

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MAY 9, 2012; 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF LAURIE, MISSOURI**

Mayor Herb Keck called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Prior to starting the agenda Mayor Keck asked those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others present were City Clerk Olive Wood, Director of Public Works Ed Young, Acting Police Chief Mark Black, City Attorney Steve Grantham, Richard Skaar, Dick Dobbins, Rod Hayes, Amy Wilson, Jay Fisher, Mike Kenagy, Troy Wormsley, Mike Wood, Chuck Chorpening, Ken Zgiet, Jim Petropoulos, Pam Petropoulos, Shane Edwards, Susann Huff, Cayla Jackson, Brett Brown, and Dan Adams.

Citizens' Communication: None

Mayor's Communications: Mayor Keck asked the Board to review the City's website and make recommendation for changes for John Clifford to update.

Approval of Minutes

April 11, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes: Alderman Lux made a motion to accept the April 11, 2012 regular meeting minutes. Alderman Ites seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

April 25, 2012 Public Hearing Minutes: Alderman Lux made a motion to accept the April 25, 2012 Public Hearing Minutes. Alderman Ites seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments: Alderman Dobbins made a motion to approve additions and pending payments. Alderman Kimberling seconded.

The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

Unfinished Business

A. Summit Natural Gas Update, Bret Brown: Summit Natural Gas Representative Bret Brown reported construction for the natural gas line would start mid-June and the 50 mile line would be completed through Laurie by December 31, 2012. The gas line will start in Lincoln, Missouri and end near the Hurricane Deck Bridge. Business and residential hookups will start the first of the year in 2013. A business or residence within 275 feet of the main line, will be able to connect and Summit Natural will convert the propane appliances to natural gas at no charge. There will be times the appliances will not convert and this would be at the owner's expense. The company is excited as this is a one-hundred million dollar project and during the construction the city should see some economic benefits. The city has been provided with maps and additional maps will be coming.

It was reported that the gas meter measures in cubic feet with natural gas at a projected \$1.27 equivalent to a gallon of propane. The Public Service Commission regulates the natural gas companies and rates are fixed for a two year period.

B. Lexsar Update: Alderman Greg Lux reported Jim Petropoulos, Mayor Herb Keck, Public Works Director Ed Young, and Alderman Greg Lux met on Monday, May 7, 2012 where an agreement had been reached if approved by the Board of Aldermen. A review of the contract was given with the city paying \$4,000 toward the early cancellation of the AT&T – T-1 lines and Lexsar agreeing to start paying \$200.00 per month for rental of antennas on the city's water tower.

Alderman Ites made a motion to accept the Lexsar Contract. Alderman Lux seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

C. Salary for Acting Chief: Mayor Keck recommended the city give Acting Police Chief Mark Black an increase in pay to \$16.69 an hour retroactive to April 26, 2012. Alderman Dobbins made a motion to increase Acting Police Chief Mark Black's hourly rate to \$16.69 retroactive to April 26, 2012. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

New Business

A. Request Ballpark for Relay for Life Benefit, Susann Huff: Susann Huff asked to use the Ball Park for a Relay for Life Benefit on July 14, 2012 and waive the rental fee. Alderman Ites

made a motion to waive the ball park fees for Relay for Life Benefit. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

B. First Reading Council Bill No. 2012-07; Ordinance No. 2012-07: “An ordinance of the City of Laurie, Missouri, imposing a use tax for general revenue purposes at the rate of two percent (2%) for the privilege of storing, using or consuming within the City any article of tangible personal property pursuant to the authority granted by and subject to the provisions of Sections 144.600 through 144.761 RSMo; providing for the use tax to be repealed, reduced or raised in the same amount as any city sales tax is repealed, reduced or raised; and providing for submission of the proposal to the qualified voters of the City for their approval at the Primary election called and to be held in the City on, the 7th Day of August, 2012.”

Alderman Lux introduced Council Bill No. 2012-07 for the first reading. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

C. Second Reading Council Bill No. 2012-07; Ordinance No. 2012-07: “An ordinance of the City of Laurie, Missouri, imposing a use tax for general revenue purposes at the rate of two percent (2%) for the privilege of storing, using or consuming within the City any article of tangible personal property pursuant to the authority granted by and subject to the provisions of Sections 144.600 through 144.761 RSMo; providing for the use tax to be repealed, reduced or raised in the same amount as any city sales tax is repealed, reduced or raised; and providing for submission of the proposal to the qualified voters of the City for their approval at the Primary election called and to be held in the City on, the 7th Day of August, 2012.”

Alderman Ites introduced Council Bill No. 2012-07 for the second reading. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

Mayor Keck declared Council Bill No. 2012-07 becomes Ordinance No. 2012-07.

D. First Reading Council Bill No. 2012-08; Ordinance No. 2012-08: “An ordinance amending certain portions of the Laurie City Municipal Code Section 600.035: Sales of Liquor Prohibited near Schools and Churches.”

Alderman Lux introduced Council Bill No. 2012-08 for the first reading. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded

Alderman Kimberling	aye
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Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

E. Second Reading Council Bill No. 2012-08; Ordinance No. 2012-08: “An ordinance amending certain portions of the Laurie City Municipal Code Section 600.035: Sales of Liquor Prohibited near Schools and Churches.”

Alderman Ites introduced Council Bill No. 2012-08 for the second reading. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

Mayor Keck declared Council Bill No. 2012-08 becomes Ordinance No. 2012-08.

Department Head Reports

A. Ed Young, Public Works Director

- Update on Board of Adjustment Meeting: The Board of Adjustment met on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 and approved a building permit for Norma May at 104 Watson Circle for a back porch. A building permit had been denied due to yard setback requirements in an R-1 Zoning District.

- Event Request for Disc/Frisbee Golf: Information was provided to construct a Disc Golf Course in the Laurie Fairgrounds and information was provided in the Board packets along with pictures. The course would consist of a 9 hole with a sponsor for each of the holes. At the present time no city funds will be spent. Discussion followed.

Alderman Dobbins made a motion to try and raise funds for sponsorships for a 9 hole Disc Golf Course in the Laurie Fairgrounds. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

- Lawn Tractor Pulling Association: The Sleeper Lawn Tractor Pulling Association has asked to use the Laurie Fairgrounds on July 21, 2012 to have a lawn tractor pulling contest. The city would be required to prepare the track, but would receive funds from parking and concessions.

Alderman Kimberling made a motion to allow the Events to continue to work with the Sleeper Lawn Tractor Pulling Association in preparation of holding the event in Laurie on July 21, 2012. Alderman Ites seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

- **DNR Engineering Grant Contract Update:** The required DNR Grant Agreement has been signed and Bartlett and West Engineering will start the engineering process for the grant. The DNR Grant is only related to engineering.

- **SCADA System Monitoring:** The SCADA computer monitoring system has failed which was installed in 2001 and upgrades for this system were discussed during the budget process. Proposals will be provided at the June meeting.

- **Utility Services Company Inspection:** An annual inspection was completed by Utility Service Company. The visual inspection of the water tower shows no issues needing addressed at this time. Next year's inspection will be performed in conjunction with a tank washout.

- **Wastewater Plant Repairs:** It was reported that the collector rings at treatment plant had a life expectancy of 5 to 7 years, and they are now 8 years old. The cost of repairs will be about \$20,000 - \$25,000 and this will be a discussion for the 2013 budget, unless the collector rings have a failure prior to the budget.

B. Mark Black, Acting Police Chief

- **Incident Report:** The department had 86 incidents which include self initiated incidents such as open doors, vehicle stops, etc. There were 13 traffic stops resulting in 10 warnings and 3 citations.

- **K-9 Update:** It was requested that the Board table the fund raising for a K-9 during the transition of the police chief; and refund the donations already received.

The Board asked Acting Police Chief Mark Black to call each of the donors and refund those that requested it.

- **Request for Hiring:** It was reported that one of the reserves had accepted a full-time position with another agency. He asked to hire a new reserve who resides in Sunrise Beach and will be completing the police academy on May 24, 2012.

Alderman Kimberling made a motion to allow Acting Police Chief Mark Black to hire a new reserve officer. Alderman Lux seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

It was reported all officers were current with their training requirements. Meetings and phone calls to the surrounding agencies have been reestablished. Activity is up and the officers are stepping up the patrol and are working hard.

C. Olive Wood, City Clerk

- **Review Financial Report:** April 30, 2012 balance of all revenue funds totaled \$2,217,121.87. General Fund revenues \$194,062.76; expenses \$218,295.84: Event Revenues \$7,060.17 expenses \$13,960.24: Water and Sewer Fund revenues \$193,015.73 and expenses \$222,455.81.

- Attendance at the MML Elected Officials Training Conference: Board members were asked if they would like to attend the MML Elected Officials Training Conference on June 14 – 15, 2012 in Jefferson City. Alderman Dobbins and Alderman Kimberling expressed interest.

C. Steve Grantham, City Attorney - None

Board Reports

Mayor Appointments

- Board of Adjustment (resignation of Joe Valenti) term expires 5/09/15: Mayor Keck asked that Paul Irwin be appointed to fill the vacancy to the Board of Adjustment for the unexpired term of Joe Valenti who has resigned.

Alderman Kimberling made a motion to appoint Paul Irwin to the Board of Adjustment. Alderman Lux seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

Closed Meeting: A portion of this meeting may be closed pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes 610.021(3) regarding hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of an employee.

Alderman Lux made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into closed meeting per RSMo 610.021 (3) regarding hiring, firing, discipline or promoting of an employee. Alderman Ites seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

Attendance: Mayor Herb Keck, Alderman Greg Lux, Alderman Karen Dobbins, Alderman Val Ites, Alderman Allen Kimberling, City Clerk Olive Wood and Shane Edwards.

Action from Closed Meeting:

Alderman Kimberling made a motion that the board stands by their original decision. Alderman Lux seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

Alderman Lux made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting and return into regular meeting. Alderman Kimberly seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye

Alderman Lux aye

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:00 a.m.

Public Works Director Ed Young reported the Laurie Care Center would be having a fund raising benefit on June 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available for \$15.00 per person and include two drinks and dinner.

Attorney Steve Grantham stated the city did need an ordinance authorizing the mayor to sign the new Lexsar contract. The ordinance will be placed on the June agenda.

ADJOURN: Alderman Lux made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Olive Wood
City Clerk