

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 6, 2016

The regular Sikeston City Council meeting of June 6, 2016 was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 105 East Center, Sikeston. Present at the meeting were: Mayor Steven Burch and Councilmen Bob Depro, Karen Evans, Jon Gilmore, Ryan Merideth, Gerald Settles, and Mary White-Ross. Staff in attendance were: City Manager Jonathan Douglass, City Clerk Carroll Couch, Governmental Services Director Linda Lowes, DPS Director Drew Juden, Public Works Director Jay Lancaster, Economic Development Director Ed Dust, Street Superintendent Brian Dial, Street Supervisor Darren Martin, Public Safety Captain Bill Mygatt, and Account Clerk Amanda Groves.

APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

City Council minutes of May 2 and May 16, 2016 were presented for approval. Councilman Depro moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Gilmore seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES

Minutes from various board and commission meetings were presented to the City Council. Councilwoman Evans moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and voted as follows:

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

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Bid Award: CDBG Demolition Project #08-PF-26

DPW Director Lancaster briefed Council on plans to use CDBG funds to demolish 5 residential structures, 1 commercial structure, and 11 residential structures that also require asbestos removal. Three firms submitted bids with Bill James Excavating submitting the lowest and best bid of \$94,100. Staff requested Council award this demolition project to Bill James Excavating.

Councilman Depro moved to award the project to Bill James Excavating for \$94,100. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman White-Ross and the following vote recorded:

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

Bid Award 16-32: Street, Storm Sewer and Sidewalk Improvements

DPW Director Lancaster provided an overview of this 2016 Street & Stormwater Drainage Project that addresses stormwater drainage improvements at Maple and Greer, and on Davis Boulevard; make ADA improvements to downtown sidewalks; and perform milling and resurfacing on Virginia from Warner to Maple, and on Compress Road from Petty to Sunset

Boulevard. Lancaster requested the low bidder, Apex Paving Company, be awarded this project for a cost of \$243,410.15.

Councilman Gilmore made the motion to award this project to Apex Paving Company for \$243,410.15. Councilman Depro provided the second and the following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Authorization to Purchase Bat-Wing Mower

During FY-17 budget discussions the need for an oversized mower was established. Using monies obtained from FY-16 cost savings, Public Works sought bids for the purchase of a 15' wide, batwing mower. Holt Ag submitted the lowest bid, \$12,500. Staff requested the award of this purchase to Holt Ag.

Councilman Depro made the motion to award the purchase to Holt Ag. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

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

Award of RFP 16-19, Rail-to-Trail Consultant

Upon acquisition of trail rights along the former Union Pacific Railroad corridor, the City issued a RFP to acquire professional services for the development of a rail-to-trail master plan. Four firms responded with both staff and the Professional Consulting Committee recommending the contract be awarded to Gateway Design Studio of St. Louis for costs not exceed \$10,000 with no more than \$1,000 in reimbursable expenses.

Councilman Gilmore made the motion to award the project to Gateway Design Studio. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merideth and the following vote recorded:

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

Authorization to Proceed with 2016 Byrnes-JAG Grant Application

DPS Captain Mygatt requested Council authorization to proceed with a Byrnes-JAG Law Enforcement Grant application. Grant proceeds of \$27,645 will be shared with the Scott County Sheriff's Department. \$19,351.50 (70%) of this amount will be used by Sikeston DPS for officer body cameras and associated digital data storage.

Councilman Depro made the motion to proceed with application. The motion was seconded by Councilman Evans and the following vote recorded:

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

Briefing: STP Urban Funding Program

DPW Director Lancaster briefed Council regarding his concerns with the Missouri Highway Commission's discussions on abandoning the STP Urban Funding Program. The STP Urban program provides smaller cities throughout Missouri with annual funding to address road and bridge repairs. The City receives \$66,000 annually through this program and has used these funds to replace the Wakefield Avenue Bridge and install a traffic signal at the entrance to Three Rivers College.

Council directed staff to issue a letter to the Missouri Highway Commission expressing the City's concern with the Commission's plan to abandon this program.

Briefing: Chamber/DED Partnership

City Manager Douglass briefed Council on plans to create a single economic development point of contact by merging Sikeston DED with the Chamber of Commerce. Council was presented the proposed organizational chart and contracts for this merger. No formal Council action was taken.

First Reading of Bill 6024, Amending FY-16 Budget Ordinance

Councilman Gilmore made the motion to conduct the first reading of Bill Number 6024. The second was provided by Councilman Evans, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

City Clerk Couch presented the bill for reading. This bill as adopted shall become emergency ordinance 6024, and shall amend ordinance number 5988, the FY-16 budget.

First Reading of Bill 6025, FY-17 Budget Ordinance

Councilman Depro made the motion to conduct the first reading of Bill Number 6025. The second was provided by Councilwoman White-Ross, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

City Clerk Couch presented the bill for reading. In discussions that followed Council directed staff to amend Bill 6025 to include adding appropriations for these previously unfunded projects: \$50,000 for downtown bathroom facility; \$90,000 for City Hall awning repairs and ADA sidewalk improvements; and \$25,000 for installation of a warning siren in the Sikeston Business, Education & Technology Park. This bill adopted, as amended, shall become emergency ordinance 6025, the FY-17 budget ordinance.

First Reading of Bill 6026, FY 17 Staffing and Compensation Ordinance

Councilman Depro made the motion to conduct the first reading of Bill Number 6026. The second was provided by Councilman Merideth, discussed and the following roll call vote recorded:

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

City Clerk Couch presented the bill for reading. This bill as adopted shall become emergency ordinance 6026, the FY-17 staffing and compensation ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

APPROVED:

STEVEN BURCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CARROLL L. COUCH, CITY CLERK

SEAL: