

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AUGUST 3, 2015; 8:00 A.M.
CITY OF LAURIE, MISSOURI**

Mayor Scott Fahrer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

Others present were City Clerk Olive Wood, Hugh Smith, Dean Smith, Susann Huff and John Clifford.

Mayor Fahrer asked Hugh Smith to address the Hillbilly fair carnival. Smith reported he is part of a committee that is getting the entertainment for the main stage and little stage and is seeking a carnival. It appears the city has been blackballed by the carnivals as two names kept popping up. This year the regular carnivals are already booked as the summer and early fall is their busy times. Due to the economy, fuel, labor, and liability costs there are fewer carnivals, and every community is having fairs and events.

A company from Nixa, Missouri has agreed to bring some of their overflow items to the Hillbilly fair, but is requiring a \$4,000 guarantee. The items are bouncy games, but it's better than no carnival at all. The company set up at the Morgan County Fair and reported a \$2,800 loss. Some carnival companies require guarantees of \$15,000.

The Mayor and Board thanked Hugh for all the work and effort he is putting in to try to bring the Hillbilly Fair back to its prior glory. He also reported he was personally paying for two hotel rooms for the carnival's staff to stay.

The Board discussed where funds would be taken from and Susann Huff stated there were excess funds available from the Enchanted Village of Lights and the HBF has \$1,000 for kids' entertainment that could be used. The Board had concerns about weather conditions and did not want any funds used from the reserves.

Alderman Lux made a motion to contract with the carnival with a guarantee up to \$4,000 using funds from the HBF and EVOL 2015 budget. Alderman Ites seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

Dean Smith with the public works department stated that for the past two weeks he has turned off well # 3 and is using well # 2. Friday they had pinpointed a check valve for well # 3 that needs to be replaced. The cost of a rebuilt check valve was estimated at \$1,000 and new would cost about \$3,000. Funds are in the budget for the cost of the repairs.

Alderman Lux made a motion to purchase a rebuilt or a new check valve for well # 3. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

John Clifford wanted the Board to know that the Elks Lodge was giving out grants for community projects and the city might want to consider applying. As the IT person for the city he advised the Board that the new Microsoft 10 operating system has some bugs that need to be worked out before the city purchases.

Closed Meeting: A portion of this meeting may be closed pursuant to RSMo 610.031(3) for the purpose of hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees.

Alderman Lux made a motion to go into closed meeting pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3). Alderman Ites seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

The Board reviewed applications for the city clerk's position and scheduled dates and times for the interviews.

With no further discussion Alderman Ites made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting and return to open meeting. Alderman Lux seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Regular meeting reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

Mayor and Board discussed the sidewalk project.

ADJOURN: Alderman Lux made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Kimberling seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Scott Fahrer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Olive Wood, City Clerk