

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SEPTEMBER 11, 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, Barbie Wood, Dean Smith, Vanessa Hebrank, Doug Gill, Ron Holst, Dru Hayes, Abby Johnson

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.

August 09, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes
August 09, 2018 Closed Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2018 Special Public Hearing Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes
Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments

Unfinished Business:

Waterline Expansion Project – City Clerk Clarke reported that Bartlett & West is continuing to work on the engineering. The next steps would be to learn about the financing working with Charlie Zitnik.

Sidewalk Project – City Clerk Clarke reported we received an email from Anderson Construction that they are proceeding with the application for Phases 5A and 5B. He responded that he thought we had only approved Phase 5A and Andrew Eckert stated that if we would commit to both of them, he would apply for both and see if he could save us some money. Discussion revolved around safety at the cross walk and the need to include this in our project. Ron Holst attended the meeting and reported that he had spoken with Andrew Eckert about this issue. It is possible that the state could conserve money on the crosswalk signal which could bring the cities match down to approximately \$60K. Ron Holst offered to be the project coordinator and represent the city. Alderman Dobbins made a motion to apply for both Phases 5A and 5B and for Ron Holst to represent the city for this project. Alderman Chorpening seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Post Office Project – City Clerk Clarke reported that we are working on a formal letter which will be sent to Vicky Hartzler's office. Per her request, we are including letters of support and our petition signatures. Also plan to send the same packet to Roy Blunt and Claire McCaskill. The board received a draft of the letter and any comments should be returned by the end of this week so we can send the letters next week.

Dangerous Buildings – Andrew Renken reported that he had talked to Kathy Francis, the County Collector, and she stated that the county would no longer assist any city in collecting a special assessment. Mayor Kimberling has spoken with Linda Connor at LOCLG and she mentioned a possible state grant but only for multiple buildings. Andrew Renken mentioned it is a common problem with small

towns in Missouri. One town was trying to organize a lobbyist to make changes at the state house and he and Vanessa Hebrank will attend a webinar on the subject through MML. Mayor Kimberling stated he would attempt to discuss the issue with the homeowner. So the issue was tabled pending the outcome of that meeting.

New Business:

Alderman Gill made a motion to approve the Mayor signing the Silvey Heights Plat Lot Split. Alderman Keck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports:

Events – Caitlin Shoults reported they are busy getting reading for the Hillbilly Fair.

Water- Dean Smith had nothing to report. He did want to thank Kent Memorial Lutheran Church for trimming the bushes and cleaning up around City Hall. Jeff Chorpening thanked Dean for the road repairs in his neighborhood.

Sewer – Dean Smith reported that Schreiber had sent a technician to fix the clarifier and we were continuing with maintenance at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mark Black, Police Chief:

Chief Black provided the following monthly statistics for August 2018: Traffic Stops 74, Assist Other Agencies 23, Calls for Service 442, Arrests 4, Citations 17, Warnings, 57. He also reported that he had received two grants – one for \$6,200 for bullet proof vests and car equipment and one for \$20,000 for a license plate reader system.

Ron Clarke, City Clerk

Ron Clarke reviewed the financial report for August 2018. August total of all funds \$1,886,403. General Fund Revenues - \$448,261; General Fund Expenses - \$635,722, Event Fund Revenues - \$29,069; Event Fund Expenses - \$56,072. Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$437,494; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses – \$533,264.

Sales Tax Review: August City Sales Tax was \$55,790. This is an increase of \$23,403 for the same period last year. August Street Sales Tax was \$27,257. This is an increase of \$11,213 for the same period last year. August Sewer Sales Tax was \$27,895. This is an increase of \$11,701 for the same period last year.

Andrew Renken, City Attorney:

No Report

Board Reports:

Alderman Dobbins reported Bobbie Aubushon and Joy Baze have joined her groups. She also reported that they are working on an Arbor Day celebration in Versailles with the Versailles Middle School.

Mayor's Report:

No report

Closed Meeting

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 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 Gill	aye
Alderman Dobbins	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 Gill	aye
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Keck	aye

Closed meeting adjourned and returned to regular meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Mayor Kimberling reopened the regular meeting at 7:51 p.m.

City Clerk Clarke reported that the Board interviewed and hired Michael Adams as a part time employee for the treatment plant, his consulting compensation, and compensating Dean Smith for his extra work.

Adjourn

Alderman Gill made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke City Clerk