

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AUGUST 14, 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, Dick Dobbins, Caitlin Shoults, Dean Smith, Vanessa Hebrank, Doug Gill

Citizens' Communication:

None

Mayor's Communications:

None

Approval of Minutes and Pending Payments:

Alderman Keck made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Dobbins seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- July 10, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
- July 10, 2018 Closed Meeting Minutes
- July 24, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes
- July 24, 2018 Closed Meeting Minutes
- July 30, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes
- July 30, 2018 Closed Meeting Minutes
- Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments

Unfinished Business:

Audit Report – Lisa Officer reported on the 2017 audit. She indicated that if sales tax revenues do not increase we will need to look at cutting expenses. She discussed the need to spend more from the MV/Gas Tax fund in order to alleviate some of the burden on the general fund accounts. Alderman Chorpening asked her about paying for a police officer from the street funds and she indicated that a percentage would be possible.

Waterline Expansion Project – As there were no other Statements of Qualifications from any engineering firms other than Bartlett & West, there was no need to evaluate them. Alderman Keck made a motion to continue with Bartlett & West as the engineer for the water line project. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Sidewalk Project – Herb Keck reported we had collected nine letters of support for the sidewalk phase 5A. As there were no issues brought up during the Public Hearing there was no additional discussion on the sidewalk project.

Post Office – Many Aldermen as well as City Hall have been collecting signatures on the petition.

New Business:

Mayor Kimberling announced the appointment of Vanessa Hebrank as City Clerk. Alderman Gill made a motion to accept the appointment. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Chorpening made a motion to authorize Vanessa Hebrank to sign checks and to remove Angela Nickerson. Alderman Gill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Kimberling announced the appointment of Doug Mattenlee for Planning & Zoning Commission. Alderman Dobbins made a motion to accept the appointment. Alderman Gill seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Kimberling announced the appointment of John Shepherd for Board of Adjustment. Alderman Keck made a motion to accept the appointment. Alderman Chorpening seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Well #3 Electrical Protection – City Clerk Clarke reported that a representative came from Bartlett & West to collect specifics from the well system so an electrical engineer could evaluate what additional protection may be needed.

Auditor RFP – City Clerk Clarke reported it had been four years since the Board had contracted with Officer CPA. He stated he had a request for proposal ready to send to area accountants in order to renew the contract.

Dangerous Buildings – The Board discussed the dilapidated house at 101 Forest and the need to begin the demolition process if the homeowner would not cooperate. City Clerk Clarke reported a courtesy letter had been written. The rest of the discussion revolved around the need to draft an agreement with the county to collect any assessment levied against a homeowner if the City was forced to hire a contractor. City Attorney Andrew Renken stated he would work on such an agreement and report next month.

Department Head Reports:

Events – Caitlin Shoults reported the BBQ went well with 35 teams. She also reported the movie in the park had great attendance.

Water- Dean Smith had nothing to report.

Sewer – No report.

Mark Black, Police Chief:

Chief Black provided the following monthly statistics for July 2018: Traffic Stops 141, Assist Other Agencies 20, Calls for Service 55, Arrests 9, Citations 40, Warnings, 101.

Ron Clarke, City Clerk

Ron Clarke reviewed the financial report for July 2018. June total of all funds \$1,890,879. General Fund Revenues - \$365,271; General Fund Expenses - \$567,396, Event Fund Revenues - \$20,054; Event Fund Expenses - \$39,573. Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$378,192; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses – \$498,321.

Sales Tax Review: July City Sales Tax was \$36,066. This is an increase of \$25,274 for the same period last year. July Street Sales Tax was \$17,840. This is an increase of \$12,135 for the same period last year. July Sewer Sales Tax was \$18,033. This is an increase of \$12,636 for the same period last year.

Andrew Renken, City Attorney:

No Report

Board Reports:

Alderman Dobbins reported that we are still waiting on the results of the TRIM Grant application. She reported it had been a bad year for trees. Ann Koenig from the Conservation Commission reported the same thing. Alderman Dobbins would like for us to consider paving Silvey Road. She also reported the Enhancement Committee meeting would be postponed to a later date.

Mayor's Report:

No report

Adjourn:

Alderman Keck made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke City Clerk