

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
JULY 14, 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 Val Ites, Alderman Karen Dobbins and Alderman Allen Kimberling.

Others present were City Clerk Olive Wood, City Attorney Steve Grantham, Police Chief Mark Black, Brian Scheiter, Dean Smith, Charles Hartjen, Ruth Hartjen, Leah Martin, Tom Williams, John Suellentrop, Richard Skaar, Dick Dobbins, Holly Anderson, Mike Anderson, Michael Faherty, Steven Underwood, Pat (?), Kevin Holtz, Diane Holtz, Jim Rogers, C.F. Huff, Susan Huff, Dru Hayes, Vinny Stepanik, M. John Bartley, Jill Bell and Cody Powell.

**Citizens' Communication:** The following people spoke against a no-smoking policy for the City of Laurie: Vinny Stepanik, Jim Rogers, and Michael Faherty.

**Mayor's Communications:** Mayor Fahrer read the following statement.

*"I would like to thank our Board of Aldermen for their time and effort they give to the city. These next comments are not meant to insight or anger anyone; however these points need to be made.*

*Last month's meeting I informed the board that we should get opinions from local businesses along with people that live in the community which is exactly what I have done. I want all of you to understand, these are comments that were made by the people of Laurie. What I found out was, people are tired of politicians deciding what is right for them and taking their freedoms away. This is not an issue of our personal opinions; it is the rights of the people I am concerned with. When we limit or alter the rights of the people, we become a socialist country. Giving you the opportunity to be able to speak your mind or voice your opinion is your right. Also, it is your right to choose whether you want to support an establishment that allows smoking. What we have to keep in mind is, we as elected officials work for the people of this community, not for ourselves. We need to understand what the people want. They would like smokeless restaurants, but not by a city ordinance, by choice of the individual establishment. So let's give the people the freedom to choose.*

*In reference to another subject: I have spoken to many people in reference to the side-walk project. They are not in favor of this project. They believe our board is out of touch with what the people want. I believe even though we have hired the engineers, according to the people's wishes, we should stop this project before it goes any further. We need to remember, again, who we work for, IT IS THE PEOPLE. It is not too late to stop the project at this point. People believe the city funds have been used for projects other than what they would prefer. Their comments were, one problem being, the people are definitely not pleased with the roads in our community or how long it takes us to repair them. In defense of our city, we did not have the money in last year's budget. This year we will finish repairing the roads.*

*In closing, the people don't come to voice their opinions at the board of aldermen meetings, which is why we have to go to them and then we have to listen to what they say. Sometimes it's not pleasant, but we still have to listen."*

## Approval of Minutes

**June 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes:** Alderman Dobbins made a motion to approve the June 9, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Alderman Ites seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

**June 24, 2015 Work Session Minutes:** Alderman Dobbins made a motion to approve the June 24, 2015 work session 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 questioned a sewer refund to the Missouri Department of Revenue. City Clerk Olive Wood stated she would have to look up the item later. 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. Smoke Free at the Lake, Leah Martin:** Ms. Martin, Director of Advocacy with the American Lung Association and Mr. Tom Williams of Lake Regional Hospital both spoke on facts about health, resources, enforcement, and the economic impact on people who smoke. A packet of information was made available to the Board and they offered their encouragement to consider going smoke free.

The Mayor and Board thanked Ms. Martin and Mr. Williams for their presentation.

**B. Chances R, Kevin Holtz:** Local businesses owner Kevin Holtz spoke on the economic impact a no-smoking policy would have on his business.

Most everyone agreed that if the Federal or State government made the decision to go smoke free then all businesses would be on equal ground.

**C. Update from Department of Public Safety; Grant Monitoring:** A letter from the State of Missouri Department of Public Safety stated the City is now in compliance with all applicable financial and programmatic requirements of the LLEBG grant program. The Board passed the "Limited English Proficiency" at the June 2015 meeting.

**New Business:**

**A. STAFF Haunted Hayride Request, Martha Moulder:** Ms. Moulder called earlier in the day explaining she was unable to attend, and asked if the Board would consider STAFF’s haunted hayride request to use of the fairgrounds on October 23 – 24, 2015 along with the use of the city’s tractor, and wagon as in previous years.

Alderman Ites made a motion to allow STAFF to use the fairgrounds on October 23 – 24, 2015 and the use of the city’s tractor and wagon as in previous years. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

**B. Laurie/Sunrise Beach Rotary Club Request:** The Laurie/Sunrise Beach Rotary Club requested the use of the fairgrounds for September 12 and 13, 2015 for the Fall Follies Car Show as in previous years.

Alderman Ites made a motion to approve the request from Laurie/Sunrise Beach Rotary Club for September 12 and 13, 2015 for the Fall Follies Car Show with the same expenses being paid as in previous years. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

**C. Mid-Best Distillery, Inc. Liquor License Approval Request, Mike Anderson:** City Clerk Olive Wood reported they had completed all the paper work necessary and had purchased a merchant license for 102 N. Main.

Alderman Lux made a motion to approve a liquor license for Mid-Best Distillery. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

**Department Head Reports**

**A. Public Works Department, Brian Scheiter and Dean Smith**

- **Well # 2 Flow Meter:** The following quotes were received for a 4”McCrometer Model UM06-RW with 18” Custom Tube Length:
- HD Supply                    \$3,253.20
- USA Bluebook                \$3,000.00
- Water & Sewer Supply    \$2,852.50

The meter was recommended by Flynn Drilling Company. The new meter would have no mechanical parts. The meter reads water flow with electronic probes down to the drop. PW Dean Smith stated this would fix the problem like last month's 40% water loss. The meter should last 20 years and comes with a battery back-up. Board requested the Water & Sewer Supply low bid includes the battery back-up. The board asked if funds were available in this year's budget. There are funds available from the water's repairs and maintenance budget.

Alderman Ites made a motion to purchase the 4" McCrometer Model UM06-RW with 18" custom tube lengths with battery backup for \$2,852.50 from the water's repairs and maintenance budget. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

- **DNR Inspection Update:** Every three years the Missouri Department of Natural Resources does an inspection of the city's water system. At the previous inspection there were items that needed to be attended to and a couple of those items were not completed and will appear again on the new report. DNR was helpful and made suggestions. The City can expect the new DNR inspection report in about 4 to 6 weeks

Missouri Rural Water is also helping to pinpoint the pressure issue on Dunwurkin. The first part of the street's water PSI is 95 and it goes down to 65 PSI at the end of the street.

The Gravois Fire Protection District has been asked to help with fire hydrant testing and each hydrant will be assigned an identification number.

#### **D. Mark Black, Police Chief**

- **Monthly Statistics:** June 2015; Traffic Stops 56; Warnings 42; Summons 19; Criminal Activities – 16; and 5 arrests.

- **Vehicle Maintenance Budget:** The police had a \$5000 vehicle maintenance budget and those funds have already been spent and vehicles are in need of oil changes now. The F150 truck is having a power steering problem. The Board asked why the dark truck was not being put into service. Chief Black did not respond to that question.

The Board asked where additional funds would come from. City Clerk replied with sales tax down by \$18,000 the only funds available are reserve funds.

A motion was made by Dobbins to authorize a \$4,000 increase to the police's vehicle repairs and maintenance budget using reserve funds. Alderman Lux seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Lux	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Ites	nay
Alderman Kimberling	nay
Mayor Fahrer	aye breaking the tie vote

- Body Cameras: Police Chief provided information on the LE3 body worn camera. The cost for five (5) cameras; 3 year warranty; \$1,000 down and \$125 per month for 3 years.

City Attorney Steve Grantham reported the federal government will probably require cameras at some point, but the city only has 945 people. There is just so much money to go around and this should be an item to consider at budget time.

**E. Olive Wood, City Clerk**

- **Review Financial Report:** The financial report for 2015. June total of all funds \$1,847,168.48. General Fund Revenues - \$313,424.35; General Fund Expenses - \$260,824.23; Event Fund Revenues - \$13,344.00; Event Fund Expenses - \$25,732.85; Water and Sewer Fund Revenues \$299,237.97; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses - \$299,237.97. General Fund revenues are 3% below projections; expenditures are 10% below projections, but road repair costs will be coming in during the next month. Water and sewer revenues are 5% below projections and the expenditures are on target with the water bond having been made for the year.

- **Sales Tax Review:** June Sales Tax was \$27,528.65; Year to date: \$151,080.19. This is a decrease of \$18,419.33 for the same period in 2014.

-**Merchant Licenses:** A list of businesses that have not renewed their 2015-2016 merchant licenses was provided to the board.

- **Portable Billboard:** Over the weekend a box trailer with an electronic billboard on each side was parked in the MoDOT right of way at Laurie Terrace Mall. Caution was given to local businesses that may have purchased advertising from Gator Graphics. Electronic advertising on the mobile billboard is not permitted along MoDOT highways and in the City of Laurie.

**D. Steve Grantham, City Attorney**

- None

**Board Reports:**

Alderman Dobbins reported the Enhancement Committee Beautification Award had been award to Kidwell Garber Funeral Home on Fairgrounds Road.

**Mayor's Report:**

- Planning and Zoning Appointment: Mayor Fahrer recommended the reappointment of Jim Clarke and appointing Kevin Holtz and Tom Moore to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Alderman Kimberling made a motion to appoint Jim Clarke, Kevin Holtz and Tom Moore to a four year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Ites seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Lux            aye  
Alderman Dobbins      aye

Alderman Ites aye  
Alderman Kimberling aye

**Closed Meeting:**

Alderman Kimberling made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into closed meeting pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes Section 610.021(1) to discuss legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving the public governmental body and confidential or privileged communications between the public governmental body and its attorneys. A portion of this meeting may be closed pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes Section 610.021(3) to consider hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting an employee.

Alderman Lux seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Alderman Kimberling made a motion to advertise for a part-time maintenance position until July 31, 2015; pay \$8.50/hr; up to a six month position; employee will report to Dean Smith; Mayor will bring selected candidates to be interviewed by the Board on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Ites to adjourn the closed meeting and return to regular meeting. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Mayor Fahrer called the regular meeting to order at 8:22 p.m. City Clerk Olive Wood read the above motion.

**Adjourn:** With no further business Alderman Lux made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Ites seconded.

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Scott Fahrer, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Olive Wood, City Clerk