

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
FEBRUARY 9, 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, Greg Lux, Allen Kimberling, Jeff Chorpening.

Others present were City Clerk Ron Clarke, City Attorney Steve Grantham, Chief of Police Mark Black, Dick Dobbins, Martha Moulder, Tracy Blakley, Amy Byrd, Angela Beard, Doug Gill, Carol Gill, Valerie Ites, Steve Konuch, Damien Cook, Janet Wilson, Herb Keck, Colby Powell, Janet Dabbs

**Citizens Communication:**

None

**Mayor's Communications:**

Mayor Fahrer expressed his gratitude to the citizens for attending

**Approval of Minutes:**

Alderman Lux made a motion to approve the January 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. Alderman Dobbins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Lux made a motion to approve the January 12<sup>th</sup> closed session minutes. Alderman Dobbins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments:**

Alderman Lux asked about two payments to Gall's, the uniform supplier. City Clerk Ron Clarke explained there was a bug in the program that occasionally printed the wrong vendor on the claims report for some purchases, and that the larger of the questioned purchases was to Hunter Emergency Lighting for equipment purchased with grant money for the police department. Alderman Chorpening asked about the payment to COMO Electric from the general fund. City Clerk Clarke explained that it was for the electric bill for city hall. Alderman Chorpening asked about another large COMO Electric charge and City Clerk Clarke explained that it was for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Alderman Chorpening asked about payments to Bill's Painting and Disaster Brigade. City Clerk Clarke reported those were payments for water damage repairs covered by insurance. Alderman Dobbins made a motion to approve payments and pending payments. Alderman Lux seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Unfinished Business:**

Sidewalk Update – City Clerk Clarke provided the board with a new preliminary cost estimate and schedule from engineer Andrew Eckhart and MODOT. The final plans and schedule should be delivered by the end of February for the board's review at the next meeting. At that time Andrew Eckhart plans to be present to address the board and answer any questions.

Street Repairs Update – City Clerk Clarke reported that the award letter and agreement had been delivered to Higgins Asphalt on February 1<sup>st</sup> and that their signed copies had been placed in the mail to city hall on February 8<sup>th</sup>. As soon as those copies were received, we would sign and send the notice to proceed to Higgins.

Nick Bailey, Fireworks Permit Approval – City Clerk Clarke reported that Mr. Bailey had completed his permanent fireworks permit application and everything was in order. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to approve the permit. Alderman Lux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott Craig: Citizens' Firearms Safety – Scott Craig updated the board with additional information they had requested during the January meeting relating to the proposed firearms safety class to be conducted by the Laurie Police Department. Officer Craig reported that the city's liability insurance carrier had no issues with the class and it would require no change in premiums. Officer Craig reported that the public interest had exceeded his expectations with multiple calls and queries coming daily. He also reported that the Elks lodge had offered to allow the class to be held at their building which alleviated the need to address the ordinance preventing firearms being brought into city buildings. Officer Craig reiterated that all firearms would still be checked prior to entry into the class. Alderman Lux made a motion to approve the class. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Tree Ordinance Discussion - This discussion was tabled to a later time.

#### **New Business:**

Amy Byrd, Liberty National Ins. – Ms. Byrd addressed the board with information regarding supplemental insurance such as that similar to Aflac as well as portable life insurance and AD&D. She reported that this would be at no cost to the city, but would be paid through payroll deduction. She asked permission to speak to employees about the products they provide. The board had no issues with this and granted her permission.

Mike MacDonald, Liquor License – City Clerk Clarke reported that Mr. MacDonald had presented a completed application for a liquor license as he was taking over the restaurant and pub at the Indian Creek Golf Course. The new name would be Mac's Clubhouse Pub. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to approve the license request. Alderman Lux seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Water & Sewer Rate Discussion – Mayor Fahrer asked the board to consider hiring an engineering firm to complete a rate study for the city's water and sewer department. Alderman Dobbins asked about the cost. Mayor Fahrer reported that a year ago an engineering firm had proposed a cost of \$1,500. Mayor Fahrer explained that he felt it was time to find out if the rates were appropriate and to see if they needed adjusting, whether up or down. Alderman Lux asked if there was money in the budget and City Clerk Clarke reported there were funds for contract and/or professional services. Alderman Chorpening stated that he was all for it as he had always wondered why his bill was so high. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to approve hiring an engineer to perform a rate study. Alderman Dobbins asked limiting how much the city should pay and it was determined to limit the cost to \$2,000. Alderman Lux seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Department Head Reports**

##### **Public Works Department**

City Clerk Clarke reported that the work going on through the city to install a new fiber optic line from Versailles to Camdenton had exposed several water leaks in the system. They had not actually broken any lines, but merely exposed some weak points and cracks and that Dean Smith had been working diligently to repair the leaks.

##### **Mark Black, Police Chief**

Mark Black, Police Chief presented the following monthly statistics for January 2016: Traffic Stops 55; Warnings 39; Summons 27; Assist Other Agencies 13; Activities 14; Calls for Service 259, Arrests 1.

##### **City Clerk**

Ron Clarke reviewed the financial report for January 2016. January total of all funds \$2,183,691. General Fund Revenues - \$49,466; General Fund Expenses - \$59,377; Event Fund Revenues - \$2,082; Event Fund Expenses - \$4,864; Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$52,133; and Water

and Sewer Fund Expenses – \$63,795. City Clerk Clarke also reported that the PD grant money recently received had been spent but that there was really no method for accounting for the expenditure so, as in the past, the money came out of the police department “other expense” account which made their budget look bad. He reported the intent to address this with the auditor when she came for the annual audit.

Sales Tax Review: January City Sales Tax was \$13,768; Year to date: \$13,768. This is an increase of \$3,672 for the same period in 2015. January Street Sales Tax was \$6,792, YTD \$6,792. This is an increase of \$1,828 for the same period last year. January Sewer Sales Tax was \$6,884, YTD \$6,884. This is an increase of \$1,835 for the same period last year.

Ron Clarke reported that the Lake Ozark Council of Governments (LOCOG) would be holding their Transportation Advisory Committee meeting in the board room the afternoon of March 1<sup>st</sup>. City Clerk Clarke reported that the current well plugging program was complete and he was preparing paperwork to submit to the state for reimbursement via grant money. Alderman Chorpening asked for clarification and City Clerk Clarke explained that the DNR had grant money available to cap abandoned wells. Alderman Lux explained that it was part of a source water protection program to prevent contaminants from entering the water supply. City Clerk Clarke reported that the water damage repairs were complete with the exception of carpet cleaning.

**Steve Grantham, City Attorney**

None

**Board Reports**

Alderman Dobbins reported that other lake communities had voted in support of the proposed state legislation to separate the Missouri Highway Patrol from the Missouri Water Patrol. She asked if this board should consider doing something similar. Mayor Fahrer asked Chief Black for his opinion and he stated it should probably go back the way it was. After a discussion on how to word the vote, it was decided to make it simple. Alderman Kimberling made a motion to support the “demerger”. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Mayor’s Report**

None

**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(3) to consider hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting an employee. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

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

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

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

Closed meeting adjourned and returned to regular meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Fahrer called the regular meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

City Clerk Clarke reported a summary of the closed meeting.

Closed meeting discussion regarding RSMO 610.021(3).

Alderman Kimberling made a motion to approve the hiring of Larry Westfall on a temporary, as-needed basis until the full-time and part-time positions could be filled. Alderman Lux seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Kimberling made a motion to fill all three vacant positions, full-time maintenance, part-time maintenance, and sewer operator. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Adjourn**

With no further business Alderman Chorpening made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Lux seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Scott Fahrer, Mayor

Attest:

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Ron Clarke, City Clerk