

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FEBRUARY 14, 2017 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, Doug Gill, Dean Smith, Steve Hollaway, Stanley Field, Caroline Solomon, Larry Biron, Sherry Biron, Janet Dabbs, Colby Powell

Citizens Communication:

None

Mayor's Communications

Mayor Kimberling discussed the upcoming Lake of the Ozarks Annual Shoreline Cleanup and the Annual Lake Road Cleanup projects.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Keck made a motion to approve the January 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. Alderman Dobbins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments

Alderman Chorpening made a motion to approve pending payments. Alderman Gill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Westlake Aquatic Center Friends of the Pool Campaign – Larry Biron addressed the Board to encourage them to support the pool in some way, if not through a cash donation. The Board again discussed the appropriateness of making a donation, even to a non-profit 501c3 organization. Mr. Biron reiterated that he felt the pool was different from other non-profits because it potentially benefits every citizen. Mr. Biron pointed out that the monthly water bill was the greatest expense to the pool and asked if there was a way to get some relief from this. It was suggested that Dean Smith from Laurie Public Works visit the pool to investigate any leakage or inefficiencies.

Sidewalk Project Update – City Clerk Clarke reported that Meyers Electric is on site installing the new signals. The Board was asked to approve the Work Authorization for Anderson Engineering to update the Sidewalk Master Plan and include Phase 5. Alderman Keck made a motion to approve the Mayor signing the Work Authorization. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Clarke also reported on the Lake Ozark Council of Local Governments 5 year Regional Transportation plan. If the Board can commit to an additional phase of the project by August, it could be included in the Five Year Plan, which should in turn assist with the City's next TAP Grant. Committing to upgrade the Master Plan and develop Phase 5 is a step in this direction.

2017 Street Paving Project Update – City Clerk Clarke reported a bid packet was ready to be advertised. Attorney Steve Grantham had reviewed the packet and his suggested changes had been incorporated. City Clerk Clarke will send the packet to Attorney Grantham for one final review. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to send the Street Paving Project out for bid. Alderman Gill Seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Clarke will advertise the week of February 20th.

New Business

Lake West Chamber Lake Road Cleanup - The Lake West Chamber asked for the annual payment of \$400 to the Annual Lake Road Cleanup Project to pay for dumpsters. Alderman Dobbins made a motion to give \$400 to the Lake West Chamber for the cost of Dumpsters. Alderman Keck seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

The Laurie Post Office was discussed and how it was a burden on so many citizens to have to drive approximately 20 miles round trip to access their PO boxes. City Clerk Clarke reported that the letters to our local, state, and federal representatives had been sent last week. These letters asked each senator or representative to do what they could to influence the USPS to open a post office in Laurie.

Certificate of No Election Required - City Clerk Clarke presented information related to the potential to simply certify that no election was necessary if candidates for all open positions ran unopposed. Missouri statute allows this for municipalities under 1000 people. However, in order for this to happen, the question must be put to the voters and pass at an election. The next election when this question could be put to the voters is in 2018. The next election when it could be potentially utilized is 2019. City Clerk Clarke pointed out that the 2020 census will more than likely push the population of Laurie above 1000 making the effort moot. The Board agreed to not pursue this.

FEMA Resiliency Project - The Board discussed the time, effort and people commitment necessary to participate in the FEMA Resiliency Project. The project required the commitment of a dozen or more volunteers and fourteen or more meetings and training seminars. City Clerk Clarke reported he had spoken with Rick Bias, of Morgan County Emergency Management to ask his opinion of the Resiliency Project. Mr. Bias reported that Morgan County declined to participate due to the time, effort, and people commitment. The Board agreed to not pursue this.

Social Media Policy – City Clerk Clarke asked the Board if they were interested in drafting an ordinance to include a Social Media Policy in the employee policy manual. Alderman Gill made a motion for City Attorney and City Clerk Clarke to draft a Social Media Policy. Alderman Keck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Westside Lanes Sewer Forgiveness – Dean Smith presented information regarding a sewer forgiveness at West Side Lanes. He reported that the leak was found and repaired in a timely manner. Alderman Dobbins made a motion to grant a forgiveness in the amount of \$86.52. Alderman Gill Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports

Public Works Department

Sewer – Steve Hollaway reported on two new sewer system installations.

Mark Black, Police Chief

Chief Black provided the following monthly statistics for January 2017: Traffic Stops 56; Warnings 42; Summons 15; Assist Other Agencies 13; Criminal Activities 26; Calls for Service 377, Arrests 5.

City Clerk

Ron Clarke reviewed the financial report for January 2017. December total of all funds \$2,284,560. General Fund Revenues - \$125,420; General Fund Expenses - \$76,963. Event Fund Revenues - \$3,387; Event Fund Expenses - \$4,038. Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$53,285; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses – \$41,991.

Sales Tax Review: January City Sales Tax was \$10,103; Year to date: \$10,103. This is a decrease of \$3,664 for the same period last year. January Street Sales Tax was \$4,948, YTD \$4,948. This is a decrease of \$1,843 for the same period last year. January Sewer Sales Tax was \$5,051, YTD \$5,051. This is a decrease of \$1,832 for the same period last year.

Steve Grantham, City Attorney

No report

Board Reports

Alderman Dobbins reported a plaque was being made with the names of all of the original donors to the West Side Sign project. The plaque will be placed on the concrete base of the sign. The Beautification Award had been presented to Sherry Biron, State Farm Insurance for their Christmas display.

Mayor’s Report

None

Alderman Dobbins made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke, City Clerk