

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
JANUARY 13, 2015; 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF LAURIE, MISSOURI**

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

Present at the meeting were Mayor Scott Fahrer, Alderman Greg Lux, Alderman Karen Dobbins, Alderman Val Ites and Alderman Allen Kimberling.

Others present were City Clerk Olive Wood, City Attorney Steve Grantham, Police Chief Mark Black, Dick Dobbins, Brian Scheiter, Dean Smith, Mike Wood, Dru Hayes, Janet Dabbs and Amy Wilson.

Citizens' Communication: None

Mayor's Communications:

Business Recognition: Alderman Karen Dobbins recognized and complimented Bryants Osage Outdoor and Hairport for their light displays during the holidays.

- Mayor Fahrer thanked Susann Huff and all the volunteers for the fine job on the Enchanted Village of Lights.
- The City of Laurie received notification that the Highway 5 sidewalks and crosswalks – Mooreview to Route O were approved for project funding. The approved TAP funds were for \$79,402 @ 80%.

Mayor Fahrer attended a community legislative network provided by the area Chambers. Community leaders were given the opportunity to provide information about their communities. From all the comments the economy looks positive.

Approval of Minutes

December 9, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes: Alderman Lux made a motion to approve the December 9, 2014 regular meeting minutes. Alderman Kimberling 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 payments. Alderman Ites seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

Unfinished Business:

A. First Reading Council Bill No. 2015-01; Ordinance No. 2015-01: “An Ordinance authorizing and amending the City Budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.” Alderman Ites introduced Council Bill No. 2015-01 for the first reading.

Alderman Lux seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

B. Second Reading Council Bill No. 2015-01; Ordinance No. 2015-01: “An Ordinance authorizing and amending the City Budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.” Alderman Dobbins introduced Council Bill No. 2015-01 for the second reading. Alderman Lux seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Mayor Fahrer declared Council Bill No. 2015-01 become Ordinance No. 2015-01.

C. MoDOT Sidewalk Grant Update: A letter dated January 9, 2015 was received announcing the approval of the MoDOT sidewalk grant. The letter is as follows:

“Dear Mayor Fahrer:

This letter is in reference to your Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) application that you submitted for FY 2014-16 funds.

The Central District selection committee has recommended your project listed below for funding. Central District has approved funding for your project.

*Local Government: City of Laurie
Project Description: Highway 5 Sidewalks and Crosswalks – Mooreview to Route O
Approved TAP Funds: \$79,401 @ 80%*

A Central District Local Program workshop has been scheduled for you to attend. This workshop will provide you information regarding the TAP program and federal regulations required for this funding. The workshop meeting will be as follows:

*Date: January 21, 2015
Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Location: Central District Office
 1511 Missouri Blvd.
 Jefferson City, MO 65102
 Parrish Conference Room (1st floor)*

A requirement in the federal program is that each local agency identifies a person of responsible charge who is a full time employee and has attended/will complete the required LPA Certification Training class.

The person of responsible charge from your local agency needs to be the representative who attends the Central District workshop.

Congratulations to your agency for being selected to participate in this program. Please contact me at 573-751-7399 or Kelly.Wilson@modot.mo.gov if there are any questions, comments, or concerns.

*Sincerely,
SS/Kelly Wilson
Senior Transportation Planner*

CC: Dean Smith”

Alderman Dobbins asked who would be attending. Public Works Dean Smith stated he had scheduled to be there and she asked if she could invite Herb Keck and Ron Holst to attend. The Board agreed.

New Business:

A. Sign Request, First Baptist Church, Marc Knapp: Mr. Knapp called earlier in the day and asked that the sign request be removed from the agenda.

Department Head Reports

A. Events

- Susann Huff provided the following information on the 2014 Enchanted Village of Lights:

\$27,207.99 - 42% increase in donations; 5787 - 25% increase in cars/buses; 19,466 - 33% increase in number of people; 499 - 54% increase in pets; and \$20,200.00 - 5% increase in sponsorships.

Two e-mails were read expressing compliments and appreciation of the Enchanted Village of Lights. This year the park included six additional displays and there are around 20 that still need refurbishing. Electric costs to operate the lights in 2009 was \$3600 and with changing to LED lights this year electric cost was \$1,630.00.

B. Public Works Department

- Dean Smith

- Due to cold weather the city experienced some frozen meters.
- Public works had 2 more digs, estimated savings at \$4,000.

- Brian Scheiter:

- A 5 horsepower lift station pump failed mainly due to normal wear; installed new pump and still have two in stock.

D. Mark Black, Police Chief

- **Monthly Statistics:** December 2014; Traffic Stops 121; Warnings 104; Summons 12; and 7 Criminal Activities and 4 arrest.

- Request to reconsider taking the police truck home:

- Chief Black stated he has had call outs, such as the shooting in the RV park; to assist his officers when county is not available or too far away; he is the city's emergency management director; concern for being stopped in his personal vehicle; personal insurance would not cover if in an accident; personal car is not equipped with radio and lights; needs lights, siren, and weapons when responding to an emergency.

Board Discussion:

- Distance to home - 10 miles north of the city.
- Board wanted to discuss in a closed meeting.
- Attorney advised discussing the truck was not a personnel issue.
- 2015 budget was just adopted and this would cause budget issues.
- Board advised that PD truck had been used for personal use.
- Mayor gave permission to take PD truck home during bad weather.
- 2014 budget was over in fuel.
- City's insurance would cover if called out whether in personal or city vehicle.
- When asked again if this could be discussed in a closed session City Attorney reminded the board that the request to take home the police truck was not a personnel issue.
- Chief call outs have been when reserve officers are working nights or weekends and only one officer is on duty.
- Board suggested the schedule be revised so experienced officers are working evening and weekends.
- Board was advised that the experienced officer is working from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Days off are Friday and Saturday.
- Board suggested scheduling experienced officer for evening and weekends.
- Request is complicated with concerns on budget issues.

Board agreed to have a work session on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Work session will include open topics, budget, police truck request, and police scheduling. City Attorney Steve Grantham will also be in attendance.

E. Olive Wood, City Clerk

- **Review Financial Report:** The financial report for 2014 was reviewed noting the auditor will have adjusting entries after the audit. December total of all funds \$1,797,067.13. General Fund Revenues - \$738,764.89; and General Fund Expenses - \$781,911.80. The general fund expenditures included \$145,091.21 in Board approved capital expenditures. This exceeds revenues by \$43,146.91; Event Fund Revenues - \$99,450.74; Event Fund Expenses - \$92,364.26; Events did contribute \$1,700.00 toward the city's electric bill in December. The event revenues exceeded expenditures by \$7,086.48. Water and Sewer Fund Revenues \$672,580.29; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses - \$637,213.33; expenditures included Board approved Well # 3 Rehab for \$97,257.50. Revenues exceeded expenditures by \$35,366.96.

- **Sales Tax Review:** December Sales Tax was \$25,687.24; Year to date: \$382,609.47. This was an increase from 2013 year to date by \$4,806.59.

D. Steve Grantham, City Attorney

- **Legacy Sign Update:** The City received the letters and pole within a week of the attorney sending a letter.

Board Reports: Alderman Dobbins thanked City Attorney Steve Grantham for the Christmas lunch he provided to the board and city employees, although she didn't get to attend.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Fahrer thanked City Attorney Steve Grantham for all the work he put in on the Ozark Meadows road easements.

Adjourn: Alderman Kimberling made a motion to adjourn and Alderman Dobbins seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Scott Fahrer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Olive Wood, City Clerk