

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
JULY 11, 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, Doug Gill, Colby Powell, Janet Dabbs, Greg Lux

Citizens Communication:

None

Mayor's Communications

Mayor Kimberling stated he would like to re-appoint LJ Hipple to the Planning and Zoning Commission. He said he had spoken with Ms. Hipple and she had agreed to stay on the commission. Some discussion ensued regarding getting new and younger people involved in the City's affairs such as the P&Z Commission. Alderman Dobbins asked if this is what the Commission Chair Rick Purdon wanted. City Clerk Clarke stated he had communicated with Mr. Purdon and it was his intention to ask Ms. Hipple to stay on if she was agreeable. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to reappoint LJ Hipple to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Gill seconded. Motion passed 3-1.

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Keck made a motion to approve the June 13, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Alderman Chorpening seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Dobbins made a motion to approve the June 13, 2017 closed meeting minutes. Alderman Keck seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Keck made a motion to approve the July 6, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes. Alderman Gill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments

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

Unfinished Business

Sidewalk Master Plan Update – As the Board had reviewed the plan update presented by Anderson Engineering and held a Public Hearing on the subject, Alderman Dobbins made a motion, due to the safety issue related to pedestrians along O Road, to approve Phase 5A of the Transportation Enhancement Master Plan also known as the Sidewalk Master Plan and to move forward with the TAP application process. Alderman Chorpening seconded. The motion passed 3-1.

Comprehensive Master Plan Update – After reviewing the committees and personnel requirements to participate in the LOCLG Comprehensive Master Plan Update process, Alderman Keck made a motion to participate in the process. Alderman Gill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2017 Street Paving Project Update – City Clerk Clarke reported that Magruder Paving had been delayed due to rain but was planning to begin the next state project on July 17. Magruder stated they would work in Laurie on Fridays if they had to to complete the project on time.

Laurie Municipal Court – City Clerk Clarke reported on a conversation between Judge Grantham and himself wherein Judge Grantham asked about the time frame for moving the Laurie Municipal Court to Morgan County. Judge Grantham also agreed to hear court in Laurie on July 25th. City Attorney Andrew Renken reported on additional information received from Judge Grantham related to the dissolution process and he would continue to work on the process and report back to the Board.

Mayor Kimberling requested to appoint Stephen Grantham as interim Municipal Court Judge. Alderman Dobbins made a motion to approve Stephen Grantham as the interim Municipal Court Judge. Alderman Gill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Laurie Post Office – City Clerk Clarke reported that as of now there were two businesses in Laurie who had indicated they would be willing to host a Contract Postal Unit. He also reported that the manager of the Laurie Terrace Mall had volunteered space to house the post office boxes if no other solution was found.

New Business
None

Department Head Reports
Public Works Department

Events – No report

Water – No report

Sewer – No report. City Clerk Clarke asked Mr. Hollaway about a recent letter from the DNR regarding the resolution to the contaminants from the car wash that had infiltrated the WWTP. Mr. Hollaway stated the letter acknowledged that the WWTP was back in compliance and that the DNR thanked us for our quick response to the issue.

Mark Black, Police Chief

Chief Black provided the following monthly statistics for June 2017: Traffic Stops 57; Summons' 32; Assist Other Agencies 13; Criminal Activities 141; Calls for Service 597, Arrests 13.

City Clerk

Ron Clarke reviewed the financial report for June 2017. June total of all funds \$2,204,390. General Fund Revenues - \$382,732 (which included reimbursement for the sidewalk project); General Fund Expenses - \$418,238. Event Fund Revenues - \$14,948; Event Fund Expenses - \$27,264. Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$304,353; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses – \$315,185.

Sales Tax Review: June City Sales Tax was \$48,874; Year to date: \$165,427. This is a decrease of \$3,756 for the same period last year. June Street Sales Tax was \$24,214, YTD \$80,575. This is a decrease of \$2,143 for the same period last year. June Sewer Sales Tax was \$24,437, YTD \$82,714. This is a decrease of \$1,878 for the same period last year.

City Clerk Clarke reported the sale of the city maintenance truck netted \$6,830 and the City had received an \$88,943 reimbursement from the state for the sidewalk project.

Andrew Renken, City Attorney

Mr. Renken stated he would continue to work on the court transition.

Board Reports

Alderman Dobbins presented a Tree City USA plaque to the Mayor representing the City. She indicated we had also received signs designating Laurie as a Tree City USA city to be placed at the population signs at each end of town and we received a Tree City USA flag for which we needed a location to hang. Alderman Chorpening suggested we install a flag pole near the new West Side Sign. She announced next committee meeting dates. She announced that Ann Koenig from the Department of Conservation will be taking Paul Johnson's place. She indicated Ms. Koenig knew of an architect who would volunteer to design a landscape plan for City Hall Property.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kimberling reported on a LOCLG TAC meeting he attended wherein the sidewalk project was discussed. Information was presented to the committee by former Mayor Chuck Chorpening resulting in the Laurie sidewalk project being moved higher on the priority list.

Alderman Chorpening made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Dobbins seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:35

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke, City Clerk