

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
JULY 6, 2017 4:00 P.M.
CITY OF LAURIE, MISSOURI**

Mayor Allen Kimberling called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Allen Kimberling, Aldermen: Karen Dobbins, Herb Keck, Jeff Chorpening, Carol Gill

Others present were City Clerk Ron Clarke, City Attorney Andrew Renken, Susann Huff, Barb Cameron, and Chief Mark Black

Laurie Municipal Court Options – Due to the unexpected early retirement of Municipal Court Judge Pat Scott, City Clerk Clarke presented options to the Board. He had researched these solutions when informed that Judge Scott would be retiring in November of this year. The change in her retirement time frame has precipitated the need to take action. The options and discussion are as follows:

1. Dissolve completely and move everything to Morgan County
 - a. City provides PA
 - b. City retains fines
 - c. Details need to be worked out regarding:
 - i. Docket
 - ii. Bailiff
 - iii. Where fines are paid
 - iv. How city is reimbursed
 - v. Who sits as Judge for cases in which Grantham is PA
 - vi. What time is court
2. Have Judge Grantham hold court in Laurie and keep everything else the same
3. Hire a replacement for Judge Scott

City Attorney Renken stated that finding a Judge to hear the cases on which Judge Grantham is the PA of record should be no problem. Court Clerk Barb Cameron stated there were 15 such cases. The Board reviewed a series of emails from other City Clerks whose cities had dissolved their municipal courts as well as a sample ordinance. There was some discussion about additional compensation for City Attorney Renken to travel to Versailles for court. The Board discussed the pros and cons of each option questioning the revenue stream and costs of holding court in Laurie. City Attorney Renken stated we might need to find out about access to the Judicial Information System (JIS) used by the Morgan County Associate Circuit Court. City Clerk Clarke said he would investigate.

Court Clerk Barb Cameron was directed to grant continuances for the fifteen cases on which Judge Grantham is the PA of record until such time as another judge could be found to hear those cases. City Clerk Clarke was directed to ask Judge Grantham if he could sit for Laurie Municipal Court on July 25th.

Alderman Keck made a motion to dissolve the Laurie Municipal Court and to draft an ordinance to do so and to move court proceedings to the Morgan County Associate Circuit Court. The following vote was recorded:

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

Part Time Events Coordinator Position – City Clerk Clarke presented information to the Board as to the costs for hiring a part time person to work with Events Coordinator Susann Huff for the remainder of the year. After much discussion regarding the merits, risks, and costs of hiring a person to shadow Ms. Huff and learn the position, Alderman Dobbins made a motion to hire a

part time employee at \$10.00/hour for approximately 20 hours/week. Alderman Keck seconded. The vote was 3 aye and 1 nay.

Alderman Chorpening made a motion to adjourn, Alderman Gill seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 pm.

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke, City Clerk