

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 28, 2019**

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of October 28, 2019 was called to order at 7:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 105 East Center, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Steven Burch (arriving at 7:36 a.m.) and Councilmembers Ryan Merideth, Gerald Settles, Karen Evans, Branson Sparks and Onethia Williams (arriving at 7:35 a.m.). Councilmember Brian Self 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, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Street Supervisor Darren Martin, Parks Director Dustin Care, DPS Captains Andy Cooper and Ryan Smith and Code Enforcement Manager Lorenzo Ware.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**Award RFP #20-04, Employee Health Insurance**

The City of Sikeston issued RFP 20-04 to fourteen (14) companies. The City's RFP requested a self-funded plan with a no deductible plan for Tier 1 (MDMC), a \$1,000 deductible for Tier 2, and a Tier 3 with a \$2,500 deductible. Bids were opened on October 2, 2019 with three (3) companies providing proposals: Chap Arnold Agency, the Anderson Green Agency and Mitchell Insurance.

Councilman Settles moved to award RFP #20-04 for the Employee Health Insurance to Mitchell Insurance in an amount not to exceed \$2,084,230. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following vote recorded:

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

**Resolution 19-10-02, Surplus of Truck and Propatch Pothole Patcher**

The Department of Public Works, Street Division would like to surplus a 2000 GMC single axle C7500 truck along with a Propatch pothole patcher. The mileage on the GMC is 46,160. The truck and pothole patcher will be sold as one unit through a governmental surplus equipment website.

Councilman Settles moved to approve Resolution 19-10-02 to surplus a 2000 GMC C7500 truck and a Propatch pothole patcher. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

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

**1st Reading, Bill #6159, Establishing a Business License Review Board**

Councilman Merideth moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6159. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sparks and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6159 and shall amend Chapter 600 Business Licensing of the City code of the City of Sikeston, Missouri. This bill will create a review board to listen to appeals of revocations and suspensions of said licenses and decide on what actions should be taken. The review board will consist of the chief review officer appointed by the City Manager, another City employee appointed by the City Manager and a member appointed by the City Council to serve a three (3) year term.

1st Reading, Bill #6167, Amendment of Amusement and Entertainment Ordinances

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6167. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented this bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6167 and shall amend Title VI of the City Code of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, regarding Business Licensing. This includes amending the definition of 'Amusements' and 'Amusement or Entertainment', the type of license or permit required, the hours of operation, and to include having adequate licensed security for events that extend past 11:00 p.m.

1st Reading, Bill #6168, "Maintaining a Public Nuisance"

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6168. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Counselor Thurman presented this bill for reading. This bill as approved shall become Ordinance Number 6168 and shall amend Chapter 210, Article XI of the City Code of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, regarding Maintaining a Public Nuisance. This bill will assist in preventing any structures to be used for frequent illegal drug use. Additionally, the owner or occupant or both the owner and occupant may be charged with the offense of keeping or maintaining a public nuisance, which is a Class A Misdemeanor. Additionally, it would allow the City to address the issue instead of the County.

Authorize the Purchase of Road Salt

The City is in need of purchasing road salt for the coming winter season. One vendor was located with the ability to sell the salt at a reasonable price. Cargill out of North Olmsted, OH presented a quote for 150 tons of salt at \$86/ton for a total purchase price of \$12,900.

Councilman Sparks moved to authorize the purchase of 150 tons of road salt from Cargill at \$86/ton for a total of \$12,900. The motion was seconded by Councilman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Other Items

The Council meeting on November 25th has been cancelled.

Department of Public Safety is still working on the UTV ordinance. It is not ready to be presented to Council at this time.

Sam Thomas, a citizen who resides in Downtown Sikeston, addressed Council about roofing issues he has in his residence which is upstairs in one of our downtown buildings. Based on information presented, Council has asked Staff to present an action plan to them to resolve this issue within the next two (2) weeks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Sparks Aye, Merideth Aye, Self Absent, Settles Aye, Evans Aye,  
Williams 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: