

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
APRIL 14, 2015; 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF LAURIE, MISSOURI**

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Municipal Judge Pat Scott gave the oath of office to Ward I Alderman Val Ites.

Mayor Fahrer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Scott Fahrer, Alderman Greg Lux, Alderman Val Ites and Alderman Allen Kimberling. Absent Alderman Karen Dobbins.

Others present were City Clerk Olive Wood, City Attorney Steve Grantham, Police Chief Mark Black, Brian Scheiter, Dean Smith, Martha Moulder, Janet Dabbs, Barb Newton and Cody Powell.

Citizens' Communication: None

Mayor's Communications: None

Approval of Minutes

March 10, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes (Minutes are shown with corrections to Ordinance No. 2015-05 which should have read: Agricultural (A-1) not Residential (R-1). Alderman Lux made a motion to approve the March 10, 2015 regular meeting minutes with correction. Alderman Ites seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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| Alderman Lux | aye |
| Alderman Dobbins | absent |
| Alderman Ites | aye |
| Alderman Kimberling | aye |

Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments: Alderman Lux made a motion to approve pending payments. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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| Alderman Lux | aye |
| Alderman Dobbins | absent |
| Alderman Ites | abstaining due to payment to Val's |
| Alderman Kimberling | aye |

Unfinished Business:

A. First Reading Council Bill No. 2015-07; Ordinance No. 2015-07: "An Ordinance declaring the results of the Municipal Election held on April 7, 2015." Alderman Kimberling introduced Council Bill No. 2015-07 for the first reading. Alderman Lux seconded. Ward I candidate Val Ites received 23 votes; Ward II candidate Karen Dobbins received 27 votes. The candidates were unopposed. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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| Alderman Lux | aye |
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Alderman Dobbins absent
Alderman Ites aye
Alderman Kimberling aye

B. Second Reading Council Bill No. 2015-7; Ordinance No. 2015-07: “An Ordinance declaring the results of the Municipal Election held on April 7, 2015.”

Alderman Lux introduced Council Bill No. 2015-07 for the second reading. Alderman Kimberling seconded: The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Lux aye
Alderman Dobbins absent
Alderman Ites aye
Alderman Kimberling aye

Mayor Fahrer declared Council Bill No. 2015-07 becomes Ordinance No. 2015-07.

C. Sidewalk Update: Engineering Service Contract Approved: A letter from MoDOT dated March 30, 2015 was provided in the Board packets approving the engineering service contract on the TAP sidewalk project. An email was received from Andrew Eckhart, P.E. Project Engineer that advised he is working with his survey crews to schedule a time with Mayor Fahrer and Dean to do a walk through on the project to prepare a plan of action.

New Business:

A. First Reading Council Bill No. 2015-06; Ordinance No. 2015-06: “An Ordinance re-establishing the sewer rate calculation for averaging the water consumption from October 1 – March 31 for the City of Laurie, Missouri. Amending Chapter 700, Article III, Section 700.090, Sewer Rates B.2.” Alderman Lux introduced Council Bill No. 2015-06 for the first reading. Alderman Ites seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Lux aye
Alderman Dobbins absent
Alderman Ites aye
Alderman Kimberling aye

B. Second Reading Council Bill No. 2015-06; Ordinance No. 2015-06: “An Ordinance re-establishing the sewer rate calculation for averaging the water consumption from October 1 – March 31 for the City of Laurie, Missouri. Amending Chapter 700, Article III, Section 700.090, Sewer Rates B.2.” Alderman Ites introduced Council Bill No. 2015-06 for the second reading. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Lux aye
Alderman Dobbins absent
Alderman Ites aye
Alderman Kimberling aye

Mayor Fahrer declared Council Bill No. 2015-06 becomes Ordinance No. 2015-06.

C. Clarification on Leash Law, Barb Newton, David & Diana Morris: Barb Newton addressed the Board explaining she and the Morris’ live in the apartment next to Subway

and they each have a dog. She asked for clarification on the city's leash law ordinance. ***City Code Section 205.020. Running at Large Prohibited. "It shall be unlawful for any person or persons owning, controlling, keeping, possessing or having the management or care, in whole or in part of any dog or cat, to permit such dog or cat to run at large or go off the premises of the owner or the keeper thereof, or to be upon any street, or other public place within the corporate limits of the City of Laurie at any time, day or night, unless such dog or cat is in the custody and control of some responsible person."***

The Morris' who were unable to attend due to health reasons had received a verbal warning from the Laurie police regarding their dog running loose. No citation was given.

The Board advised they need to follow the ordinance and suggested they get a leash that allows the dog to have 50 feet to roam.

No further action was taken.

Department Head Reports

A. Public Works Department

- Dean Smith advised that street repairs would begin the first of May.

D. Mark Black, Police Chief

- **Monthly Statistics:** March 2015; Traffic Stops 52; Warnings 41; Summons 15; and 18 Criminal Activities and 2 arrests.

- **Board Approval for Police Ride-along:** Chief Black asked for Board's approval for Officer Scott Craig's wife to ride with a different officer to have a better understanding of police work.

Discussion followed:

- Liability
- Wife would ride with a different officer than spouse
- Ride-a-long would not be frequently
- Ride-a-longs are required to sign a waiver
- Police Manual has an adopted policy

Alderman Lux made a motion to allow Mrs. Scott Craig to do a ride along with a police officer other than her spouse. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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| Alderman Lux | aye |
| Alderman Dobbins | absent |
| Alderman Ites | aye |
| Alderman Kimberling | aye |

E. Olive Wood, City Clerk

- **Review Financial Report:** The financial report for 2015. March total of all funds \$1,756,409.15. General Fund Revenues - \$150,821.20; and General Fund Expenses - \$135,159.60; Event Fund Revenues - \$3,713.51; Event Fund Expenses - \$12,782.62;

Water and Sewer Fund Revenues \$144,709.60; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses - \$191,880.79.

- **Sales Tax Review:** March Sales Tax was \$22,936.54; Year to date: \$69,876.26. This is an increase year to date over 2014 by \$1,494.54.

D. Steve Grantham, City Attorney

- None

Board Reports:

Alderman Dobbins

- Education/Wilderness Trail with the Master Naturalist

Alderman Dobbins called earlier in the afternoon and was still in Columbia where a family member was being seen by a doctor and advised that she would not be back in time for the meeting and to provide the following information.

Alderman Dobbins reported Paul Johnson with the Missouri Conservation Department had walked through the ball field property and felt it was suitable for a trail; there is one steep area and one drainage area and will work with some modifications.

The Master Naturalists has already found someone with big equipment that is willing to move the brush and make way for the trail.

Mayor's Report: None

Adjourn: Alderman Lux made a motion to adjourn and Alderman Ites seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Scott Fahrer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Olive Wood, City Clerk