

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MARCH 12, 2019 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 Vanessa Hebrank, City Attorney Andrew Renken, Police Chief Mark Black, Dean Smith, Jason Jones, Barbie Wood, Dick Dobbins, Paul Strauser, Pam Folker, Joy Baze, Tracey Smith, Ron Holst, Greg Gresham, Christie Gresham

Citizens' Communication:

Tracey Smith addressed the board that in addition to the cultivation center application, they will also be applying for a manufacturing license to be in the same facility. They are in the process of cleaning up the site and will be putting up fences soon.

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.

Unfinished Business

Waterline Expansion Project Update– Mayor Kimberling referenced the update received from Gary Davis at Bartlett & West outlining work that had been done in February and planned work for March for the Route O Waterline. He will attend the April meeting to give additional updates.

Deer Valley Road Discussion – Question was raised from home owner if city would pave the remainder of their road since in city limits. Developer is responsible to pave the road so since that was not completed, they would need to have it paved. Once that is done to specifications, the city would maintain the road. Also asked about water/sewer bill and cost. Explained what all goes into water/sewer rates. They asked if they could have a well and were told they could at their cost. They are required to be on sewer but can build a well if they chose.

New Business

Approved P & Z Recommendation for Silvey Heights Lot 5 – Board received letter from P&Z with their recommendation that the set back variance be approved. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to take the P&Z recommendation and give approval for the variance. Alderman Gill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

TRIM Grant Bid Recommendation – Ron Holst presented a recommendation from the Enhancement Committee regarding the TRIM Grant. An advertisement was run for bids to complete work at City Hall for the TRIM Grant planting of trees and additional landscaping work. Received two bids from contractors and received good references on the low bidder. The committee highly recommends awarding the base bid work to Green Horizons Garden Center for the tree work which would be available for reimbursement through the TRIM Grant. A recommendation was also given to accept bid alternate #1, which would be clean up and plant grass seed to enhance the entrance to City Hall. There was additional discussion about taking down the remaining dead trees behind City Hall. Discussion completed by board members. Board would like to revisit the alternate bid #1 at a later time in the year. Alderman Keck made a motion to award the Base Bid to Green Horizon Garden Center and remove the remainder of dead trees. Alderman Chorpening seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Hiring replacement employee for Water/Sewer department - Dean Smith and Jason Jones presented a proposal to the board with the option of hiring one full time employee instead of two part time employees for the public works department. Board reviewed and discussed the information.

Alderman Chorpening made a motion to advertise and hire one full time employee or two part time employees if not able to find a full time person. Alderman Dobbins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on Vacation Leave Policy – discussion was raised regarding employees not being able to take vacation before the policy cutoff date. For the police department, it is not always possible for them to take vacation so they would be losing the hours earned. Board requested City Clerk Hebrank to present the board with the current policy and work up an amended policy to be discussed at the next meeting.

Department Head Reports

Events – Barbie Wood reported that they are still working on getting the lights down in the part – about half way there. The Spring Soccer league will begin games at the end of the month. She is also working on the Easter Egg Hunt and the Hillbilly Flea Market that will be on May 4th. She invited anyone that would like to help with the taking down of the lights or stuffing Easter eggs to give her a call.

Water - Dean Smith reported that all is going well. They have finished fixing the broken meters from the cold weather.

Sewer – Jason Jones reported that the clarifier will be back up and running hopefully by April. Drum Filters are running and the auger is going as well. All is going well at the plant.

Mark Black, Police Chief - Chief Black provided the following monthly statistics for February 2019: Traffic Stops 107, Assist Other Agencies 6, Calls for Service 492 , Arrests 6 , Citations 20 , Warnings 87 .

Vanessa Hebrank, City Clerk - City Clerk Hebrank reviewed the financial report for February 2019. February total of all funds is \$1,850,062. General Fund Revenues - \$108,457; General Fund Expenses - \$139,463; Event Fund Revenues - \$1,240; Event Fund Expenses - \$10,242; Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$101,260; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses - \$185,371.

Sales Tax Review: February City Sales Tax was \$32,350 .This is a decrease of \$ 6,580 for the same period last year. February Street Sales Tax was \$ 15,458. This is a decrease of \$3,161 for the same period last year. February Sewer Sales Tax was \$ 16,175. This is a decrease of \$ 3,290 for the same period last year.

Andrew Renken, City Attorney – City Attorney Renken reported that July court date has been moved up to July 15th.

Board Reports

Enhancement Committee – there will be a committee meeting on March 18th.

Tree City – nothing further.

Mayor’s Report

None

Adjourn

Alderman Chorpening made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Vanessa Hebrank, City Clerk