

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
JULY 12, 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, Martha Moulder, Ron Holst, Stanley Field, Rick West, Hollie Spencer, Doug Gill, Paul Johnson, Tony Vialpando, Chuck Chorpening, Joyce Chorpening, Dean Smith, Steve Hollaway

Citizens Communication:

None

Mayor's Communications

None

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Dobbins made a motion to approve the June 14th, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Alderman Gill seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments

Alderman Chorpening asked City Clerk Clarke about a series of payments under the heading "Not Defined" in the Water & Sewer section of the report. Mr. Clarke explained that the federal payroll taxes were paid on-line from the general fund and because we cannot mix funds, the water & sewer fund must pay back the general fund each week with a check to cover federal taxes paid for water & sewer employees.

Unfinished Business

Water Sewer Rate Information – Former Mayor Chuck Chorpening addressed the Board regarding the rate increase discussion begun in previous meetings. Mayor Chorpening gave a brief history of the water and sewer funding projects and requirements and pointed out that the Board had the power to adjust water and sewer rates as required to meet expenses and bond obligations. He presented several documents to explain the process as it was done in the past. The Board thanked Mayor Chorpening and directed City Clerk Clarke to continue to investigate the process and make a recommendation.

Sidewalk Bid Review & Funding Breakdown –

Bids were opened on Thursday June 23, 2016 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

The base bids were as follows (complete tabulation is attached);

Westport Construction	\$172,668.15
Meyer Electric	\$185,392.75
Reinhold Electric	\$226,095.50

Rick West from Anderson Engineering appeared before the Board to explain the sidewalk project bids and funding breakdown of the lowest bidder, Westport Construction from Clinton MO. He explained that though they were the lowest bidder on the base project, the TAP (Federal) funds portion of their bid was higher than the amount of TAP funds

approved for the project. This would push the total cost to the city to \$27,838.82, which is above the \$20,000 the city had originally budgeted. Much discussion ensued, with the Board asking for the input of Ron Holst, who had been involved with the project since its inception. Mr. Holst pointed out that the city would still be receiving a project valued at \$192,000 for under \$30,000. It was also pointed out that this project included an improved and traffic light on Highway 5. Alderman Keck asked City Clerk Clarke about available funds. Mr. Clarke reported that funds were available in the transportation sales tax account. Mayor Kimberling asked for a motion. Alderman Keck made a motion to accept the low bid from Westport Construction. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	no
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Gill	no
Alderman Keck	aye
Mayor Kimberling	aye

Mayor Kimberling signed the letter of concurrence to be forwarded to the Missouri Department of Transportation to move the project forward.

Westside Sign Bid Review –

Bids were opened at noon on Friday, June 24th 2016 at City Hall.

Bids were as follows:

Bidder	Amount	Days to Complete
Legacy Signs	\$35,915.00	90
Missouri Neon	\$12,083.00	45
Hugh's Aluminum	\$22,000.00	180

City Clerk Clarke read the bids for the sign indicating Missouri Neon as the low bidder. He reported that due to their bid being significantly lower than the others, he had contacted Robert Rowland at Missouri Neon to confirm they would meet the specifications. Mr. Rowland responded that they had reviewed their bid and it was good. At this time Tony Vialpando from Legacy Signs asked if he could address the Board. He began to explain why his company would be a much better choice, even though their bid was extremely high. After much discussion, City Attorney Steve Grantham pointed out that Legacy Signs was the same company who had provided the sign at the entrance to the City hall building and that he had to resort to the threat of legal action in order to get them to finish the project. At this point Alderman Keck made a motion to accept the low bid from Missouri Neon, subject to quality acceptance of the requisite sample letter “O”. Alderman Chorpening seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Tree Ordinance Discussion – Forester Paul Johnson addressed the Board with a revised version of the Tree Ordinance with many of the restrictions on private citizens removed or reworded. Alderman Gill asked about section 15 which authorized city employees to access private grounds for the purpose of “planting, cultivating, mulching, pruning, spraying, or removing of any Street Trees, Park Trees, or trees on private grounds”. City Attorney Steve Grantham made a suggestion to limit this section to address tree limbs that obstructed roads or sidewalks. Mr. Grantham made a few more suggestions to which the Board appeared to agree. Mr. Johnson agreed to produce another version of the ordinance incorporating these changes.

Indian Hills Management Agreement – Dean Smith presented a cost breakdown for the material required to accomplish the meter project at O Road Park Place. Alderman Chorpening asked if any funds had already been expended. City Clerk Clarke stated that moneys had been expended, and that in the event this project was not approved, the plan was to begin a much needed meter change-out project in other areas of the system, and thus the money would not be wasted. The Board was presented with the agreement document between the City of Laurie and Indian Hills Management. Alderman Gill made a motion to approve the agreement. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Fountain Apartments Sewer Forgiveness - Dean Smith presented the forgiveness request which included an 11 month period in the amount of \$3,098.42. The Board took issue with the time frame involved and asked Attorney Grantham for guidance. He stated there were no ordinances regarding limitations or restrictions on such requests. Granting such requests was entirely up to the Board. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to forgive a total of three months of the eleven months involved. This amount comes to \$845.01. Alderman Gill Seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Attorney Grantham was asked to draft an ordinance limiting the time frame involved in sewer forgiveness requests in the future.

Laurie Care Center Road Request - Clint Hatcher was not present. City Clerk Clarke reported that Mr. Hatcher wanted to address the Board to report on a plan to install a driveway at the Laurie Care Center adjoining Fairgrounds Road.

Primaris Foundation Affordable Healthcare Meeting Request - Hollie Spencer addressed the Board with the desire to use the Board Room for a public meeting to inform the citizens of Laurie and surrounding communities about Affordable Healthcare. Primaris Foundation is a non-profit counseling service offering free advice and selling no products. She informed the Board the group would distribute fliers and send public service announcements to local radio stations advertising the public meeting. The Board was in support of this effort.

Department Head Reports

Public Works Department

Water – See above

Sewer – Steve Hollaway presented a report to the Board which included:

1. Progress on installing audio alarms on lift stations that could not be seen from the roads
2. The wet / dry study required by the Capacity, Management, Operation, and Maintenance Plan (CMOM). The study indicated our efforts to curb Inflow and Infiltration had helped tremendously.
3. That after Labor Day he would begin smoke testing of the system to locate significant leaks.

Events – No report

Mark Black, Police Chief

Monthly Statistics: Chief Black presented the following monthly statistics for June 2016: Traffic Stops 36; Warnings 22; Summons 21; Assist Other Agencies 38; Criminal Activities 12; Calls for Service 534, Arrests 8.

City Clerk

Ron Clarke reviewed the financial report for June 2016. June total of all funds \$2,009,841. General Fund Revenues - \$327,442; General Fund Expenses - \$462,039 (Mr. Clarke pointed out that the fund appeared out of balance due to the fact that the street repairs had been paid and the balance of the street sales tax had yet to be collected.); Event Fund Revenues - \$13,012; Event Fund Expenses - \$26,010; Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$317,813; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses – \$365,351.

Sales Tax Review: June City Sales Tax was \$34,570; Year to date: \$169,184. This is an increase of \$18,104 for the same period last year. June Street Sales Tax was \$17,091, YTD \$82,718. This is an increase of \$8,776 for the same period last year. June Sewer Sales Tax was \$17,285, YTD \$84,592. This is an increase of \$9,052 for the same period last year.

Steve Grantham, City Attorney

No report

Board Reports – Alderman Dobbins reported the July Beautification Award went to St. Patrick Catholic Church

Mayor’s Report

No report

Alderman Dobbins made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke, City Clerk