

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OCTOBER 13, 2015
CITY OF LAURIE, MISSOURI**

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

Present at the meeting were Mayor Scott Fahrer, Aldermen: Karen Dobbins, Val Ites, Greg Lux, Allen Kimberling

Others present were City Clerk Ron Clarke, City Attorney Steve Grantham, Chief of Police Mark Black, Dean Smith, Brian Scheiter, Dick Dobbins, Martha Moulder, Nick Bailey, Hugh Smith, Julie Smith, Fred Gustafson, Vicky Gustafson, Dennis Devine, Larry Westfall, Herb Keck, Dru Hays, Colby Powell.

Citizens Communication:

Hugh Smith expressed his gratitude to the board for their support of the Hillbilly Fair and for making the money available to get the carnival. He commented that he thought the fair was a success.

Mayor's Communication

The mayor expressed his appreciation to the Hairport team for a great job supporting the Hillbilly Fair.

A certificate of appreciation was prepared for Enhancement Committee chairman Karen Dobbins to present to Bruns Service Center for painting their sign. The mayor and board expressed their appreciation for the improvements.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting were presented. Greg Lux made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Val Ites seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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| Alderman Lux | Aye |
| Alderman Dobbins | Aye |
| Alderman Ites | Aye |
| Alderman Kimberling | Aye |

Pending Payments and Additions to Pending Payments:

Karen Dobbins made a motion to approve pending payments and additions to pending payments. Allen Kimberling seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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| Alderman Lux | Aye |
| Alderman Dobbins | Aye |
| Alderman Ites | Aye |
| Alderman Kimberling | Aye |

Unfinished Business

Preliminary Sidewalk Update

Ron Holst asked Herb Keck to give an update on the status of the sidewalk project. MODOT had suggested some changes at the intersection of O road and Highway 5. Anderson Engineering is still waiting for an updated schedule from MODOT before a decision is made as to including these changes in the project. Mr. Keck stated the changes are predominantly to include a boom light at the intersection of O and Highway 5.

Mr. Keck also reported we have around \$17, 000 collected toward the Lake of the Ozarks West sign. He was asked to speak at the Rotary club last week and they made a donation. In addition, Nancy Rogers of Lakebuy.com said if they would print fliers she would send them out with her monthly mailing. 200 fliers have already been sent and they could use 150 more. The concrete for the sign is to be donated but the concrete companies are too busy at this time. Once the business slows down they will get the bases poured.

Street Repair Update

Ron Clarke reported that Steve Schultz from Bartlett and West reported the bid package was not yet complete but that they should have everything ready next week.

New Business

The Laurie Planning and Zoning Commission presented a letter recommending approval of the final plat of Town Place Subdivision.

First Reading Council Bill No. 2015-10; Ordinance No. 2015-10: An ordinance approving the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding the Final Plat of Town Place Subdivision. Val Ites introduced the first reading, seconded by Greg Lux.

The following roll call vote was recorded.

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| Alderman Lux | Aye |
| Alderman Dobbins | Aye |
| Alderman Ites | Aye |
| Alderman Kimberling | Aye |

Second Reading Council Bill No. 2015-10; Ordinance No. 2015-10: An ordinance approving the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding the Final Plat of Town Place Subdivision. Greg Lux introduced the second reading, seconded by Allen Kimberling.

The following roll call vote was recorded.

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| Alderman Lux | Aye |
| Alderman Dobbins | Aye |
| Alderman Ites | Aye |
| Alderman Kimberling | Aye |

Forester Paul Johnson – Struck from the agenda

Nick Bailey

Mr. Bailey addressed the board to inform them of his intent to open a retail fireworks store in the Osage River Bar & Grill building. He stated that he did not yet have his state license but was closing on the building soon. He reported that he intends to be open six to eight months per year. He said the store would be strictly retail. He wanted to know if the board had any concerns or questions.

Ken Cucchi Sewer Forgiveness

Mr. Cucchi was unable to attend, however Dean Smith presented his case to forgive the sewer portion of his water bill for a leak that he estimated started on or before the beginning of 2015. Dean had researched the water usage and presented calculations to support a forgiveness in the amount of approximately \$380.

Val Ites made a motion to approve the sewer forgiveness. Karen Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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| Alderman Lux | Aye |
| Alderman Dobbins | Aye |
| Alderman Ites | Aye |
| Alderman Kimberling | Aye |

Approval to use the Health Insurance Premium Rebate for Reducing Premiums for the Upcoming Year.

Greg Lux made a motion to approve. Val Ites seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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| Alderman Lux | Aye |
| Alderman Dobbins | Aye |
| Alderman Ites | Aye |
| Alderman Kimberling | Aye |

Approval of Destruction of Records

Karen Dobbins made a motion to approve the destruction of records as determined by the Missouri Secretary of State. Greg Lux seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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| Alderman Lux | Aye |
| Alderman Dobbins | Aye |
| Alderman Ites | Aye |
| Alderman Kimberling | Aye |

Department Head Reports

Brian Scheiter briefly discussed the Missouri DNR grant to cap abandoned wells within city limits. He reported that he would have a more complete proposal for next month’s meeting that would include separate bids for up to six wells. Steve Grantham expressed the need to closely follow the guidelines set forth by the DNR.

Police Chief Report – Mark Black

Monthly Statistics: September 2015; Traffic Stops 12; Warnings 11; Summons 2; Criminal Activities 9; and 3 arrests.

Mark also indicated the emergency sirens were tested that afternoon.

City Clerk Report

Ron Clarke reviewed the financial report for September 2015. September total of all funds \$2,019,154.28. General Fund Revenues - \$542,465.65; General Fund Expenses - \$392,964,89; Event Fund Revenues - \$51,745.69; Event Fund Expenses - \$66,720.49; Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$498,301.55; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses – \$409,532.17.

Sales Tax Review: September Sales Tax was \$41,501; Year to date: \$289,888.70. This is a decrease of \$1,879.85 for the same period in 2014.

Steve Grantham, City Attorney

No report

The mayor discussed hunting in the park and the possible need for an ordinance prohibiting hunting on city property. The discussion included what is done in other cities and what is done under the guidance of the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Board Reports

Val Ites wanted to thank the volunteers once again for their help. The mayor mentioned the possibility of increasing the size of the carnival based on the carnival revenue from this year.

Karen Dobbins presented a card for people to sign for Olive Wood.

Mayor’s Report

Enhancement Committee appointments

The mayor discussed potential Enhancement Committee members and deferred to Karen Dobbins’ judgment to decide who and to contact them.

Hillbilly Fair Discussion

Vicky Gustafson reported that big carnivals require a larger down payment and a guarantee of a certain number of attendees. It was mentioned that we need to start looking for a carnival now for next year and we need to look at historical numbers of attendees from the days when the fair did have big carnivals.

Adjourn

Val Ites made a motion to adjourn. Greg Lux seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Scott Fahrer, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke, City Clerk