

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 8, 2019

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of November 8, 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 and Councilmen Brian Self, Karen Evans, Onethia Williams, Brandon Sparks and Gerald Settles. Councilman Ryan Merideth was absent. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Counselor Tabatha Thurman, City Clerk Carroll Couch, Deputy City Clerk Rhonda Council, City Treasurer Karen Bailey, Public Safety Director James McMillen, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Code Enforcement Manager Lorenzo Ware and Capt. Ryan Smith.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1st & 2nd Reading, Emergency Bill #6170, Imposing Voter Approved Use Tax Effective January 1, 2020

Councilman Sparks moved for the first reading of Bill Number 6170. 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.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for reading. An emergency ordinance of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, imposing a use tax for general revenue purposes at the rate of three percent (3%) for the privilege of storing, using or consuming within the City any article of tangible personal property pursuant to the authority granted by and subject to the provisions of Section 144.600 through 144.761 RSMo; providing for the use tax to be repealed, reduced or raised in the same amount as any city sales tax is repealed, reduced or raised; and providing that the effective date of the use tax shall be January 1, 2020.

This ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure in order to comply with the State of Missouri requirements for timely notification.

Councilman Self moved for the second reading of Bill Number 6170. 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.

Counselor Thurman presented the bill for a second reading.

BILL Number 6170

ORDINANCE Number 6170

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI, IMPOSING A USE TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES AT THE RATE OF THREE PERCENT (3%) FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF STORING, USING OR CONSUMING WITHIN THE CITY ANY ARTICLE OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 144.600 THROUGH 144.761 RSMO; PROVIDING FOR THE USE TAX TO BE REPEALED, REDUCED OR RAISED IN THE SAME

AMOUNT AS ANY CITY SALES TAX IS REPEALED, REDUCED OR RAISED; AND PROVIDING THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE USE TAX SHALL BE JANUARY 1, 2020.

WHEREAS, the City has imposed total local sales taxes, as defined in Section 32.085 RSMo, at the rate of three percent (3%); and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized under Section 144.757, RSMo, to impose a local use tax at a rate equal to the rate of the total local sales taxes in effect in the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposed City use tax cannot become effective until approved by the voters at a municipal, county or state general, primary or special election; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Ordinance Number 6160 on August 5, 2019, submitting the use tax question to the qualified voters of Sikeston, Missouri, for their approval, as required by the provisions of Section 144.757 RSMo, at the General election held in the City on the fifth day of November, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, approved the imposition of the use tax at the General election held on the fifth day of November, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Sikeston, Missouri, as follows:

Section I. Pursuant to the authority granted by, and subject to, the provisions of Sections 144.600 through 144.761 RSMo, a use tax for general revenue purposes is imposed for the privilege of storing, using or consuming within the City any article of tangible personal property. This tax does not apply with respect to the storage, use or consumption of any article of tangible personal property purchased, produced or manufactured outside this state until the transportation of the article has finally come to rest within this City or until the article has become commingled with the general mass of property of this City.

Section II. The rate of the tax shall be three percent (3%). If any city sales tax is repealed or the rate thereof is reduced or raised by voter approval, the city use tax rate also shall be deemed to be repealed, reduced or raised by the same action repealing, reducing or raising the city sales tax.

Section III. The effective date of the tax shall be January 1, 2020.

Section IV. General Repealer: Any other ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

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

Section VI. Emergency Clause. This ordinance is adopted as an emergency measure in order to comply with the State of Missouri requirements for timely notification.

Section VII. Record of Passage:

A. Bill Number 6170 was introduced and read the first time this 8th day of November 2019.

- B. Bill Number 6170 was read the second time and discussed this 8th day of November 2019. Following discussion, Councilman Settles moved to approve Bill Number 6170. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans, discussed and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

- C. Upon passage by a majority of the Council, this Bill shall become Ordinance 6170 and shall be in full force and effect.

Other Items

Mayor Burch thanked everyone involved to help pass the local use tax and would like thank you letters sent to Marcie Lawson, Jon Gilmore and Felicia Blanton for their efforts in supporting this tax. In light of the passage of this use tax, the Mayor would also like for the City to inform and promote to the citizens of Sikeston how we save money by using the resources we have in-house.

Historic Downtown Sikeston’s Director Lynn Lancaster thanked the City for their continued support to his organization for all events that has taken place during his tenure. Director Lancaster’s last day with Historic Downtown Sikeston will be December 31, 2019.

Mayor Burch would like to schedule a goal setting retreat for some time in January, 2020.

The next Council meeting will be held December 2, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

APPROVED:

STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: