to the Board of Adjustments due to lack of Resource Bank Applications. 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.

Councilman Merideth nominated Marty Presley for reappointment and Scott Ezell for a first term on the Board of Appeals. The nominations were 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.

Councilman Merideth nominated Brian Menz for reappointment to the Board of Municipal Utilities. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Settles and the following vote recorded:

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

Councilman Self nominated Rick Adams for reappointment and Tim Mitchell to be appointed for a first term to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board. The nomination 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.

Councilwoman Williams nominated Brenda Robinson-Echols and Christina King for a first term appointment to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and appointed Viola Blow for a partial term as the Housing Authority Resident. Due to health reasons, Alice Tharp could not complete her term. The nomination was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Councilman Settles nominated Steve Millington for reappointment to the Industrial Development Authority Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following vote recorded:

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

Councilman Self nominated Michael Harris for reappointment to the Land Clearance for Redevelopment Authority (LCRA) Commission. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

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

Councilman Self nominated Tre Holley, Jason Davis and Mark Grimes for reappointment and Ginger McCord for a first term appointment to the Park Board. The nomination 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.

Councilman Self nominated Missy Marshall and James Miller for reappointment and Robert Murphy for a first term appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The nominations were seconded by Councilman Settles. 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.

Councilwoman Evans nominated Andy Caton, Harry Howard and David Terrell for reappointment to the Public Safety Advisory Board. The nominations were 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.

Councilman Merideth nominated Holly Greene, Erica Wilson and Pete Burns for reappointment to the Sikeston Pet & Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) Advisory Board. The nomination was seconded by Councilman Settles 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.

Councilman Merideth motioned to reappoint Matt Marshall and Rik LaPlant to the Tax Increment Finance Commission (TIF). 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.

Councilman Self motioned to table the appointment to the Traffic Committee. The motion 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 Aye, thereby being passed.

Councilman Sparks motioned to reappoint Susanne Chitwood and appoint Shelley McTigue to the Tourism Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth 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.

Councilman Merideth nominated Mary Below, Libby Caskey, Susan Howle Werner, Toni Dee and Ron Payne for reappointment and Barb Collins and Timothy Greenway for a first term on the SEMO University-Sikeston Campus Advisory Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles 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.

#### Authorization to Purchase Surveying Rover GPS Unit

Public Work's Street Division would like permission to purchase a Surveying Rover Unit package from Topcon Solutions of Kansas City, MO in the amount of \$16,591.14. This unit provides surveying and mapping data and is faster than conventional surveying and mapping techniques and will assist the Street Division with projects such as ditch maintenance, storm water infrastructure issues and pavement repairs.

Councilman Self motioned to authorize the purchase of the surveying rover GPS unit from Topcon Solutions for \$16,591.14. 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 Aye, thereby being passed.

#### Award Bid 21-02, Zero Turn Commercial Infield Grooming Machine

Staff received one bid for a 2020 zero turn commercial infield groomer from ABI Attachments from Mishawaka, IN for \$22,683.72. This was for an ABI Force groomer, which is utilized by several professional groundskeepers and will be used to save time for needed touchups and general infield maintenance of the athletic fields at the Recreation Complex.

Councilman Self motioned to award Bid 21-02 for the zero-turn commercial infield grooming machine to ABI Attachments in the amount of \$22,683.72. The motion was seconded by Councilman Settles 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.

#### Other Items

Recognized HR Director Amanda Groves on obtaining her SHRM (Society for Human Resource Management) certification.

Parks Director Dustin Care gave an update on the Parks Master Plan Open House that was held last week. Around 20 citizens attended in-person, but the online response had over 2,500 views. Surveys are in and being reviewed and once they obtain a cost projection, the final plans will be presented to Council for approval.

Public Safety Director James McMillen provided an update on the Strengthening Police & Community Partnership Program. The planning group has met and selected the participants for the SPCP Meeting to be held Friday, September 18. Due to COVID19, staff from the Department of Justice will work with the group virtually.

There was discussion about traffic not stopping at the intersection of Salcedo & Columbine. DPS has had extra patrol set up and have issued 24 citations within the past couple of months.

Citizen Dan Marshall expressed his concerns about not wanting the Cotton Carnival and Parade to be held this year because of COVID19 and the fear of it spreading. He was informed that he would need to contact the Scott County Health Department or the County Commissioners; they are the ones who have authority to take action on this issue.

#### 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 Aye,  
Williams Aye, and Burch Aye, thereby being passed.

APPROVED:

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BRANDON SPARKS, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

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RHONDA COUNCIL, CITY CLERK

SEAL: