

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
NOVEMBER 14, 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. Mayor Keck asked that we remember the passing of an outstanding community leader Jay Fisher during our moment of silence along with honoring our troops.

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

Others present were City Clerk Olive Wood, Public Works Director Ed Young, Police Chief Mark Black, City Attorney Steve Grantham, Dick Dobbins, Mike Wood, Clarence Hager, Dru Hayes, Harold Vanderhaar, Steve Carraway, Robin Carraway, Mark Shellenberg, Annica Russo, and Charlie Myrick.

Citizens' Communication: Summit Natural Gas Representative Annica Russo reported the natural gas distribution line was 73% complete; service lines are being installed to homes and businesses, they are ahead of schedule, live gas will be in Laurie and Gravois Mills by February or March; if someone is interested in being a potential customer, they should commit now.

Mayor's Communications

- **Business Development Committee, Mark Shellenberg:** The community has expressed an interest in a sign similar to the "Lake of the Ozarks" sign on the east side of the lake. Mr. Shellenberg stated the sign would be smaller in scale, but he is willing to raise funds for the project.

Mayor Keck stated the Business Development Committee will seek donations and the Enhancement Committee will be involved in the site selection. The Board agreed this was an excellent idea in welcoming people to the west side of the lake.

- **Employee Extra Compensation:** Alderman Lux made a motion to give employees extra compensation for the year as follows:

- one year or less - \$75.00
- one year to two years - \$100.00
- over two years - \$125.00

Alderman Ites seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

- **Vacation Day for Monday, December 24th:** Alderman Dobbins made a motion to allow employees to take vacation and close the office on Monday, December 24th. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

- **Budget Draft:** Mayor Keck reported the board received a budget draft along with their packets. The budget meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27th and he asked the board to submit written questions to the city clerk by Monday, November 26th.

Approval of Minutes

October 10, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes: Alderman Lux made a motion to accept the October 10, 2012 regular meeting minutes. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

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

Alderman Lux aye
Alderman Dobbins aye
Alderman Ites aye; abstaining from payment to Val's
Alderman Kimberling aye

Unfinished Business: (None)

A. Request for Sewer Adjustment, Jeff and Cathy Alderman: Alderman Lux made a motion authorizing Public Works Director Ed Young to adjust Jeff and Cathy Alderman's sewer portion of the October bill and to waive the late fee. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

B. Sign Ordinance, Laurie Quick Lube, Steve Carraway: Mr. Carraway addressed the Board asking they review and update the City's Municipal Code; Chapter 415: Billboards. The billboard ordinance was passed in 1998 based on Scenic American. In a small community a 1,000 feet distance between signs restricts businesses that are not on the main thoroughfare from placing directional signs. He encouraged the Board to

review the codes and allow for colorful and tasteful signs for off-premise advertising. Mr. Carraway offered to be part of a group to make recommendation to the board. Further discussion was held.

Mayor Keck stated there were additional requests regarding billboards on the agenda and a decision would not be made until they had made their requests.

C. Sign Ordinance, Central Bank, Mark Shellenberg: Central Bank Representative Mark Shellenberg stated the bank owned a 137 storage unit facility off Highway 5. The bank has a buyer on the condition a sign with the name and an arrow pointing from Highway 5 to the facility. The storage units are located behind Chances R and the sign would not create issues with MoDOT or driving hazards. He asked for a variance.

City Attorney Steve Grantham explained the board must amend the present ordinance to comply with such requests.

D. Sign Request, Westlake Aquatic Center: Charlie Myrick has offered to paint an 8' x 16' painting for a directional sign to the Westlake Aquatic Center that would replace the 4' x 8' sign the city allowed on the west side of the city's restroom in the fairgrounds.

Further discussion.

Alderman Lux made a motion to have the mayor appoint a committee to review and amend the city's municipal code Chapter 415: Billboards. Alderman Ites seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

Mayor asked that the appointment of a committee be placed on the December agenda.

E. Request for Water & Sewer Adjustment, Harold Vanderhaar: Mr. Vanderhaar stated he owned Laurie Landing, a 7,000 square foot office complex. Four of the five units are rented. The normal water usage is about 800 to 1200 gallon a month. In the last two years there has been a spike in the water usage for just one month, and then it goes back to within average. In October he received a phone call that the building had used 71,000 gallons which took the bill for water and sewer to \$1,168.88. The meter was re-read and the usage was back to normal.

Mr. Vanderhaar and a contractor went through the building and found no leaks, he asked at his expense that the water meter be sent off and checked for accuracy. The company found no problems with the meter. He stated it was a mystery and he did not have answers, but felt the meter was the problem. He stated if he had to pay the entire bill he would have to let the property go back to the bank.

Discussion followed.

Alderman Dobbins made a motion stating the board felt the meter was the cause of the high usage; the city would forgive ½ of the water bill, all the sewer bill, waive the late fees and allow for Mr. Vanderhaar to pay \$100.00 each month. Alderman Ites seconded.

The following vote was recorded:

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

Department Head Reports

A. Ed Young, Public Works Director: Young reported he had placed the \$20,000 used generator on hold at Missouri Surplus. He stated after talking with a mechanic at Mid-South Cummins in Jefferson City there was a way to convert the generator to the specifications provided by Bartlett & West. He asked the board if they still wanted to pursue the generator for Well No. 3 as one of the items recommended in the five-year capital improvement projects.

Discussion followed regarding the 10 year old generator, possible problems that could occur, costs associated with a generator that had not been used in 10 years, no warranty, need to purchase a trailer for it to be placed on, purchase a 300 – 500 gallon fuel tank, city not owning a truck large enough to pull, references on who would do the conversion, and a proposal was provided for a new generator already set on a trailer with fuel tanks with setup and training, and source of funding from the water capital improvement fund.

The boards' consensus was to pass on the used generator from Missouri surplus. Public Works Director stated he would call Missouri Surplus and release the city's hold.

B. Mark Black, Police Chief: Chief Black expressed his appreciation to the Mayor and Board for their support in the loss of a family member.

- **Monthly Statistics:** October report: calls for service - 221; traffics stops - 65; warnings – 47; summons – 18; arrests – 6.

Alderman Kimberling reported a business owner had complimented Chief Black on his professionalism during an alarm call.

C. Olive Wood, City Clerk

- **Review Financial Report:** October 31, 2012 total cash in all Funds: \$2,366,125.90: General Fund Revenues - \$610,122.50; Expenses - \$582,314.41; Event Revenues - \$79,862.43 Expenses - \$80,591.32: Water and Sewer Revenues - \$591,125.00; Expenses - \$524,034.41. The General Fund's one-cent sales tax received in November was \$17,024.74. The city's sales tax is up by \$8,381.23 over the same period in 2011.

- **NID Sewer Payments Received to Date:** \$17,655.00.

- **Employee/Volunteer Christmas Party:** December 15, 2012 at Osage River Bar and Gill.

- **Municipal Election:** Candidate Filing will start December 11, 2012 and run through January 15, 2013 for an alderman in Ward I and Ward II.

Steve Grantham, City Attorney: None

Board Reports:

- Alderman Dobbins stated the Enhancement Committee had met a couple of times appointing Ron Holst as the Chair. The committee will meet twice a month, brainstorm ideas, prioritize the ideas, and later bring recommendations to the board.

- Alderman Lux stated he had met with Paul Johnson of the Missouri Conservation Department where they did a walk through of the city's parks. He asked the Board if they would like for him to pursue additional information on a park survey and information for a grant. The grant would be a 50/50 split, but felt it might go along with what the Enhancement Committee had in mind.

The Board agreed for Alderman Lux to continue working with the Missouri Conservation Department and provide the information to the Enhancement Committee for further consideration.

Mayor:

- **Source Water Protection and Well Cap Committee:** Mayor Keck recommended Alderman Greg Lux, Mac Mouat, and Rick Purdon be appointed to the Source Water Protection and Well Cap Committee.

Alderman Kimberling made a motion to approve the recommended committee. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

Closed Meeting: 8:25 p.m.

A portion of this meeting may be closed Pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021(3) for the purpose of hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting an employee.

Alderman Kimberling made a motion to go into closed meeting pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021(3) for the purpose of hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting an employee. Alderman Ites seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Discussion was held regarding personnel issues.

Alderman Dobbins made a motion to hire a full-time police officer replacing Dale Heiser, Jr. with a written agreement the new officer will return to reserve status should Mr.

Heiser return from active Title 10 military duty. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Chief Black informed the Board that a two day suspension was given to an officer due to an accumulation of not following police policy procedures.

Additional personnel issues were discussed with no action taken.

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

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

The closed meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.
The open meeting was called to order at 10:17 p.m.

ADJOURN: With no further business Alderman Dobbins made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Kimberling seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Herb Keck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Olive Wood, City Clerk