

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
JANUARY 12, 2016 6:00 P.M.
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 and Greg Lux. Allen Kimberling was absent. Others present were City Clerk Ron Clarke, City Attorney Steve Grantham, Chief of Police Mark Black, Brian Scheiter, Dean Smith, Dick Dobbins, Valerie Ites, Tom Hohnecker, Craig Gresham, Scott Craig, Jeff Chorpening, Michelle Chorpening, Carolyn Soloman, Joann Billington, Nick Shoemate, Angela Nickerson, Mary Clarke, Ed Hancock, Pat Scott, Colby Powell, Janet Dabbs

Citizens Communication:

None

Mayor's Communications

Jeff Chorpening was sworn in as temporary Alderman (replacing Val Ites) by Judge Pat Scott. The Mayor presented a plaque to the Laurie Police Department in appreciation for their efforts in securing over \$40,000 in grant money for equipment over the past several years. The award was accepted by Chief Mark Black and Assistant to the Chief, Angela Nickerson. The Mayor presented an award to Officer Nick Shoemate in appreciation of his efforts, including spending \$500 of his own money, to save a dog badly burned in a house fire. The Mayor proposed Alderman Lux to be Mayor Pro Tem in the interim until April elections. Alderman Dobbins made a motion to approve Alderman Lux as Mayor Pro Tem. Alderman Chorpening seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Lux made a motion to approve the December 8th regular meeting minutes. Alderman Dobbins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Lux made a motion to approve the December 16th work session minutes. Alderman Dobbins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments

Alderman Chorpening asked about an item on page 3 which was a total for the two entries on the previous page. Alderman Chorpening asked about a uniform expense and if it was a monthly expense. Ron Clarke explained it was one of several individual purchases and there were no regular monthly uniform expenses. Alderman Lux asked about a charge to well #2. Dean Smith responded that the expense was for setting up telemetry. Alderman Dobbins moved to approve payments and pending payments. Alderman Lux seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Sidewalk Update: Ron Clarke reported on an email from Andrew Eckhart, of Anderson Engineering, containing an updated schedule from MODOT. Final plans and estimates from MODOT should be complete by January 15th and that Mr. Eckhart would come to the February meeting to discuss the project.

Street Repair Bids and Approval to proceed: Ron Clarke read the following street repair bids:

	Description	Quantity	Unit	Higgins Asphalt		APAC	Total Price
				Unit Price	Total Price	Unit Price	
1	Full Depth Pavement Repair (Asphalt - 8")	1,635	LS	\$97.09	\$158,742.15	\$105.10	\$171,838.50
2	Subgrade Removal and Repair (Subgrade - Up to 8")	1,227	SY	\$20.85	\$25,582.95	\$30.19	\$37,043.13
				Totals	\$184,325.10		\$208,881.63

Alderman Lux made a motion to accept the bid from Higgins' Asphalt pending review of references. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Lux	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Chorpening	aye
Alderman Kimberling	absent

Laurie Nature Trail: Missouri Master Naturalists Joann Billington and Carolyn Soloman reported on progress of the Laurie Nature Trail. About half of the trail has been cleared and they hoped to have the remainder cleared by spring. They also reported the plan was to place mulch, trail markers, and small markers indentifying trees.

Budget Amendment Ordinance

First Reading Council Bill No. 2016-01; Ordinance No. 2016-01:

An ordinance authorizing and amending the City Budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. Alderman Lux introduced Council bill No. 2016-01 for the first reading. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Lux	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Chorpening	aye
Alderman Kimberling	absent

Second Reading Council Bill No. 2016-01; Ordinance No. 2016-01:

An ordinance authorizing and amending the City Budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. Alderman Dobbins introduced Council bill No. 2016-01 for the second reading. Alderman Lux seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Lux	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Chorpening	aye
Alderman Kimberling	absent

Election Ordinance

First Reading Council Bill No. 2016-02; Ordinance No. 2016-02:

An ordinance providing for submission of a proposal to discontinue application and collection of the local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer to the qualified voters of the city for their approval at the (special) (general) (primary) election called and to be held in the city on April 5, 2016.

Alderman Lux introduced Council bill No. 2016-02 for the first reading. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Lux	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Chorpening	aye
Alderman Kimberling	absent

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Alderman Dobbins introduced Council bill No. 2016-02 for the second reading. Alderman Lux seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Lux	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Chorpening	aye

Alderman Kimberling absent

New Business

Police Body Camera Policy

First Reading Council Bill No. 2016-03; Ordinance No. 2016-03:

An Ordinance to allow for the use of Personal Video Recording devices, aka Police Body Cameras by the Laurie Police Department, and for the policy/policies associated with such practice to be determined by the Chief of Police.

Alderman Dobbins introduced Council bill No. 2016-03 for the first reading. Alderman Lux seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Lux	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Chorpening	aye
Alderman Kimberling	absent

Second Reading Council Bill No. 2016-03; Ordinance No. 2016-03:

An Ordinance to allow for the use of Personal Video Recording devices, aka Police Body Cameras by the Laurie Police Department, and for the policy/policies associated with such practice to be determined by the Chief of Police.

Alderman Lux introduced Council bill No. 2016-02 for the first reading. Alderman Chorpening seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Lux	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Chorpening	aye
Alderman Kimberling	absent

Tom Hohnecker discussed the 2016 American Legion 9/11 Ceremony and requested permission to have a parade from the mall to the American Legion Hall. The ceremony is held every five year anniversary. The parade will have no walking, only vehicles.

Alderman Dobbins made a motion to allow the ceremony/parade. Alderman Chorpening seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Craig Gresham expressed a concern about road maintenance. His road is Deer Valley Road which is within the city limits. The Mayor said that there were funds in place to fix the roads and we need to do something. Alderman Dobbins asked if the road was asphalted. The road is gravel. Mr. Gresham responded that city maintenance always stops at the gravel. Mayor Fahrer responded that current ordinance requires the neighborhood to complete the initial paving and that if it meets requirements, the city will take over the maintenance. Steve Grantham interjected that the subdivision may be responsible for paving the road. Mr. Grantham said that if the Mayor so directed he would investigate any covenants or plats that control the situation, as well as any ordinance changes, and report back to the board. Mayor Fahrer asked if Mr. Gresham would come back next month and he agreed.

Mr. Gresham asked why his water bill keeps going up. Alderman Lux asked if he had looked for leaks. Mayor Fahrer stated water rates have not been raised in almost two years. Mayor Fahrer explained how to check for leaks

Scott Craig presented a proposed Citizens' Firearms Safety course for the citizens of Laurie. There was discussion on the City's liability, the no firearms within City buildings ordinance, and how the class could be structured around these issues. Although there was support for the program, Alderman Lux asked that the issue be tabled until next month to investigate liability, to see how much interest there would be, and to allow time to formulate a step by step procedure to make sure there are no un-safe acts.

Ed Hancock Gravois Fire Chief was called away from the meeting

Department Head Reports

Public Works Department

Susann Huff reported on the Enchanted Village of Lights and that they had taken in over \$30,000.

Mark Black, Police Chief presented the following monthly statistics for December 2015: Traffic Stops 39; Warnings 35; Summons 13; Assist Other Agencies 15; Criminal Activities 2; Calls for Service 294, Arrests 2.

City Clerk

Ron Clarke reviewed the unaudited financial report for December 2015. December total of all funds \$2,170,103. General Fund Revenues - \$671,550; General Fund Expenses - \$511,200; Event Fund Revenues - \$103,415; Event Fund Expenses - \$88,014; Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$666,230; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses – \$504,217.

Sales Tax Review: December City Sales Tax was \$22,022; Year to date: \$377,826. This is a decrease of \$4,782 for the same period in 2014. December Street Sales Tax was \$10,812, YTD \$185,827. This is a decrease of \$2,434 for the same period last year. December Sewer Sales Tax was \$11,010, YTD \$188,913. This is a decrease of \$2,378 for the same period last year.

Ron Clarke reminded the board and citizens that filing for the April election would close next Tuesday January 19th and that Monday was a holiday.

Ron Clarke also reported that the city had sent flowers to Keith Gromer’s funeral.

Steve Grantham, City Attorney

None

Board Reports

None

Mayor’s Report

Mayor Fahrer read a letter from a former citizen of Laurie who had recently moved away. The writer expressed appreciation for the city, the services provided, and the professional manner in which the city employees conducted themselves.

Closed Meeting

Alderman Lux made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into closed session 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 Dobbins seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Lux	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Chorpening	aye
Alderman Kimberling	absent

Closed meeting attendance: Mayor Scott Fahrer, Aldermen: Karen Dobbins, Jeff Chorpening, and Greg Lux. Others present were City Clerk Ron Clarke and City Attorney Steve Grantham

Closed meeting discussion regarding RSMO 610.021(1). The board approved a settlement agreement proposed by MOPERM attorney Marshall Wilson.

Closed meeting discussion regarding RSMO 610.021(3). Alderman Chorpening made a motion to offer the part time position at \$10.00/hr, the full time position at \$10.00/hr plus benefits, and to place an ad for a B licensed WWTP operator, salary contingent on experience Alderman Lux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Lux made a motion to adjourn the closed session and return to open session. Alderman Chorpening seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Lux	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Chorpening	aye
Alderman Kimberling	absent

Closed meeting adjourned and returned to regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor Fahrer called the regular meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

Adjourn

With no further business Alderman Chorpening made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Lux seconded.

Scott Fahrer, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke, City Clerk