

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
APRIL 12, 2016 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF LAURIE, MISSOURI**

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Lux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Fahrer was absent.

Present at the meeting were Aldermen: Karen Dobbins, Greg Lux, Allen Kimberling, Jeff Chorpening

Others present were City Clerk Ron Clarke, City Attorney Steve Grantham, Chief of Police Mark Black, Dick Dobbins, Martha Moulder, Ron Holst, Herb Keck, Carol Gill, Douglas Gill, Linda Kimberling, Cecelia Bish, Valerie Ites, Chuck Chorpening, Joyce Chorpening, Dave Beese, Nancy Beese, Colby Powell, Janet Dabbs

Citizens Communication:

None

Mayor's Communications

None

Approval of Minutes

Alderman Dobbins made a motion to approve the March 8th regular meeting minutes. Alderman Kimberling seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments

Alderman Dobbins made a motion to approve payments and pending payments. Alderman Chorpening seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Election Ordinance

Alderman Dobbins introduced the First Reading of Council Bill No. 2016-04: Ordinance No. 2016-04: "An Ordinance declaring the results of the Municipal Election held on April 5, 2016." The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

Alderman Chorpening introduced the Second Reading of Council Bill No. 2016-04: Ordinance No. 2016-04: "An Ordinance declaring the results of the Municipal Election held on April 5, 2016." The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

Sidewalk Update

City Clerk Clarke read the following email from Kelly Wilson at MoDOT:

Based on an email from Ron Clarke today it sounds like the City has signed the municipal and programming agreements and sending them to me by mail. MoDOT will sign the agreements and return copies to the City. Below is a list of the next steps:

- Finalize the PS&E (this can be done as MoDOT receives and signs the agreements). Andrew, I believe we've provided you everything you needed from us to complete the PS&E. If not, please let me know.
- Once PS&E is finalized I will submit an obligation to FHWA. FHWA will need to approve the obligation before the City can advertise for the project. Obligations usually take 4 weeks to receive approval.

- Once the obligation is approved, the City can advertise. The City will need to advertise a minimum of 21 days. The City is required to submit the advertisement to me to be posted on MoDOT's website. In addition, the City needs to run the ad in a newspaper with general circulation in that area at least once. The ad may need to run in the paper more frequently depending on state and local requirements; the City will be responsible for determining state and local requirements.

Therefore it was determined we should be able to advertise for bids in two or three weeks.

Street Repairs Update

City Clerk Clarke reported that Higgins is planning to start the first of May.

Nature Trail

Alderman Dobbins reported on the progress of the Master Naturalists, including the location of the beginning of the trail. Soon they will be placing mulch and marking trees. City Clerk Clarke reported the Hiking Trail signs to be placed on Hwy 5 had been procured. Dean Smith reported the maintenance crew was working on the sign at the park entrance.

Swearing in of Aldermen

City Clerk Clarke swore in Allen Kimberling as Mayor, Jeff Chorpening as Alderman Ward 1 (two-year term), Herb Keck as Alderman Ward 2, and Carol Gill Alderman Ward 1 (one-year term).

New Business

Department Head Reports

Public Works Department

City Clerk Clarke read the following report on Well #3:

On March 28th around 8:00 am we got an alarm on Well #3.

Dean Smith inspected the well and reported it sounded like it did when it failed February 8th.

Assuming this problem would be under warranty, we again contacted Flynn Drilling to evaluate.

Art Louis arrived later that same day and reported that he would not know if it was warranty work until they pulled the pump. We instructed Art to proceed.

The Flynn crew arrived April 6th and pulled the well. The motor casing had a hole in it indicating a large voltage surge, similar to a lightning strike. This indication made it improbable that this would be covered under warranty.

The Flynn crew installed a new motor, from a different manufacturer, and the well was ready to test by Thursday afternoon, when it was flushed for several hours before returning it to regular service.

The Flynn crew took the motor to their shop for evaluation before sending it to Franklin for inspection. Right now it is sitting in Springfield, MO.

We can have it returned to us for insurance inspection.

A dialogue ensued regarding the question of filing another insurance claim. After some discussion Alderman Dobbins made a motion to file a claim. Alderman Keck seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

City Clerk Clarke reported on the intent of the Indian Hills Management Group to propose a plan to install water meters on all of the existing homes on Carefree Lane.

Dean Smith expressed appreciation to Dick, Karen, and Travis Dobbins for loaning equipment to repair the infield at the ball park.

Mark Black, Police Chief

Chief Black reported that he had hired a reserve officer, Brian Williams, to replace Nick Shoemate who had been moved to full-time last month.

Chief Black asked if the Board would consider relaxing the vacation deadline for him as there was no way he could get all of the vacation he had earned taken by the end of April. After some discussion about when the vacation could be taken, Alderman Chorpening made a motion to relax the deadline for Chief Black. Alderman Keck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Monthly Statistics: Chief Black presented the following monthly statistics for March 2016: Traffic Stops 46; Warnings 27; Summons 34; Assist Other Agencies 21; Criminal Activities 20; Calls for Service 417, Arrests 6.

City Clerk

Ron Clarke reviewed the financial report for March 2016. March total of all funds \$2,110,024. General Fund Revenues - \$148,619; General Fund Expenses - \$136,746; Event Fund Revenues - \$3,807; Event Fund Expenses - \$13,334; Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$157,486; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses – \$264,821.

City Clerk Clarke reported that we will need to amend the sewer budget as the new operator, Steve Hollaway, was working to repair equipment and complete tasks that appear to have been neglected over the years.

City Clerk Clarke also reported on the initiation of the Inflow and Infiltration Prevention program wherein we will construct retaining walls around targeted lift stations to prevent inflow of rain water.

Sales Tax Review: March City Sales Tax was \$25,024; Year to date: \$74,776. This is an increase of \$4,900 for the same period in 2015. March Street Sales Tax was \$12,135, YTD \$36,274. This is an increase of \$2,270 for the same period last year. March Sewer Sales Tax was \$12,512, YTD \$37,388. This is an increase of \$2,450 for the same period last year.

Steve Grantham, City Attorney

Steve Grantham asked if the Board would consider moving the meeting night from Tuesday back to Wednesday. After some discussion it was decided to leave it on Tuesday.

Board Reports

Alderman Dobbins thanked Alderman Lux for his many years of service on the Board. She expressed appreciation for all of his help over the years.

Alderman Keck reported on the Westside Sign. He thanked Ozark Concrete, Clary Concrete, and Scott's Concrete for donating time and material to the project. He also thanked Cody Anderson for donating time and equipment. He reported conduit had been installed and that we still needed letters and lights. He estimated we were about \$8,000 short of the amount needed to procure the letters. He mentioned Ron Holst had prepared a bid package for when we were ready to advertise for bids. This was given to Steve Grantham for review.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kimberling recommended the appointment of Steve Grantham as City Attorney, Pat Scott as Municipal Judge, and Herb Keck as Mayor Pro Tem. Alderman Dobbins made a motion to accept the appointments of Steve Grantham as City Attorney, Pat Scott as Municipal Judge, and Herb Keck as Mayor Pro Tem. Alderman Gill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Kimberling recommended we remove former Mayor Scott Fahrner, Val Ites, and Greg Lux from the city bank accounts with Bank of Versailles, and add Herb Keck, Carol Gill and Jeff Chorpening as signatories. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to remove former Mayor Scott Fahrner, Val Ites, and Greg Lux from the city bank accounts with Bank of Versailles, and add Herb Keck, Carol Gill and Jeff Chorpening as signatories. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Alderman Keck made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Dobbins seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke, City Clerk