

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
NOVEMBER 14, 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, Matt VanderTuig, John Suellentrop, Gene VandeWoestyne

Citizens' Communication

None

Mayor's Communications

None

Approval of Consent Agenda Process

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

October 10, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes

Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments

Unfinished Business

Lake Wood Center Feasibility Discussion - Matt VanderTuig presented the feasibility study for the Lakewood Center well and standpipe. He explained that although it would be possible to use the well, the conditions would not be ideal due to the following reasons:

Pressures at the golf course would be marginally acceptable

Turnover at the standpipe would be more than what would be desirable

It would not provide for growth outside of the golf course

Keeping the system pressures acceptable would require constant maintenance

The system would require additional expenses within the next 10-15 years

Mr. VanderTuig reported on the pros and cons of both projects (Lakewood Center Well and O Road Line Expansion) as outlined in their cover letter for the feasibility study and explained that their recommendation is to forgo the Lakewood Center Well and pursue the O Road line expansion project. Alderman Keck made a motion to proceed with the O Road project and Bonds. Alderman Gill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Water System Bond Discussion – City Clerk Clarke presented an email from Charlie Zitnick of DA Davidson wherein he explained that the services necessary to prepare the Bond issue were typically taken care of by bonding companies such as DA Davidson and Bond Counsel Companies such as Gilmore and Bell, which the city has used before, at no charge. Alderman Dobbins made a motion to retain the services of DA Davidson for this Bond issue. Alderman Gill seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Alderman Gill made a motion to retain the services of Gilmore & Bell for Bond Counsel. Alderman Dobbins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Nuisance/Vegetation Control Amendment – City Attorney Renken reported that he has reviewed a map of the city that indicated where properties lie for which the city has received complaints. He reported that he had yet to come up with sufficient wording for an ordinance amendment and that we should revisit the question in December or January.

Municipal Court Transfer Progress – City Clerk Clarke reported on the progress toward getting files transferred and cases closed out prior to a December 15th deadline. City Attorney Renken reported that the first case to be heard by the County would be in February 2018.

Post Office Update – City Clerk Clarke reported that we had had telephone conversations with representatives from the offices of Roy Blunt, Vicky Hartzler, and Claire McCaskill inquiring as to any progress and offers of additional assistance. He also reported on a conference call between a representative from Vicky Hartzler’s office, the Mayor, and a representative from the USPS Regional Office in St. Louis, which did not resolve anything. The final determination was that the moratorium has been extended through December of this year. City Clerk Clarke also reported on a telephone conversation with the Marketing Director at the USPS Regional Office in St. Louis wherein she reported that they would be driving to Laurie to evaluate the locations where local merchants had expressed interest in housing a CPU. Alderman Dobbins reported that she had heard this expedition had indeed taken place. Outside of that there is still no concrete resolution.

2018 Budget Proposal – City Clerk Clarke provided a summary of changes completed since the October budget meeting:

Labor adjustments made as directed and include Events Assistant starting full time in January and part time help for the WWTP. Adjusted health insurance for 7% increase vs. 10%. Dental, AD&D and Life increase 3%. Property and liability insurance changes averaged 14% but most of this had been accounted for previously (police liability was a significant portion of the increase). Added \$2,000 for Sewer lab testing due to increased contaminant testing. Added \$1,500 to PD vehicle maintenance budget due to overages this year.

Moved some Maintenance Expenses to the Motor Vehicle Tax funded Maintenance budget (no change to the bottom line).

City Clerk Clarke stated that if there were no comments or changes this would be the budget presented for ordinance vote in December.

New Business

Laurie Sunrise Beach Rotary – The Rotary asked for the use of the Fairgrounds for the 2019 car show as before. Mayor Kimberling reminded them of the change in the rental agreement and the need to allow established food vendors to operate. They understood this and stated that would be no problem.

Sales Tax Proposal – Mayor Kimberling introduced the subject of a possible .25% sales tax to help fund the police department. After some discussion it was decided to table this issue until December.

April 2018 Election – City Clerk Clarke stated the Board needed to vote to hold an election in April 2018 to fill expiring Board positions as well as the Mayor position. Alderman Gill made a motion to hold an election in April 2018 to fill two vacant Board positions and the Mayor position. Alderman Chorpening seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Chorpening made a motion to hold the Volunteer & Employee dinner at the Elks. Alderman Gill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports

Events – Susann Huff reported that the Enchanted Village of Lights was ready to open on Friday November 17th.

Water – Dean Smith reported that he was continuing on his meter replacement capital project.

Sewer – Ron Clarke reported that we had another contamination at the treatment plant but that Steve Hollaway had addressed it and the plant was back in good working order and that a report was being prepared for the DNR.

Mark Black, Police Chief

Chief Black was on vacation and was not in attendance. Chief Black provided the following monthly statistics for October 2017: Traffic Stops 93; Summons' 40; Assist Other Agencies 19; Criminal Activities 146; Calls for Service 544, Arrests 4.

Ron Clarke, City Clerk

Ron Clarke reviewed the financial report for October 2017. October total of all funds \$2,188,249. General Fund Revenues - \$689,011; General Fund Expenses - \$802,129. Event Fund Revenues - \$72,656; Event Fund Expenses - \$85,068. Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$563,686; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses – \$513,416.

Sales Tax Review: October City Sales Tax was \$14,639.94. This is a decrease of \$9,336 for the same period last year. October Street Sales Tax was \$7,235.49. This is a decrease of \$4,957 for the same period last year. October Sewer Sales Tax was \$7,319.90. This is a decrease of \$4,667 for the same period last year.

Andrew Renken, City Attorney

No report

Board Reports

Alderman Dobbins reported there would be no Enhancement or Tree committee meetings in November.

Mayor's Report

None

Adjourn

Alderman Chorpening made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke, City Clerk