

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
JANUARY 11, 2012; 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF LAURIE, MISSOURI**

Mayor Chuck Chorpening called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Prior to starting the agenda Mayor Chorpening asked those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held in honor of our troops and our nation.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Chuck Chorpening, Alderman Greg Lux, Alderman Herb Keck, Alderman Karen Dobbins, and Alderman Valerie Ites.

Others present were City Clerk Olive Wood, Director of Public Works Ed Young, Police Chief Shane Edwards, City Attorney Steve Grantham, Janet Dabbs, Mike Wood, Richard Skaar, Amy Wilson, Dru Hayes, Ken Zgiet, Dick Dobbins, Jim Burtin, Allen Kimberling, Stan Schultz, Peggy Huffman, Ray Kline, Curt Mooney, Rick Metter, Amy Wilson, Debbie Rathart, and Phil Keeney.

Citizens' Communication: None

Mayor's Communications: Mayor Chorpening welcomed LOCOG Executive Director Debbie Rafferty, Village of Sunrise Beach Board Chair Curt Mooney, Schultz & Summers Engineering Firm, and new City Attorney Steve Grantham.

Approval of Minutes

December 13, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes: Alderman Lux made a motion to approve the December 13, 2011 regular meeting minutes. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Keck	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments: Alderman Keck made a motion to approve pending and additions to pending payments. Alderman Ites seconded: The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Keck	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

Unfinished Business:

A. First Reading Council Bill No. 2012-01; Ordinance No. 2012-01: "An Ordinance authorizing and amending the City Budget for the fiscal year ending

December 31, 2011.” Alderman Lux introduced Council Bill No. 2012-01 for the first reading. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Keck	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

B. Second Reading Council Bill No. 2012-01; Ordinance No. 2012-01: “An Ordinance authorizing and amending the City Budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.” Alderman Ites introduced Council Bill No. 2012-01 for the second reading. Alderman Keck seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Keck	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

Mayor Chorpening declared Council Bill No. 2012-01 becomes Ordinance No. 2012-01.

C. Sealed Bids for Surplus Property: The following surplus bids were received:

Surplus Item Bids

Bid Opening: January 5, 2012 at 4:05 p.m.

Attendance: Ed Young, Barbara Cameron and Olive Wood

Bid # 1

Tom Schwiger

1 Stihl Backpack BR 400 backpack blower

\$75.00

Bid # 2

Jerry Unrein

1 Stihl Backpack BR 400 backpack blower

\$50.00

Bid # 3

Dean Smith

** 1 – 20” Murray push mower - \$5.00*

** 1 – Stihl FS120 dual line string trimmer - \$25.00*

Bid # 4

Olive Wood

2 – playground bouncing horse without spring

\$10.00

Bid # 5

Paul Van Evercooren

** 1 – Stihl Backpack BR 400 backpack blower*

\$110.00

Bid # 6

Dave Hendrix

1 - Stihl Backpack BR 400 backpack blower

\$88.00

1 - Stihl Backpack BR 400 backpack blower

\$88.00

1 – Pitching machine

\$36.00

Bid # 7

Scott Hendrix

** 1 – Stihl Backpack BR 400 backpack blower*

\$100.00

1 – Stihl Backpack BR 400 backpack blower

\$100.00

** 1 – Pitching machine*

\$100.00

** 2 – Playground bouncing horse without springs*

\$35.00

Note: * is for the high bid

Alderman Lux made a motion to accept the high bids for the city’s surplus property.

Alderman Keck seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Keck aye

Alderman Dobbins aye

Alderman Ites aye

Alderman Lux aye

D. Lexsar Agreement: Alderman Lux reported the Lexsar agreement was given to Attorney Steve Grantham to review and Mr. Petropolous was waiting on information from AT&T. The Lexsar Agreement will be placed on the February agenda.

New Business

A. Sewer Discussion, Village of Sunrise Beach: Curt Mooney, Chairman, Village of Sunrise Beach provided the following letter:

“January 11, 2012

Mayor Chuck Chorpening

City of Laurie

P. O. Box 1515

Laurie, Missouri 65038

*Re: Request of Assistance
 City of Sunrise Beach*

Mr. Chorpening:

The purpose of this correspondence is to introduce the idea of your city entering into a contract with our village to treat wastewater from our proposed collection system for a period of time expected to last 5 – 10 years.

Should such an agreement be considered by Laurie we would agree to construct and pay for our own force main to your wastewater treatment plant; thereby eliminating the need for you to have to upgrade any of your existing lines.

We estimate that our initial flow will be about 50,000 gallons per day for about 100 commercial customers. Within 10 years we expect that number to possibly double. So, we would like to request that a contract be drafted to treat an initial flow of 50,000 gallons per day that can be increased to 100,000 gallons per day by simply exercising an option. Should you need to cancel our contract we would expect a three year notice to allow us time to get a new facility designed, permitted, and constructed.

It is exciting times for the west side and we hope an amicable agreement can be reached. Please contact me at your convenience should you have questions.

*Sincerely,
Village of Sunrise Beach
SS/ Curt Mooney, Chairman”*

The above letter and a proposed map were provided to the Mayor and Board. Sunrise Beach Chairman Curt Mooney reported the village needs to find the right funding to provide sewer to the Village and residents and make it affordable. He asked if Laurie would consider an agreement for a direct sewer feed line to the city’s sewer plant to last five – ten years.

It was noted that the City of Laurie has twice provided assistance to the Gravois Arm Sewer District while their sewer plant was under construction. The city’s treatment plant is presently running at about 30% capacity or 90,000 gallon a day and full capacity is about 250,000 gallon a day. Both entities could benefit from the proposal.

The City of Laurie would need to contact its engineering firm Bartlett & West to have an estimate of a feasibility study. Public Works Director Ed Young stated that once Bartlett and West had provided an estimate he recommended the city receive an up-front deposit from the Village of Sunrise Beach to pay for the study. Other questions considered was the unincorporated area between Sunrise Beach and Laurie, and if the contract would include a capital fee and treatment fee.

Alderman Keck made a motion to authorize Ed Young to contact Bartlett and West Engineering to get a cost for a proposed feasibility study. Alderman Ites seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Keck	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

Department Head Reports

A. Ed Young, Public Works Director

- NID Bond Extension: Alderman Keck explained he has a direct interest in the NID project and excused himself from a vote.

Public Works Director Ed Young explained that the temporary bonds for construction would come due in March of 2012, and with 4 outstanding easements it would not be possible by March 2012 to have the temporary bonds changed to permanent bonds. The Bond attorney recommended extending the bonds for one more year, but the bonds are callable within 30 days during the year.

The city received \$75,000 in bond money and expenses are still under this amount, the interest rate on the temporary bonds is at 1%. It was estimated that one year of interest would be about \$750.00. The interest will be added to the overall amount owed by the NID project and divided by all the property owners. Public meeting will be held to inform the property owners and give them the opportunity to pay upfront or have a tax assessment on their county property tax.

Discussion.

Alderman Dobbins made a motion to extend the NID temporary bonds. Alderman Lux seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Keck	abstained
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

A. Shane Edwards, Police Chief

- **Incident Report:** December had 132 total incidents; 81 calls for service, and 51 self-initiated. Out of the 51 self-initiated there were 46 traffic stops, 5 open doors, 32 warnings given, 12 stops resulted in citations and there were 2 DWI's.

C. Olive Wood, City Clerk

- **Review Financial Report:** Total of all funds on December 31, 2011 was \$2,280,672.11. General Fund revenues \$717,878.88; expenses \$808,030.64 and included \$144,835.00 transferred to Street Bond Refinancing. Event revenues \$93,491.34; expenses \$93,873.25 and included \$2,362.12 for fairground improvements. Water and Sewer Revenues were \$825,989.89 which included \$70,000 from the NID Construction Bond revenues; expenses \$716,719.65 and includes expenses for the NID construction; and \$68,918.76 for Water Work Bond refinancing.

Auditor Lisa Officer will be here February 6 & 7, 2012 to do the 2011 financial audit.

D. Steve Grantham, City Attorney: Mr. Grantham reported he had no report but was looking forward to working with the Mayor and Board.

Mayor reported the city sales tax received through December was \$403,000. He thanked all the volunteers that worked on the events over the past year and reported the Enchanted Village of Lights had a record year and complimented Events Coordinator Susann Huff and Dru Hayes.

Mayor Chorpening also complimented and thanked Alderman Lux for the extra work he had done on the Lexsar Contract.

Board Reports

Alderman Lux: Alderman Lux thanked the news media for all the coverage they provided on the Enchanted Village of Lights and the volunteers.

Alderman Ites: Alderman Ites thanked and complimented Alderman Lux for working on the Lexsar agreement and for helping provide information.

Alderman Dobbins: Alderman Dobbins thanked all the volunteers who worked on event projects and reported how much she enjoyed volunteering at the EVOL's donation booth.

Alderman Keck: Alderman Keck reported the Enchanted Village of Lights has continued to grow since 2002 in attendance and revenues. He thanked the loyal sponsors for making this possible. He proposed a plaque of gratitude and thanks to Events Coordinator Susann Huff and asked the Mayor to present at the February board meeting.

Alderman Keck reported the Gravois Fire Protection District has just completed a new gazebo in front of their building on Highway O. He appreciates the efforts to help beautify the city and would like to see more efforts in this area. Welcoming signs entering the city would be one area to consider.

Mayor's Report

CLOSED MEETING: A portion of this meeting may be closed pursuant to the Missouri Revised Statute 610.021(3) for the purpose of the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting an employee: Alderman Lux made a motion to go into closed meeting pursuant to the Missouri Revised Statute 610.021(3) for the purpose of the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting an employee. Alderman Ites seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Keck	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

Adjourned regular meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Regular meeting reconvened at 7:03 p.m.

City Clerk Olive Wood reported the following motion was made at the closed meeting.

Alderman Keck made a motion to authorize Chief Shane Edwards to hire Cayla Jackson as a reserve officer. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Keck	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

ADJOURN: Alderman Ites made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Lux seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Olive Wood
City Clerk