

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AUGUST 11, 2015; 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF LAURIE, MISSOURI**

Mayor Pro-tem Val Ites called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Pro-tem Val Ites, Alderman Greg Lux, Alderman Karen Dobbins and Alderman Allen Kimberling. Mayor Scott Fahrer was absent.

Others present were City Clerk Olive Wood, City Attorney Steve Grantham, Police Chief Mark Black, Brian Scheiter, Dean Smith, Richard Skaar, Dick Dobbins, Dru Hayes, Herb Keck, Ron Holst, Mac Mouat, and Janet Dabbs.

Citizens' Communication: None

Mayor's Communications: Mayor Pro-tem Val Ites stated she is always having people make negative comments about the city to her. The city is getting new businesses; all communities are having the same type of issues; and if we keep working, businesses will come and grow in our community.

Approval of Minutes

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

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

August 3, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes: Alderman Kimberling made a motion to approve the August 3, 2015 special meeting minutes. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments: Alderman Lux and Alderman Kimberling asked Chief Black how the police car window was broken and if the tinting on the police cars were legal. Chief Black reported they just noticed the broken window when the car was in the parking lot. The \$450 cost would have been more if taken to the dealership. Chief replied that because of the cage it makes the windows look darker than the legal tint at 20%.

Alderman Lux made a motion to approve pending payments. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

Unfinished Business:

A. Preliminary Sidewalk Design for Approval: The city received the sidewalk preliminary plans by email after 5:00 p.m. this evening. Ron Holst provided some information about the plans and stated there probably were not enough funds to include the pedestrian crossing at Highway 5 & Highway O; with this not included the sidewalk may be expanded. The Board needs to provide input on where to place the additional sidewalk on the preliminary plan for MoDOT approval. If sidewalks expand in front of additional businesses the Board would like to make sure the business owners will be notified; although the sidewalks will be on MoDOT right of way.

The Board was invited to attend the Enhancement meeting on Wednesday, August 19th at 10:00 a.m. where recommendations and modifications will be made to the preliminary plan. The Board asked if the engineer could be invited to answer any questions. Mr. Holst wanted the Board to understand that this was only the preliminary plan that would be submitted to MoDOT.

New Business:

A. Street Repair Bids: The following bids were received for the street repairs:

LAURIE STREET REPAIR BID – 2015

Bid Opening: August 6, 2015; 1:00 p.m.

Attendance: Conrad Hake, APAC, Public Works Dean Smith, City Clerk Olive Wood

Bid No. 1

**Ken Riedl D/B/A Quality Chip and Seal
P. O. Box 320
Sunrise Beach, Missouri 65079
Ph: 573-216-3054**

Part – A	5.75 Sq Ft	\$84,657.25
Part – B	3" Cap	\$65,000.00

Bid No. 2

**APAC
Conrad Hake
PO Box 1178
1369 Business Park Rd
Linn Creek, MO 65052
Ph: 573-317-3700**

Part – A	14,723 Sq Ft	\$122,403.75
Part – B	½" Cap	\$ 38,218.95

Note: Part – B required only 1 ½ inch cap

The bids received were both over the city’s budget and one bid did not follow the specs.

Alderman Lux made a motion to reject any and all bids. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

City Attorney Steve Grantham recommended to the Board to contract with an engineer to provide the documents and requirements for the street repairs. Discussion followed.

Alderman Lux made a motion to have Bartlett and West contract with the city and if they declined then the second alternative was Anderson Engineering. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded.

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

Department Head Reports

A. Public Works Department, Brian Scheiter and Dean Smith

- **St. Patrick’s Proposal for Used Grinder Can:** Brian Scheiter reported St. Patrick’s Church was building a maintenance building and would like to purchase a used basin and control box the city had removed from a now empty lot. The cost of new equipment is \$2,650. The city has several of these used panels and control boxes. City Attorney Steve Grantham asked what a fair market value would be and Schieter stated 30 to 50 percent of the new cost.

Alderman Lux made a motion to sell the used basin and control box for \$1325.00 to the St. Patrick’s Church. Alderman Ites seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

Dean Smith thanked Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Miller on Dunwurkin Street for monitoring the water pressure 24/7 for a week and also the associates of the Missouri Rural Water Association for their help in pin pointing the pressure problem on Dunwurkin.

- **DNR Inspection Update:** Every three years the Missouri Department of Natural Resources inspects the city’s water system. At the previous inspection there were items that needed to be attended to and a couple of those items were not completed and

appeared again on the recent report. The DNR inspection report was received on July 23, 2015 and is as follows:

“July 21, 2015

*The Honorable Scott Fahrner, Mayor
City of Laurie
P.O. Box 1515
Laurie, MO 65038*

Dear Mayor Fahrner:

Enclosed is the Report of Inspection for the community water system serving City of Laurie in Morgan County. This report is believed to be self-explanatory. I trust you will direct your attention to the following recommendations which are more thoroughly discussed within the Report of Inspection:

- Complete the Well # 3 rehabilitation project in accordance to the approved plans and specifications, or; obtain approval for the use of the smaller well pump.*
- Obtain a “Final Approval of Construction” for the Well # 3 rehabilitation project.*
- Casing and discharge piping on both wells should be painted to prevent corrosion.*
- The overflow pipe on the elevated storage tank should terminate over a splash plate.*
- Screens should be added to the chlorine vent tubing at both wells and 56% ammonia solution should be used for leak detection.*
- The water system should make every effort to get the water loss rate below 10%.*
- The water system needs to establish a well water level monitoring program.*

Unless otherwise requested within the report, all correspondence and questions should be directed to Mr. Darrell Barber of this office by call 573-348-0875 or via mail at the Southwest Regional Office, 2040 West Woodland, Springfield, MO 65807-5912.

Sincerely,

*SOUTHWEST REGIONAL OFFICE
SS/Mark Rader, Chief
Drinking Water Section”*

Public Works employee Dean Smith has called Flynn Drilling to see if they have the paper work to provide DNR for the Final Approval of Construction. Mr. Smith said he will try calling again to see if he can get some answers.

Well No. 3 originally had a 75 hp pump and when the city did the rehab the new pump put into place was a 60 hp and this will have to be approved by DNR.

Mr. Smith stated the city was not subject to fines unless the problems are ignored.

D. Mark Black, Police Chief

- Monthly Statistics: July 2015; Traffic Stops 44; Warnings 32; Summons 19; Criminal Activities – 11; and 5 arrests.

E. Olive Wood, City Clerk

- Review Financial Report: The financial report for 2015. July total of all funds \$1,844,889.53. General Fund Revenues - \$366,618.74; General Fund Expenses - \$333,283.03; Event Fund Revenues - \$19,066.33; Event Fund Expenses - \$37,219.64;

Water and Sewer Fund Revenues \$355,149.05; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses - \$319,230.06. General Fund revenues are 4% below projections; expenditures are 8% below projections. Water and sewer revenues are 5% below projections and expenditures are 4% below projections.

- **Sales Tax Review:** July Sales Tax was \$20,790.74; Year to date: \$171,870.93. This is a decrease of \$15,406.58 for the same period in 2014.

D. Steve Grantham, City Attorney
- None

Board Reports:

Alderman Dobbins read a statement regarding Mayor Fahrer's comments from the July 14th Board meeting. She reported for 3 years the City's Enhancement Committee has worked on the sidewalk project. The board meeting was packed with support and there were letters of support provided with the MoDOT application. The following is her comments:

"FALLOUT AND RESPONSE AS A RESULT OF MAYOR SCOTT FAHRER STATEMENTS AT THE CITY OF LAURIE BOARD MEETING July 14, 2015:

- 1. Ron Holst, a valuable member of our Laurie Enhancement committee resigned, saying without the Mayor's support and participation with the Committee, I feel continued efforts will be a waste of my time. Speaking as a Chairman of this committee I feel the Mayor must know that Ron spent hours, upon hours working on this project and is a highly thought of member of our committee. It will be very hard to replace him.*
- 2. We are risking the City of Laurie's credibility with MoDOT. We could lose our chances of ever getting any MoDOT Grants (free money) again.*
- 3. We need to show the community that we are always looking for ways to prosper and grow.*
- 4. We are interested in the future of our great city by looking at long term progress.*
- 5. We feel you should have given us, the aldermen, an opportunity to discuss this issue with you prior to your public announcement.*
- 6. At the beginning of this venture, we as a Laurie Enhancement Committee did have a properly announced public meeting to discuss the sidewalks with those in attendance.*
- 7. As we were working on our grant, we received 12 letters of support from influential businesses, individuals, hospitals and the medical community that went a long way in helping us to make this decision. These letters were signed and very credible.*
- 8. MoDOT selected our project as one of their highest priority projects. They were excited for usa small hometown community who had never even tried to obtain grants before.*
- 9. Now, if the City of Laurie backs out of this project at this late date, it could very well cause us to lose our credibility with MoDOT that has taken many years to build.*
- 10. Street Repair has its own budget....*

11. On MoDOT's contract it said that "This project scope **MUST BE COMPLETED...NO EXCEPTION** regardless of low estimates or cost increase." The project's sponsor...must be assured that these are not significant concerns.

12. If we were to back out (which I really do not think we can) we still have to pay back what has been paid by MoDOT to the Engineering Co. and any other expenses that MoDOT has incurred to date.

13. We were all elected to our seats on this Board. We all need to work together as a team. Once a decision has been made, we need to stand by that decision."

Mayor's Report: None

Closed Meeting:

Alderman Kimberling made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into closed meeting pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes Section 610.021(1) to discuss legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving the public governmental body and confidential or privileged communications between the public governmental body and its attorneys. 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 Lux seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Alderman Ites made a motion to offer the position of city clerk at \$36,000 a year.

Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Note: Offer was declined.

Alderman Lux made a motion to offer Derrick Zimmerman at seasonal part-time job at \$8.50 an hour. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Dobbins to adjourn the closed meeting and return to regular meeting. Alderman Lux seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Mayor Pro-tem Ites called the regular meeting to order and City Clerk Olive Wood stated no information will be available for 72 hours.

Alderman Lux made a motion to have a work session on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

Adjourn: With no further business Alderman Lux made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Dobbins seconded.

Val Ites, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

Olive Wood, City Clerk