

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
APRIL 10, 2018 6:00 P.M.
CITY OF LAURIE, MISSOURI**

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

Present at the meeting were Mayor Allen Kimberling, Aldermen: Karen Dobbins, Carol Gill, Jeff Chorpening, Herb Keck
Others present were City Clerk Ron Clarke, City Attorney Andrew Renken, Police Chief Mark Black, Chief Assistant Angela Nickerson, Dick Dobbins, Doug Gill, Billie Smith, Caitlin Shoults, Dean Smith, Steve Hollaway, Dru Hayes, Janet Dabbs

Citizens' Communication

None

Mayor's Communications

None

Approval of Minutes and Pending Payments

Alderman Keck made a motion to approve the March 13, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes. Alderman Gill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Dobbins made a motion to approve the Pending Payments & Additions to Pending Payments. Alderman Chorpening seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Alderman Keck introduced the First Reading Council Bill No. 2018-06: Ordinance No. 2018-06: An Ordinance declaring the results of the Municipal Election held on April 3, 2018.

The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	Aye
Alderman Dobbins	Aye
Alderman Gill	Aye
Alderman Keck	Aye

Alderman Gill introduced the Second Reading Council Bill No. 2018-06: Ordinance No. 2018-06: An Ordinance declaring the results of the Municipal Election held on April 3, 2018.

The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	Aye
Alderman Dobbins	Aye
Alderman Gill	Aye
Alderman Keck	Aye

Post Office Update –City Clerk Clarke reported that the post office boxes had not yet been moved as there was some confusion regarding the letter sent to District Manager Charly Miller expressing our opinion that this was unacceptable. The District Office in St. Louis will not move the boxes until the Board expresses a desire to do so. The Board discussed the risk in allowing this to happen and how it might affect future prospects for a CPU. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to communicate to the USPS that we would at the very least like for the boxes to be moved to the Laurie Terrace Mall. Alderman Gill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Street Repairs – City Clerk Clarke reported there were at least two vendors who had received bid packets for the 2018 Street Overlay Project and bids were due April 20th at 11:00 AM.

Alcohol at the City Park

Alderman Chorpening introduced the First Reading Council Bill No. 2018-05: Ordinance No. 2018-05: An ordinance amending Section 600 of the Laurie City Code pertaining to Alcoholic Beverages by Amending Section 600.069, Alcoholic Beverages in the City Park.

The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	Aye
Alderman Dobbins	Aye
Alderman Gill	Aye
Alderman Keck	Aye

Alderman Gill introduced the Second Reading Council Bill No. 2018-05: Ordinance No. 2018-05: An ordinance amending Section 600 of the Laurie City Code pertaining to Alcoholic Beverages by Amending Section 600.069, Alcoholic Beverages in the City Park.

The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	Aye
Alderman Dobbins	Aye
Alderman Gill	Aye
Alderman Keck	Aye

Associate Circuit Court Judge Steve Grantham swore-in re-elected Mayor Allen Kimberling, Ward 1 Alderman Jeff Chorpening , and Ward 2 Alderman Herb Keck

New Business

Alderman Keck introduced the First Reading Council Bill No. 2018-07: Ordinance No. 2018-07: An Ordinance Authorizing the City Of Laurie to Lease Mowers from Deere & Company / Sydenstricker Implement

The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	Aye
Alderman Dobbins	Aye
Alderman Gill	Aye
Alderman Keck	Aye

Alderman Gill introduced the Second Reading Council Bill No. 2018-07: Ordinance No. 2018-07: An Ordinance Authorizing the City Of Laurie to Lease Mowers from Deere & Company / Sydenstricker Implement

The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	Aye
Alderman Dobbins	Aye
Alderman Gill	Aye
Alderman Keck	Aye

Kim Yancey – Food Truck Vendors Ms. Yancey was not present.

Sam’s Club Membership – City Clerk Clarke requested a \$45.00 membership for use by Events Coordinator Caitlin Shoults for purchases of concession stand products and other related supplies. Alderman Keck made a motion to approve the membership. Alderman Chorpening seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Destruction of Records – City Clerk Clarke presented a list of records due for destruction. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to direct City Clerk Clarke to destroy the records. Alderman Keck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Water / Sewer Rate Adjustments – City Clerk Clarke presented water & sewer rate adjustment information. The calculations indicated a 5% decrease in water rates and a 5% increase in sewer rates. The Board took no action.

Department Head Reports

Events – Caitlin Shoults reported the Easter Egg Hunt had an attendance of 235 kids and that she would be gone Friday the 13th to observe a BBQ contest in Smithville Missouri.

Water – Dean Smith reported the new meter reading system was operational.

Sewer – Steve Hollaway reported the simplex grinder inspection project with Enviroline was proceeding. We have received a new blower/motor and center pivot for the west digester, all part of the capital project for this year.

Mark Black, Police Chief

Chief Black provided the following monthly statistics for March 2018: Traffic Stops 87; Summons' 14; Assist Other Agencies 27; Criminal Activities 298; Calls for Service 490, Arrests 8.

Ron Clarke, City Clerk

Ron Clarke reviewed the financial report for March 2018. March total of all funds \$2,085,202. General Fund Revenues - \$140,904; General Fund Expenses - \$178,713, Event Fund Revenues - \$6,222; Event Fund Expenses - \$21,010. Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$155,204; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses – \$247,316.

Sales Tax Review: March City Sales Tax was \$23,948.85. This is an increase of \$7,669 for the same period last year. March Street Sales Tax was \$11,515.77. This is an increase of \$3,700 for the same period last year. March Sewer Sales Tax was \$11,947.42. This is an increase of \$3,834 for the same period last year.

Andrew Renken, City Attorney

Mr. Renken reported that we have successfully completed two court sessions at Morgan County. He reported that the attendance is much approved at the new location and that Judge Grantham was pleased with the smooth transition.

Board Reports

Alderman Dobbins reported the Redbud trees have arrived and would be distributed to the students at South School some time next week. City Clerk Clarke reported that the Friends of Laurie cleanup letter for April 21st would be mailed the following day.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Kimberling reported that he had attended the legislative reception at Tan Tara and had discussed our post office situation with several local representatives.

Alderman Keck inquired as to the status of the sidewalk project. Mayor Kimberling stated that the project was still on the MoDOT priority list and would probably be discussed at the next LOCLG TAC meeting in May.

Closed Meeting

Alderman Dobbins made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into closed session pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes Section 610.021(3) to consider hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting an employee. Alderman Gill seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	Aye
Alderman Dobbins	Aye
Alderman Gill	Aye
Alderman Keck	Aye

Alderman Keck made a motion to adjourn the closed session and return to open session. Alderman Gill seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	Aye
Alderman Dobbins	Aye
Alderman Gill	Aye
Alderman Keck	Aye

Closed meeting adjourned and returned to regular meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Kimberling called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

City Clerk Clarke reported that the Board made a decision to temporarily move Chief Assistant Angela Nickerson over to City Clerk to learn the job and fill in while City Clerk Ron Clarke was absent.

Alderman Chorpening expressed an interest in charging \$10.00 per car for the Enchanted Village of Lights. After much discussion it was agreed to pursue a study to determine if this was feasible. City Attorney Andrew Renken suggested we work with the University of Missouri Extension Center to perform the study.

Adjourn

Alderman Gill made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke, City Clerk