

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
FEBRUARY 13, 2018 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, Dick Dobbins, Caitlin Shoults, Dean Smith, Steve Hollaway, Michael Wagner, Toni Wagner, Linda Kimberling

Citizens' Communication

Michael Wagner of the Laurie/Sunrise Beach Rotary addressed the Board concerning an opportunity to acquire 42 trees from Missouri Forest Relief. He was interested in partnering with the City to locate suitable locations and assist with planting the native Missouri trees. He will be attending the upcoming Enhancement / Tree City meeting to discuss details.

Mayor's Communications

None

Approval of Consent Agenda Process

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

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Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments

Unfinished Business

Post Office Update –City Clerk Clarke reported that Postmaster Pam Payne sent an email stating that postal representatives from St. Louis had come to Laurie to look at Ozark Bait & Tackle and the Kerr's property. She was unable to accompany them as they did not let her know they were coming. She encourages the Mayor to contact Charley Miller, the regional manager, to reschedule the tour of Laurie to point out possible locations for a Remote Managed Post Office (RMPO). Mr. Clarke also reported on another interested Party who is opening a medical practice in the building where the West Side Star offices were once located.

Bond Issue Update – City Clerk Clarke reported that he contacted Sid Douglas of Gilmore and Bell to find out what we needed to be doing in preparation for the upcoming Bond Election. He stated that the City needed to develop talking points about the benefits and costs of the project. That we could hold meetings and develop printed material, but could not ask voters to vote for the Bond. City Clerk Clarke said he would develop talking points and present them to the Board.

New Business

Mike Coldwell PD Grant Writing – Mr. Coldwell was not present.

West Side Cleanup Dumpster Request – City Clerk Clarke presented the letter from the Lake West Chamber asking for the annual donation to help defray the costs of dumpster for the west side cleanup. He reported that he had an email from City Attorney Andrew Renken stating his opinion that the City had a certain obligation to make sure the roads are cleaned up and trash is disposed of properly. Alderman Keck made a motion to make the \$400 donation to the Lake West Chamber. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dobbins Commercial Property Sewer Forgiveness – Dean Smith presented a report on a sewer forgiveness request for Dick and Karen Dobbins. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to grant the forgiveness in the amount of \$140.49. Alderman Keck seconded. The motion passed with Alderman Dobbins abstaining.

Part Time WWTP Helper – City Clerk Clarke recommended the Board hire Aaron Frank for the part time Waste Water Operator. Alderman Dobbins made a motion to hire Aaron Frank. Alderman Gill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports

Events – Caitlin Shoults reported all of the Christmas lights were down.

Water – Dean Smith had nothing to report.

Sewer – Steve Hollaway had nothing to report.

Mark Black, Police Chief

Chief Black provided the following monthly statistics for January 2018: Traffic Stops 95; Summons’ 17; Assist Other Agencies 18; Criminal Activities 233; Calls for Service 374, Arrests 4.

Ron Clarke, City Clerk

Ron Clarke reviewed the financial report for January 2018. January total of all funds \$2,207,441. General Fund Revenues - \$41,079; General Fund Expenses - \$80,246, which included some expenses from 2017 that will be rolled back once the auditor is done. Event Fund Revenues - \$2,659; Event Fund Expenses - \$8,340. Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$49,785; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses – \$70,518.

Sales Tax Review: January City Sales Tax was \$22,945.77. February City Sales Tax was \$14,618.15. This is an increase of \$4,514 for the same period last year. January Street Sales Tax was \$11,285.45. February Street Sales Tax was \$7,210.16. This is an increase of \$2,261 for the same period last year. January Sewer Sales Tax was \$11,472.89. February Sewer Sales Tax was \$7,308.94. This is an increase of \$2,257 for the same period last year.

Andrew Renken, City Attorney

Board Reports

Alderman Dobbins reported there would be an Enhancement / Tree committee meeting February 21.

Mayor’s Report

None

Adjourn

Alderman Gill made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke, City Clerk