

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
DECEMBER 13, 2016 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF LAURIE, MISSOURI**

Mayor Allen Kimberling called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Allen Kimberling, Aldermen: Karen Dobbins, Carol Gill, Jeff Chorpening, Herb Keck

Others present were City Clerk Ron Clarke, City Attorney Steve Grantham, Chief of Police Mark Black, Dick Dobbins, Greg Lux, Steve Hollaway, Doug Gill, Janet Dabbs

Citizens' Communication

None

Mayor's Communications

None

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Keck made a motion to approve the November 8, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Alderman Gill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Dobbins made a motion to approve the November 15, 2016 Work Session Minutes.

Alderman Gill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments

Alderman Chorpening asked about a \$16,000 payment to the Water & Sewer. City Clerk Clarke reported it was the payment from the general fund to the water & sewer fund for the purchase of the City Hall building. City Clerk Clarke reported this transfer occurs in December each year.

Alderman Chorpening made a motion to approve the payments and additions to pending payments. Alderman Keck seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Sidewalk Project Update – Due to the delay on MoDOT's part on the signal construction, the project will not be completed by the December 15th deadline. Ron Clarke reported on email communications with Project Engineer Andrew Eckhart, and Duane Kliethermes at MoDOT who suggested a change order to extend the deadline to December 30, 2016. Mr. Clarke asked about financial consequences if the project extended into next year. Mr. Kliethermes indicated there would be no consequences to the city, other than a delay in reimbursements. According to contract, Liquidated Damages would not be assessed until March 15, 2017. Mr. Clarke also reported the city has not received the reimbursement for the most recent invoice.

2017 Street Paving Project Update – City Attorney Steve Grantham reported on additional meetings with the Special Eight Road District attorney, Andrew Hardwick. Mr. Grantham suggested setting up a meeting with himself, a representative from the city, Mr. Hardwick, and a representative from the road district to finalize an agreement to move forward. Mayor Kimberling and Alderman Herb Keck volunteered to represent the City. Mr. Grantham will set up the meeting.

First Reading Council Bill No. 2016-17; Ordinance No. 2016-17 “An Ordinance of the City of Laurie, Missouri accepting the existing roadways in the Wellington Woods Subdivision.”

Alderman Dobbins introduced Council bill No. 2016-17 for the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	Aye
Alderman Dobbins	Aye
Alderman Gill	Aye
Alderman Keck	Aye

Second Reading Council Bill No. 2016-17; Ordinance No. 2016-17 “An Ordinance of the City of Laurie, Missouri accepting the existing roadways in the Wellington Woods Subdivision.”

Alderman Keck introduced Council bill No. 2016-17 for the second reading. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	Aye
Alderman Dobbins	Aye
Alderman Gill	Aye
Alderman Keck	Aye

New Business

2017 Budget – Mr. Clarke reported on a change in the proposed budget from that approved in the November 15th Work Session for an increase in the amount budgeted for utilities at City Hall and the Fairgrounds. The change amounted to a net increase of \$2,300. There was no additional discussion.

First Reading Council Bill No. 2016-18; Ordinance No. 2016-18: “An Ordinance adopting an annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016, appropriating funds pursuant thereto.” Alderman Gill introduced Council bill No. 2016-18 for the first reading. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	Aye
Alderman Dobbins	Aye
Alderman Gill	Aye
Alderman Keck	Aye

Second Reading Council Bill No. 2016-18; Ordinance No. 2016-18: “An Ordinance adopting an annual budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016, appropriating funds pursuant thereto.” Alderman Dobbins introduced Council bill No. 2016-18 for the second reading. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	Aye
Alderman Dobbins	Aye
Alderman Gill	Aye
Alderman Keck	Aye

Missouri Supreme Court Rulings on Municipal Courts – City Clerk Clarke reported on new standards for municipal courts and how they affect the City. One requirement is to provide a method to pay on-line or by mail. Mr. Clarke said he was exploring options with credit card companies to accept on-line and credit card payments. Mr. Grantham stated that we had met this standard with the ability to mail fine payments. Mr. Clarke reported on additional standards requiring that court information such as dockets and warrants be posted on-line and that the court room be clearly marked as such and for no other use on court dates.

Hair Port Sewer Forgiveness – Mr. Clarke presented a Public Works recommendation to forgive sewer expenses for Hairport in the amount of \$213.51. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to approve the sewer forgiveness for Hairport in the amount of 213.51. Alderman Dobbins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Westlake Aquatic Friends of the Pool Campaign - The question of donating to the Westlake Aquatic Center was discussed and the question arose if the city could donate tax revenue to a private entity. It was reported that the Center was no longer under the administration of the Rotary so it was unclear if a donation would be prudent. Mr. Grantham explained that it would not be acceptable if they were now a private or for-profit entity City Clerk Clarke offered to investigate the status of the Aquatic Center.

Department Head Reports

Public Works Department

Events – No report

Water – No report

Sewer – Steve Hollaway reported on his efforts to find cost saving alternatives for our simplex grinder pumps.

Chief Black provided the following monthly statistics for November 2016: Traffic Stops 40; Warnings 27; Summons 18; Assist Other Agencies 14; Criminal Activities 12; Calls for Service 392, Arrests 7.

Ron Clarke reviewed the financial report for November 2016. November total of all funds \$2,150,767. General Fund Revenues - \$647,651; General Fund Expenses - \$760,642; Event Fund Revenues - \$85,724; Event Fund Expenses - \$87,642; Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$624,764; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses – \$567,917.

Sales Tax Review: November City Sales Tax was \$52,592; Year to date: \$363,622. This is an increase of \$7,818 for the same period last year. November Street Sales Tax was \$25,838, YTD \$178,472. This is an increase of \$3,456 for the same period last year. November Sewer Sales Tax was \$26,296, YTD \$181,811. This is an increase of \$3,909 for the same period last year.

City Clerk Clarke requested approval to set up an on-line account with the Bank of Versailles to gain on-line access to the cities bank accounts in order to view statements and activity. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to grant permission for City Clerk Clarke to have on-line access at the Bank of Versailles. Alderman Keck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk Clarke requested approval to set up on-line payments for court, water/sewer bills and merchant licenses. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to grant permission for City Clerk Clarke to set up on-line payments. Alderman Keck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk Clarke presented information regarding a preliminary injunction blocking the new FLSA overtime rules. Mr. Grantham stated that since the board had been proactive in September and had acted on this ruling that he recommended they not change their decision. He stated that the ruling will probably eventually be imposed in some fashion and the issue will have been resolved.

Steve Grantham, City Attorney

No report

Board Reports

No report

Mayor's Report

No report

Closed Session

Alderman Dobbins made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into closed session pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes Section 610.021(2) regarding leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore Alderman Gill seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Closed meeting attendance: Mayor Allen Kimberling, Aldermen: Karen Dobbins, Jeff Chorpening, Herb Keck, and Carol Gill. Others present were City Clerk Ron Clarke and City Attorney Steve Grantham

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

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

Closed meeting adjourned and returned to regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Kimberling called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

City Clerk Clarke reported the Board made a decision regarding the acquisition of real estate.

Alderman Gill made a motion to adjourn, Alderman Keck seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:08

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke, City Clerk