

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MAY 25, 2016 5:30 P.M.
CITY OF LAURIE, MISSOURI**

Mayor Allen Kimberling called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Allen Kimberling, Aldermen: Karen Dobbins, Herb Keck, Jeff Chorpening, Carol Gill (arriving @ 6:00)

Others present were City Clerk Ron Clarke, Susann Huff, Douglas Gill

Alderman Keck requested an amendment to the agenda to include the West Side Sign invitation to bid advertisement. Alderman Dobbins made a motion to accept this addition to the agenda, Alderman Chorpening seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Street Repair Change Orders

City Clerk Clarke reported there may be potential change orders as he and Dean Smith had authorized additional repairs of cracks that had occurred over the winter, and were in close proximity to marked repairs. These additions could result in a change order from Higgins Asphalt. Alderman Chorpening took exception to this decision asking who gave Mr. Clarke and Mr. Smith authority to make these decisions. He asked how this affects the bidding process. He asked how the original bid package was prepared, were core samples taken, who did the research, etc. Mr. Clarke did not know the answers as this project was initiated prior to his tenure. Mr. Clarke explained that this decision was made because:

1. Of the understanding that the next phase of road repairs is to overlay all of the city streets and it would be prudent to make all repairs we could before we get to that phase.
2. That it made little sense to make two repairs in close proximity and skip a needed repair lying between the two.
3. That the original bids were for a per/unit price so it should not affect the original bidding process.
4. That these repairs were minimal
5. That change orders were allowed under the original agreement.

The Board discussed approving a 10% addition to the original contract. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to approve up to \$200,000 to be paid to Higgins, anything above that must come to the Board for approval. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Gill	absent
Alderman Keck	aye

Fairgrounds Roads:

Susann Huff had requested we get an estimate for paving two sections of gravel road at the fairgrounds. The initial estimate was for a total of \$19,040. One 240' section was estimated to cost \$7,168. The other section of 400' was estimated at \$11,872. City Clerk Clarke contacted City Attorney Steve Grantham for advice. Mr. Grantham advised we could get additional estimates and pave the 240' section. Mr. Clarke reported that he checked with the auditor to confirm that this work could be funded from the street sales tax fund. Mr. Clarke reported on the three estimates acquired. C&C Asphalt bid \$31.23/SY. Quality Chip & Seal bid \$22.50/SY. Higgins Asphalt bid \$22.40/SY. Alderman Chorpening felt we should get an estimate from Cody Anderson, who is more local. Many of those present were not aware that Anderson did paving work. Ms. Huff replied that we needed this done prior to the barbeque if we were going to do it and that Higgins was not only low bidder but was also already mobilized. City Clerk Clarke reported that we had received three estimates as was required. Alderman Chorpening insisted we not make a decision until we could contact Cody Anderson. Susann Huff telephoned Mr.

Anderson who reported he could not begin the work any sooner than three months from now. Alderman Chorpening made a motion that we accept the low estimate to pave the 240' section of the fairgrounds roads. Alderman Keck seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering for Next Year

Mr. Clarke asked the board to approve a budget amendment to hire an engineering firm to develop a bid package for the next phase of road repairs. Members of the Board reviewed the balance of the street sales tax fund, along with projected income, to assess the potential expenditures for the next phase. Alderman Dobbins made a motion to proceed with securing an engineering firm to develop the bid package for the next phase of road repairs. Alderman Keck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

West Side Sign

Alderman Keck asked the Board to consider releasing the Invitation to Bid on the letters for the West Side Sign. After some discussion about the date of advertisement and duration, the sealed bid opening date was set to June 24th. Alderman Dobbins made a motion to advertise for bids. Alderman Gill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Chorpening made a motion to adjourn, Alderman Keck seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke, City Clerk