

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MAY 9, 2017 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF LAURIE, MISSOURI**

Mayor Allen Kimberling called the meeting to order at 6:05 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, Doug Gill, Dean Smith, Steve Hollaway, Andrew Renken, Dee Phillips, Janet Dabbs, Colby Powell

Citizens Communication:

Alderman Dobbins spoke for citizen Martha Moulder regarding rocks in the grass along MO Highway 5 making it difficult to mow the area along the highway. City Clerk Clarke stated he would speak to the maintenance guys.

Mayor's Communications

None

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Gill made a motion to approve the April 11, 2017 Public Hearing minutes. Alderman Chorpening seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Keck made a motion to approve the April 11, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Alderman Dobbins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments

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

Unfinished Business

2016 Audit Review - Lisa Officer presented the completed 2016 Financial Audit. Overall the results were favorable. She went over several financial reports and commented that the Cities cash accounts had not increased as much as last year due to planned expenditures such as road repairs and sewer system pump replacements. Mayor Kimberling asked her "how are we doing"? Ms. Officer replied that the city is doing well.

Nuisance Ordinance – Alderman Keck referenced the diesel fuel contamination that prompted this amendment and asked about additional measures to insure a similar event did not happen in the future, such as holding the Car Wash accountable in some fashion or to expect them to increase surveillance. City Attorney Grantham explained that such an approach was not a real option. The Board discussed other prospective protective measures with Waste Water Operator Steve Hollaway. City Clerk Clarke reminded the Board that this amendment would simply include "Wastewater" in the existing code in order to provide a means to penalize anyone caught contaminating the wastewater system in the future.

Alderman Keck introduced the First Reading of Council Bill No. 2017-06: Ordinance No. 2017-06: An ordinance amending Section 215.010 of the Laurie City Code pertaining to Nuisances Affecting Health to include Wastewater. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

Alderman Dobbins introduced the Second Reading Council Bill No. 2017-6; Ordinance No. 2017-6: An ordinance amending Section 215.010 of the Laurie City Code pertaining to Nuisances Affecting Health to include Wastewater. Alderman Gill seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

Sidewalk Master Plan Update – The Board briefly reviewed the preliminary Sidewalk Master Plan Update. City Clerk Clarke reported that, as planned, Phase one would be eliminated, phase three was complete. Phase two revised estimated costs went from \$232,000 to \$283,000 and Phase four estimated costs went from \$185,000 to \$250,000. The report contained two new Phases, Phase 5A and 5B. Phase 5A ran from Highway 5 along the north side of Highway O to the Laurie Care Center at an estimated cost of \$205,000. Phase 5B included a cross walk at the Laurie Care Center to the opposite side of Highway O and ran to the Fountain Apartments at an estimated cost of \$122,000. Alderman Keck stated he expected Phase 5A to run just past the Care Center and not stop just before the Center. City Clerk Clarke stated this was a preliminary report and he would pass that information along to Andrew Elkhart, the project engineer.

2017 Street Paving Project Update – City Clerk Clarke reported the contract had been signed and that he was working with MaGruder on the notice to proceed.

Maintenance Truck – City Clerk Clarke reported purchase orders had been issued to both Machen’s Ford and Knapheide for the truck and bed and that he had contacted Purplewave auction personnel on advertising the old truck for sale. The old truck would be advertised for a minimum of three weeks in June.

Social Media Policy

Alderman Keck introduced the First Reading Council Bill No. 2017-07; Ordinance No. 2017-07: An ordinance amending Chapter 117 of the Laurie City Code pertaining to Personnel Regulations to Include a New Section 117.055: Use of Social Media Policy. Alderman Dobbins seconded.

The following vote was recorded:

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

Alderman Chorpening introduced the Second Reading Council Bill No. 2017-07; Ordinance No. 2017-07: An ordinance amending Chapter 117 of the Laurie City Code pertaining to Personnel Regulations to Include a New Section 117.055: Use of Social Media Policy. Alderman Gill seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

Water Line Extension Engineering Proposal – The Board discussed the engineering study proposal submitted by Bartlett & West to update the O Road Water Main Project. Alderman Chorpening wanted to know how long this proposal was good for and did we need to perform this study now. Alderman Keck asked about the estimated cost of the project originally and if there was grant money available. Alderman Chorpening asked if the new study was to present the project in phases, would each phase include a cost escalation. The Board discussed the line size with Water System Operator Dean Smith. Alderman Chorpening asked if the proposal would include cost variances for different line sizes. City Clerk Clarke reported that the original study did include cost variances for line size and at the time a 12” line was recommended. He reported

that the original cost estimate was \$624,000. City Clerk Clarke stated the Board did not have to vote on this proposal tonight and that he would convey any additional questions to Bob Gilbert at Bartlett & West.

Laurie Post Office – The only new information was a response from the Post Master General’s office to Senator Roy Blunt which reiterated that nothing would happen until July when the moratorium expired.

New Business

Central Missouri Archery – The Board discussed setting a date to hold a Hearing to consider revoking the Merchant’s License of Central Missouri Archery for non-payment of taxes. Alderman Chorpene asked if the state statute states that the city merchant license is considered revoked when the state revokes a license, then why do we need to hold a hearing. City Attorney Steve Grantham explained that although technically the license is revoked, the City Code states that the Board will hold a Hearing at which the merchant can defend his/her case to retain his city license and that he/she receive ten days notice of said hearing. Before the City can actually penalize the offender, due process must be served. The Board set a date of May 24th at 6:00 p.m. for the Hearing.

Water Leaks – Dee Phillips addressed the Board to ask for additional forgiveness for a water leak at the Omega Coffee Shop. City Clerk Clarke reminded the Board that a forgiveness had already been granted by the Board. Mayor Kimberling stated that there was nothing else the Board could do.

Department Head Reports

Public Works Department

Events – Ms. Huff was absent to attend a Relay for Life Meeting

Water – Dean Smith reported they had completed two new water service installations the past month.

Sewer – Steve Hollaway stated they had completed two new sewer connections the past month.

Mark Black, Police Chief

Chief Black provided the following monthly statistics for April 2017: Traffic Stops 47; Summons’ 23; Assist Other Agencies 19; Criminal Activities 260; Calls for Service 557, Arrests 9.

City Clerk

Ron Clarke reviewed the financial report for April 2017. April total of all funds \$2,094,309. General Fund Revenues - \$262,798; General Fund Expenses - \$315,872 (which included the final payment for the sidewalk for which the city would be reimbursed). Event Fund Revenues - \$5,919; Event Fund Expenses - \$16,409. Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$205,498; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses – \$244,434.

Sales Tax Review: April City Sales Tax was \$10,886; Year to date: \$80,715. This is a decrease of \$4,138 for the same period last year. April Street Sales Tax was \$5,315, YTD \$38,960. This is a decrease of \$2,265 for the same period last year. April Sewer Sales Tax was \$5,443, YTD \$40,367. This is a decrease of \$2,069 for the same period last year.

Steve Grantham, City Attorney

Attorney Grantham stated he would be resigning at the end of May to take his new position as Circuit Court Judge in Morgan County. Mayor Kimberling thanked Attorney Grantham for his service. Mayor Kimberling then expressed his desire to appoint Attorney Andrew Renken as the new City Attorney/Prosecutor to take effect upon the resignation of Steve Grantham. Alderman Chorpene made a motion to approve the appointment of Andrew Renken. Alderman Keck seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve the appointment of Andrew Renken as the City Attorney.

Board Reports
No reports.

Mayor's Report
None

Alderman Gill made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke, City Clerk