

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MARCH 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, Pam Folker, Chuck Folker, Rick Purdon, Janet Hibdon, Ernie Hibdon, Pamela Payne, Alisa Calvert, Mark Sellenberg, Mary Clarke, Cecila Bish, Janet Dabbs, Colby Powell

Citizens Communication:

Cecelia Bish approached the Board concerning the Laurie Post Office. She stressed the need to return the post office to Laurie and recited some of the history related to the post office. She presented a petition signed by citizens of Laurie to Pamela Payne, Gravois Mills Postmaster.

Mayor's Communications

None

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Keck requested a wording change in the February 14, 2017 regular meeting minutes from contribution to payment. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to approve the amended February 14, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Alderman Gill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments

Alderman Chorpening asked about a payment to the Missouri Department of Revenue. City Clerk Clarke reported it was the annual sewer connection fee payment. Alderman Chorpening asked if that was a tax and City Clerk Clarke reported that every sewer customer pays either .07 or .25 cents each month depending on connection size and that is collected and sent to the state. Alderman Keck made a motion to approve pending payments. Alderman Gill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Laurie Post Office – Postmasters Pamela Payne and Alisa Calvert were in attendance to answer questions. Ms. Calvert reported that the Postal Service (USPS) was working to find a way to reopen the post office in Laurie. She explained the moratorium resulting from the last postal workers union contract could be renegotiated in July. Several suggestions as to potential locations were made, including City Hall. Pamela Payne took notes to report back to the Gateway District supervisors.

Westlake Aquatic Center – Ron Clarke reported on a review of the two Aquatic Center accounts. The pool account was for water only and averaged just under \$110/ month. The “house” account averaged around \$330/month. Both accounts were tax free so there was nothing the city could do to help monetarily. Dean Smith reported on an inspection of the facility. He found one small leak in a shower valve but no other physical problems. He recommended they change out the five 7.5 gallon toilets for 1.5 gallon toilets, install spring loaded shower valves and motion activated sink faucets to conserve water. We estimated a savings of around 500 gallons/month or approximately \$1,200/year.

Sidewalk Project Update – Dean Smith reported on the sidewalk inspection completed with Westport Construction, MoDOT, and Anderson Engineering. The noted recommendations, installing a longer culvert and lowering curbs at ADA ramps had been completed. All that was left was landscaping and cleanup. Ron Clarke reported the parking curbs had been installed at Porters which was another recommendation from MoDOT.

2017 Street Paving Project Update – City Clerk Clarke reported three bid packets had been requested from vendors; Magruder, Higgins, and Capital. He reported the bid opening is scheduled for March 31 at 11:00 am.

New Business

Coffee Shop Sewer Forgiveness – Dean Smith presented information regarding a sewer forgiveness at Omega Coffee Company. He reported that the leak was found and repaired but after some time had elapsed. Alderman Keck made a motion to grant a forgiveness in the amount of \$283.45. Alderman Dobbins Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

DECO Sewer Forgiveness – Dean Smith presented information regarding a sewer forgiveness at DECO Insurance Agency. 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 \$173.04. Alderman Keck Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports

Public Works Department

Events – Susann Huff thanked the Zack Wheat American Legion Post 624 for re-raising the flag at the fairgrounds after the malicious vandalism that occurred in February.

Sewer – Steve Hollaway reported on an incident where diesel fuel, along with antifreeze and other contaminants were dumped at the car wash and made their way to the sewer plant causing considerable problems. Steve spent many hours and dollars on chemicals and additional sample testing before he could return the system back to a healthy state. He suggested the Board pass an ordinance that could collect restitution from anyone caught dumping hazardous chemicals into the public sewer system in the future. Steve reported on another pump company willing to evaluate our grinder pumps and provide rebuilt pumps for a competitive price.

Mark Black, Police Chief

Chief Black provided the following monthly statistics for February 2017: Traffic Stops 39; Summons' 21; Assist Other Agencies 22; Criminal Activities 30; Calls for Service 487, Arrests 6.

Chief Black reported on the quality and value of the new security cameras added to City Hall and the WWTP. He made a request from the Board to spend additional dollars for more cameras and systems. He requested \$1,100 for two cameras in the front of the City Hall building and \$1,500 for a complete system at the maintenance shed at the fairgrounds. After discussing where the money would come from, Alderman Keck made a motion to approve the additional purchase. Alderman Gill seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	No
Alderman Dobbins	Aye
Alderman Gill	Aye
Alderman Keck	Aye

City Clerk

Ron Clarke reviewed the financial report for February 2017. February total of all funds \$2,227,531. General Fund Revenues - \$151,167; General Fund Expenses - \$113,411. Event Fund Revenues - \$3,387; Event Fund Expenses - \$7,616. Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$102,177; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses – \$105,192.

Sales Tax Review: February City Sales Tax was \$34,931; Year to date: \$45,035. This is a decrease of \$4,716 for the same period last year. February Street Sales Tax was \$16,641, YTD \$21,590. This is a decrease of \$2,548 for the same period last year. February Sewer Sales Tax was \$17,466, YTD \$22,517. This is a decrease of \$2,358 for the same period last year.

City Clerk Clarke reported on a training class to be held at City Hall on March 30th. The class, put on by Missouri Water and Wastewater Conference is on chemistry and chlorination and the city was offered two free enrollments for hosting the class. Steve Hollaway and John Taylor will be attending.

Mr. Clarke reported the City was hosting the next LOCLG Economic Development meeting here on April 4th.

Mr. Clarke reported the next P&Z meeting will be Wednesday April 5th instead of Monday April 3rd and would include a public hearing for a Conditional Use Permit. He reported that this process also required that the Board hold a public hearing and asked if they preferred holding a separate meeting or holding a public hearing before the regular Board meeting April 11th. The Board preferred the regular meeting night.

Steve Grantham, City Attorney

No report

Board Reports

Alderman Dobbins reported the Enhancement Committee was to meet the following day. Herb Keck reported the new plaque to be placed at the Westside Sign was in the back of the board room for review.

Mayor's Report

None

Closed Meeting

Alderman Dobbins 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 Keck seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Alderman Chorpening made a motion to adjourn the closed session and return to open session.

Alderman Gill 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 7:28 p.m.

Mayor Kimberling called the regular meeting to order at 7:29 p.m.

City Clerk Clarke reported the following from the closed session: The Board voted to authorize Chief Black to hire a current reserve officer as a full time officer.

Alderman Chorpening reported he did not want to continue to pay the Westlake Chamber the annual \$400 for the lake Road Cleanup dumpsters. He said in his opinion it was no different than

donating money to the Aquatic Center. After some discussion City Clerk Clarke asked if he wanted to take a vote. He did not.

Alderman Gill made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke, City Clerk