

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MAY 12, 2015; 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF LAURIE, MISSOURI**

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, Alderman Karen Dobbins and Alderman Allen Kimberling.

Others present were City Clerk Olive Wood, City Attorney Steve Grantham, Police Chief Mark Black, Brian Scheiter, Dean Smith, Martha Moulder, Janet Dabbs, Ken Riedl and Bradley Davis.

Citizens' Communication: None

Mayor's Communications: None

Approval of Minutes

April 14, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes: Alderman Ites made a motion to approve the April 14, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

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

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| Alderman Lux | aye |
| Alderman Dobbins | ay |
| Alderman Ites | aye |
| Alderman Kimberling | aye |

Unfinished Business:

A. 2014 Audit Review, Lisa Officer, CPA: Auditor Lisa Officer reported the audit looked better this year than last. The city needs to work on building the restricted cash balances to prior levels; sales tax had a 1% increase over 2013; court fines were increased by 62%; general fund revenues were up due to rent from the upstairs and donations toward the Westside Sign; general fund had a loss of \$13,927; and general fund expenses were down.

The Business Type or water and sewer fund showed very little change. Water revenues decreased; expenditures were on target; sewer sales tax had a 1% increase; water had a \$79,877 net income; sewer department had a \$20,302 loss with the water and sewer fund showing a net increase of \$59,575.

New Business:

A. Sewer Bill Adjustment Request, Bradley Davis: Mr. Davis activated a new account on August 2014; service was activated under the number of people in house hold; in January 2015 Mr. Davis asked that the rate be changed to actual usage; it was changed immediately; in April Mr. Davis called and requested a refund. It was explained only the Board could approve a credit or refund. The 4 months prior to his request totaled \$29.88.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Dobbins made a motion to give a credit of \$29.88 to Mr. Davis’ account.

Alderman Ites seconded. The following vote was recorded:

- Alderman Lux nay
- Alderman Dobbins aye
- Alderman Ites aye
- Alderman Kimberling aye

B. Proclamation: Declaring June as “Friends of Laurie” Clean-up Month. The Mayor and Board signed a Proclamation declaring June as the Laurie’s Enhancement Committee’s “Friends of Laurie Day Cleanup.”

Department Head Reports

A. Public Works Department, Brian Scheiter and Dean Smith

Brian Scheiter

- Well # 3 Rehab has been successful to date with no complaints about colored water.
- The backhoe purchased by the city has been used on approximately 16 separate jobs and water leaks continue to be fixed
- A call was received that Bass Point Road was having low water pressure and they are trying to locate the source.

Dean Smith

- A map of the proposed sidewalks was provided showing the placement from Mooreview Drive to Highway O.
- Water tower was cleaned and inspected under the maintenance agreement with Utility Services.
- A request was made on behalf of Mr. Metter of 100 Osage Ave for \$125.00 for repairs to a ruined pressure valve. A check valve failed at the meter in which dirt and gravel went through the line to where the pressure valve was located in Mr. Metter home. City attorney stated without an engineer’s report there is no way to determine who is responsible. The Board took no action.
- Mr. Ken Riedl and Dean Smith explained that when the streets were bid for repairs last October it was based on the conditions at that time. Over the winter the pot holes have become larger and new pot holes have appeared. Mr. Riedl didn’t have the measurements with estimated costs.

City Attorney Steve Grantham stated he needed to do research to see how the Board needs to proceed. Measurements and estimates would need to be provided before any action is taken.

City Attorney Steve Grantham ask both Mr. Riedl and Dean Smith to provide details and measurements of the roads where they were bid last fall and the changes in measurements as they are now.

D. Mark Black, Police Chief

- **Monthly Statistics:** April 2015; Traffic Stops 41; Warnings 32; Summons 13; and 14 Criminal Activities and 5 arrests.

E. Olive Wood, City Clerk

- **Review Financial Report:** The financial report for 2015. April total of all funds \$1,780,254.16. General Fund Revenues - \$196,888.19; and General Fund Expenses - \$168,886.64; Event Fund Revenues - \$5,760.00; Event Fund Expenses - \$18,106.71; Water and Sewer Fund Revenues \$190,816.06; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses - \$223,770.84.

- **Sales Tax Review:** April Sales Tax was \$11,973.85; Year to date: \$81,850.11. This is a decrease year to date from 2014 by \$1,737.13.

- **Westside Sign Update:** Donations to date are \$13,920.00; over 100 letters were mailed requesting support in April; results to date from the letters include one donation and one call volunteering material and labor.

D. Steve Grantham, City Attorney

- None

Board Reports:

Alderman Dobbins

- The Laurie Beautification Award was presented to Concordia Bank on Friday, May 1st.

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Pro-tem Appointment: Mayor Fahrer recommended Alderman Ites as the Mayor Pro-tem.

Alderman Kimberling made a motion to appoint Alderman Ites as Mayor Pro-tem. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

- Board of Adjustment Appointment: Mayor Fahrer asked that the appointment be postponed to the June meeting.

Closed Meeting:

A portion of this meeting may be closed pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes Section 610.021(3) to consider hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting an employee.

Alderman Ites made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into closed meeting pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes 610.021(3). Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Adjourn Closed Meeting:

Alderman Ites made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting and return to open meeting. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Closed meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Fahrer called the regular meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. The following action from the closed meeting was provided: Alderman Ites made a motion to accept the resignation of John Christian effective June 9, 2015. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Adjourn: Alderman Kimberling made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Dobbins seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Scott Fahrer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Olive Wood, City Clerk