

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
JUNE 13, 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 Andrew Renken, Chief of Police Mark Black, Dick Dobbins, Linda Conner, John Suellentrop, Ginger Suellentrop, Doug Gill, Rick Purdon, Nancy Bailey, Dennis Bailey, Colby Powell, Janet Dabbs

Citizens Communication:

Nancy Bailey from the Dunwurkin neighborhood asked what the city could do to prevent the blighted areas such as where grass is allowed to grow uncontrolled. She wanted to know if the city could mow it or hire someone and send the landowner the bill. The nuisance ordinance was discussed and the need to improve the enforcement of this ordinance. City Clerk Clarke said he would write courtesy letters asking landowners to mow.

Mayor's Communications

None

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Keck made a motion to approve the May 9, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Alderman Dobbins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Chorpening made a motion to approve the May 24, 2017 Hearing minutes. Alderman Gill 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

Sidewalk Master Plan Update – City Clerk Clarke reported the newly revised plan document has not been received. He reported on his conversation with Andrew Eckhart of Anderson Engineering regarding the desire to extend Phase 5A approximately 500 additional feet. Mr. Eckhart reported the cost would be minimal, approximately \$15,000 - \$20,000 additional. This cost estimate still makes Phase 5A the most attractive option cost wise. Mr. Clarke reported the revised Sidewalk Master Plan would definitely be delivered prior to the next Board meeting and it was time to schedule a public hearing. The Board agreed to hold a hearing in conjunction with the next Board meeting at 5:30 PM on July 11th.

2017 Street Paving Project Update – City Clerk Clarke reported that the necessary repairs had been completed on Elks Road and ready to start the 2017 Overlay Project. He also stated repairs had been made in Wellington Woods.

Water Line Extension Engineering Proposal – City Clerk Clarke reported the revised water line extension study now included all of the items the Board discussed in last month's meeting such as cost variances for different line sizes, financial feasibility study and funding options. The revised cost would be \$9,600. City Clerk Clarke reported we had set aside capital money for water system improvements which could be used to fund the study. Alderman Keck made a motion that the City accept and fund the study proposal from Bartlett and West. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Laurie Post Office – City Clerk Clarke reported that the Postmaster in Gravois, Pam Payne has asked if any businesses in Laurie would be interested in hosting a Contract Postal Unit to please contact here as soon as

possible. The USPS is asking so as to have options available if the moratorium is lifted in July. At this time there are two businesses interested.

New Business

Laurie/Sunrise Beach Rotary Car Show – John Suellentrop approached the Board to ask permission for the Laurie - Sunrise Beach Rotary to use the Fairgrounds for the annual Fall Follies Car Show on September 9th. He reported last year the Rotary had raised and donated \$13,000 for scholarships, libraries, the Aquatic Center, etc. \$8,000 of this money came from the annual car show. Alderman Dobbins made a motion to allow the Laurie - Sunrise Beach Rotary to use the Fairgrounds. Alderman Keck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Comprehensive Master Plan Update – Linda Conner from LOCLG presented a proposal to assist the City with an update to the Comprehensive Master Plan which has not been updated since 2004. The process would include a review of: Demographics, Quality of Life, Economy, Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure, Planning & Zoning, and Resiliency. The process would require a steering committee made up of citizens with experience in each of these categories and require six or so meetings facilitated by Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments (LOCLG). The Board will consider the proposal and provide an answer no later than the next Board meeting July 11th.

TNT Truck Sewer Forgiveness – Dean Smith presented a report regarding a sewer forgiveness for TNT Truck & Equipment in the amount of \$148.32. Alderman Dobbins made a motion to grant the sewer forgiveness in the amount of \$148.32. Alderman Keck pointed out that the Board had granted the Public Works discretion for such forgiveness if under \$300.00. Neither Mr. Smith nor City Clerk Clarke were aware of this. Alderman Keck suggested we research meeting minutes. Alderman Chorpening seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jiffy Stop Liquor License – City Clerk Clarke reported the Jiffy Stop had changed hands and the new owner had applied for a liquor license. He reported the application was in order and all documentation was complete. Alderman Keck made a motion to approve the liquor license for GPM Investments at The Jiffy Stop. Alderman Gill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports

Public Works Department

Events - Susann Huff reported on the garage sale and spring golf tournament. Garage sale proceeds were \$482.50 and tournament proceeds were \$3,136. She reported that the Lake Christian Academy would not be assisting with parking at the Hillbilly Fair this year and was looking for an organization to take their place. She also reported her intent to retire in April of 2018.

Water – Dean Smith reported we were moving forward with procuring new meters and a new meter reading system. This is a project budgeted this year. The intent is to procure about 25 meters at a time and complete 100 swaps this year. He also reported the report on the Water Tower inspection showed no deficiencies.

Sewer – Steve Hollaway presented a cover letter from a report he had sent to Ronda Crabtree at the DNR explaining why our monthly test results had been unacceptable. This was related to the petroleum intrusion from the car wash. The report indicated all of the steps taken to remedy the situation and the fact that everything was now back in order.

Mark Black, Police Chief

Chief Black reported that we would be applying for the COPS grant again this year and if we got it, it would pay three quarters of the salary of an additional officer for three years.

Chief Black also reported that a St. Louis police department donates a used police vehicle to a small community police force each year and this year they would like to donate a 2010 Tahoe to the Laurie PD. There were no objections.

Chief Black provided the following monthly statistics for May 2017: Traffic Stops 67; Summons' 30; Assist Other Agencies 31; Criminal Activities 232; Calls for Service 579, Arrests 5.

City Clerk

Ron Clarke reviewed the financial report for May 2017. May total of all funds \$2,074,899. General Fund Revenues - \$225,387; General Fund Expenses - \$362,652 (which included the final payment for the sidewalk for which the city would be reimbursed). Event Fund Revenues - \$11,844; Event Fund Expenses - \$22,533. Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$245,484; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses – \$281,202.

Sales Tax Review: May City Sales Tax was \$35,837; Year to date: \$116,552. This is a decrease of \$18,061 for the same period last year. May Street Sales Tax was \$17,399, YTD \$56,360. This is a decrease of \$9,267 for the same period last year. May Sewer Sales Tax was \$17,918, YTD \$58,276. This is a decrease of \$9,030 for the same period last year.

Andrew Renken, City Attorney

None

Board Reports

Alderman Dobbins announced next committee meeting dates. She announced that Ann Koenig from the Department of Conservation will be taking Paul Johnson’s place. Tree City USA will survey our trees and recommend replacements for trees lost during the recent storm and trees that may be at end-of-life.

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 Keck 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 6:59 p.m.

Mayor Kimberling called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Clarke reported the following from the closed session: The Board voted to authorize Chief Black to hire a full time officer to replace Officer Rick Pugh.

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke, City Clerk