

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OCTOBER 10, 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, Dick Dobbins, Doug Gill, Susann Huff, Dean Smith, Steve Hollaway, Ed Hancock, Dru Hayes, Matt VanderTuig, Charlie Zitnik, Mac Mouat, Wendy Needy, Doug Needy

Citizens' Communication

None

Mayor's Communications

None

Approval of Consent Agenda Process

Alderman Keck made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Dobbins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

September 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2017 Closed Meeting Minutes

Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments

Unfinished Business

O Road Water Line Facility Plan & Well Discussion - Matt VanderTuig presented a feasibility study proposal for the Lakewood water well and storage tank. It was pointed out that it may be possible to pursue this option as a separate project from the O Road water line project, and that this separate project may meet the Cities needs for the short term. The Board decided to wait to approve this study agreement until we had additional budget discussions later in October.

Water System Bond Discussion - Charlie Zitnik presented information regarding unused bonding capacity for the water system. Two schedules were presented to show the Board how the additional \$613,000 could be financed if they chose to use it. The process and options for additional bonds were discussed if needed to complete the O Road water line project.

Nuisance/Vegetation Control Amendment – No agreement was made as to the wording for the excessive vegetation paragraph in the Nuisance Ordinance. The Board asked City Attorney Andrew Renken to continue to research “common sense” wording.

Municipal Court Transfer Progress – City Clerk Clarke reported on the progress through the defined transfer process presented by Judge Hayden. Letters had been written and copies of our ordinance had been sent to Judge Hayden, Judge Grantham, The Missouri State Highway Patrol, and the Missouri department of Revenue. Now we are at the point in the transfer process where we need to work out the process and accounting details with the Associate Court in Morgan County. Andrew Renken reported on a conference call in which he participated with Judge Hayden wherein additional details emerged regarding the transfer of records. He indicated we will need to categorize and index every record for the past three years and every DWI case for the past fifty years before we can complete the transfer process. City Clerk Clarke reported that he would probably need to hire someone part time to complete this requirement.

Post Office Update – City Clerk Clarke reported that additional letters had been written to Roy Blunt, Vicky Hartzler, and Claire McCaskill asking for additional help on our behalf. A letter was also sent to

the USPS District Manager in St. Louis asking for a status update. City Clerk Clarke reported that a representative had contacted the Mayor in an effort to set up a conference call between the Mayor, Vicky Hartzler, the USPS District Manager, and additional USPS representatives. At this time the call has not been scheduled. Mr. Clarke also reported that Post Master Pam Payne was also making arrangements to move the PO boxes to the mall if these efforts proved fruitless.

New Business

Taboo Liquor License – City Clerk Clarke reported that the owner of Taboo Ice Cream and Deli had applied for a liquor license to sell wine and beer. He reported that she had met all requirements of the license application. Alderman Dobbins made a motion to approve the liquor license. Alderman Keck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Insurance Premium Rebate – City Clerk Clarke asked the Board to approve using the health insurance rebate to reduce future premium expenses. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to approve the use of the health insurance rebate to reduce premium costs. Alderman Gill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2018 Budget Proposal / Budget Discussion Meeting Schedule – City Clerk Clarke introduced the first draft of the 2018 Budget. He explained that this draft included a 3% wage increase across the board, line item adjustments, a 10% health insurance increase, and capital expenditure proposals. The Board agreed to meet at 6:30 p. m. on Tuesday October 17 for a budget workshop.

Department Head Reports

Events - No report

Water – No report

Sewer – No report

Mark Black, Police Chief

Chief Black was attending training and was not in attendance. Chief Black provided the following monthly statistics for September 2017: Traffic Stops 32; Summons' 7; Assist Other Agencies 7; Criminal Activities 540; Calls for Service 448, Arrests 2.

Ron Clarke, City Clerk

Ron Clarke reviewed the financial report for September 2017. September total of all funds \$2,119,054. General Fund Revenues - \$605,099; General Fund Expenses - \$751,740. Event Fund Revenues - \$56,643; Event Fund Expenses - \$76,696. Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$493,996; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses – \$472,192.

Sales Tax Review: City Clerk Clarke reported that the City had still not received the September reports from DOR. He had acquired the sales tax figures but not the comparison data. September City Sales Tax was \$49,594. September Street Sales Tax was \$24,500. September Sewer Sales Tax was \$24,797. City Clerk Clarke also reported that these numbers were significantly higher than the same period the previous year and that we were much closer to our budgeted revenue amounts than we were last month, meaning that the last three days of the month missing from the August reports made a significant difference.

Andrew Renken, City Attorney

No report

Board Reports

Alderman reported on Arbor Day Celebration plans

Mayor's Report

None

Adjourn

Alderman Gill made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke, City Clerk