

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SEPTEMBER 11, 2013; 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. A moment of silence was held in honor of our troops and our country.

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, Amy Wilson, Janet Dabbs, and Ernie Hibdon.

Citizens' Communication:

- None

Mayor's Communications: Mayor Keck stated today was Patriot Day and asked that we never forget September 11, 2001.

Approval of Minutes

August 14, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes: Alderman Dobbins made a motion to approve the August 14, 2013 regular meeting minutes. Alderman Lux seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

August 20, 2013 Work Session Minutes: Alderman Ites made a motion to approve the August 20, 2013 Work Session 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 Dobbins made a motion to approve pending and additions to pending payments. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

A. Road Maintenance, Ernie Hibdon: Mr. Hibdon expressed the following concerns with the city streets.

- City has done no maintenance in at least five years.
- Board needs to make sure funds are budgeted each year for street repairs.
- Transportation sales tax was passed for the purpose of maintaining the city streets.
- A chip and seal layer usually provides a long street life reducing the maintenance cost.
- Street maintenance is a Board decision; rather than buying a new office building or a police car the streets should be maintained yearly.
- Would like to see the city contract with someone to mow the highway right-of-way as Gravois Mills does each year.
- From one end of town to the other, you see weeds; mowing the right-of-ways should be a priority; if the city is kept clean the people will come back and the city will grow.
- Mayor Keck stated the city is getting bids from contractors for some street repairs.
- It was recommended the city only use a reputable contractor.
- It was again emphasized the city needs to address the roads now and funds should be budgeted each year.
- Young reported the ½ cent sales tax money is being used to pay off the bonds (Bonds will be paid off in 2014) and more funds will then be used to maintain what we have.

Department Head Reports

A. Ed Young, Public Works Director

- **DNR Approves Well No. 3 Rehab:** A letter from DNR was received on September 10, 2013 approving Rehab to Well No. 3.

A motion was made by Alderman Ites to advertise for bids to rehab Well No. 3.

Alderman Lux seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

B. Mark Black, Police Chief

- **Monthly Statistics:** August calls for service 301; Traffic Stops 30; Warnings 23; Summons 13; Arrests: 4 Adult Female and 3 Adult Male; and 25 assist with other agencies.

- **Police Block Grant:** Chief Black requested permission to apply for a grant for equipment that includes a car cage, weapons rack, restraints, and leg irons. The grant will be for \$2700.00 and the city's portion will be \$270.13. The is a 90/10 grant.

Alderman Lux made a motion for Chief Black to apply for the police block grant.

Alderman Ites seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

Public Works Director Ed Young was asked if all the storm sirens were working, and he reported one of the sirens activated for no reason over the past weekend. The sirens were then tested and one still failed. A reset button has been reset and sirens will be tested in a few days.

C. Olive Wood, City Clerk

- **Sales Tax Review:** The city's general fund is presently 13% below our projected revenues and expenses are 7% above the projections. Some of the expenses are 100% which inflates the expenditure projections.

The city budgeted \$400,000 in the general fund's 1% sales tax. This is the same amount budgeted in 2012. September sales tax shows a 6% decline over 2012. Expenses remain on target, but any shortfall in the general fund will have to be made up from the general funds capital account. The August sales tax was \$71,861.25 and in August 2012 it was \$82,899.76. Year to Date: \$259,352.40 and is \$17,556.83 less than collected in 2012.

- **Review Financial Report:** Total of all funds \$2,259,439.42 General Fund Revenues - \$390,452.38; General Fund Expenses - \$501,016.74 and exceeding revenues by \$110,564.36; Event Fund Revenues - \$38,135.48; Event Fund Expenses - \$57,045.37; Water and Sewer Fund Revenues \$415,059.65; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses - \$436,868.91.

D. Steve Grantham, City Attorney: None

Board Reports:

- Alderman Dobbins expressed appreciation for the great showing at the Meet and Greet Boat Show held on August 21, 2013 and also at the Rotary Car Show held September 7 & 8, 2013 in the city's fairgrounds.

- Alderman Lux asked that an inventory be done and a list of items to be surplus property. Mayor Keck stated the Department Heads could inventory each of their departments and provide a list.

Mayor:

- Mayor Keck reported the city is preparing for the Hillbilly Fair this weekend.
- The Enhancement Committee will have a booth at the HBF promoting donations to the Lake of the Ozarks – Westside sign.

Regular meeting closed at 6:27 p.m.

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

Alderman Lux made a motion to adjourn and go into closed meeting pursuant to the Missouri Revised Statutes Section 610.021(3) to consider 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

Attendance: Mayor Herb Keck, Alderman Lux, Alderman Dobbins, Alderman Ites, Aldermen Kimberling, City Clerk Olive Wood, Attorney Steve Grantham, and Police Chief Mark Black.

Police Chief Black reported to the Mayor and Board he had given an employee a one week suspension without pay and placed them on six months probation Board per the city code Section 117.210: Coaching, Counseling, and Disciplinary Action. Contents of the investigation and disciplinary action will be placed in the employees personnel file.

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

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

City Clerk Olive Wood reported the Board was advised of an employee disciplinary action and no future action was taken.

Adjourn: Alderman Kimberling made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Lux seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



Herb Keck, Mayor

ATTEST:



Olive Wood, City Clerk