

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MAY 14, 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, Pam Folker, 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, Dru Hayes, Tracey Smith

Citizens' Communication:

Chuck Chorpening spoke to the board regarding the sidewalk project and information he and the mayor heard in a meeting regarding the TAP Grant.
Tracey Smith updated the board on the cultivation and harvesting facility. Applications will be due the first part of August and the state is still working on the draft of regulations and any zoning that may need to change. The fence is being installed and lights will be the next thing added.

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

Vacation Leave Policy

Mayor Kimberling introduced the **First Reading Council Bill No. 2019-05: Ordinance No. 2019-05:** "An Ordinance amending Section 117.100 of the Laurie City Code pertaining to Personnel Regulations to amend the vacation leave policy."

Alderman Dobbins made a motion to accept. Alderman Chorpening seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	Aye
Alderman Dobbins	Aye
Alderman Folker	Aye
Alderman Keck	Aye

Mayor Kimberling introduced the **Second Reading Council Bill No. 2019-05; Ordinance No. 2019-05:** "An Ordinance amending Section 117.100 of the Laurie City Code pertaining to Personnel Regulations to amend the vacation leave policy."

Alderman Keck made a motion to accept. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	Aye
Alderman Dobbins	Aye
Alderman Folker	Aye
Alderman Keck	Aye

Sidewalk Project Update

Mayor Kimberling introduced the **First Reading Council Bill No. 2019-06: Ordinance No. 2019-06:** “An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Engineering Agreement for the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission’s Transportation Alternatives Funds Program.”

Alderman Keck made a motion to accept. Alderman Folker seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	Aye
Alderman Dobbins	Aye
Alderman Folker	Aye
Alderman Keck	Aye

Mayor Kimberling introduced the **Second Reading Council Bill No. 2019-06: Ordinance No. 2019-06:** “An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Engineering Agreement for the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission’s Transportation Alternatives Funds Program.”

Alderman Chorpening made a motion to accept. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Chorpening	Aye
Alderman Dobbins	Aye
Alderman Folker	Aye
Alderman Keck	Aye

Route O Water Line Project update - Bartlett & West provided a written update. They are asking to hold a property owners meeting with those owners who will be affected by the Route O water line expansion on 6/11 at 5pm, prior to the board meeting. Letters with the invitation to the meeting and the easement document will be sent later this week. Alderman Keck asked that we invite Chief Hancock from the Gravois Mills Fire Department as he would like to talk to Bartlett & West regarding the project.

New Business

Sewer Rate Adjustment – City Clerk Hebrank presented sewer rate increase information to the board. This was based on calculations using 2018 year end usage actuals and using same formulas as in the past. Also had a discussion with DNR regarding the rate of increase necessary to cover SRF loan and debt obligations. The Board was reminded that there had not been an increase since 2016. Decision was made to increase the sewer rate 10% effective June 1, 2019. An Ordinance will be drafted and presented at the June meeting for approval.

Mayor’s Appointments

Mayor Kimberling recommended the appointment of Jeff Chorpening to remain on the Board of Adjustments. Alderman Keck made a motion to accept the appointment of Jeff Chorpening to remain on the Board of Adjustments. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approve Signing Checks

Mayor Kimberling recommended we remove Carol Gill from the city bank accounts with Bank of Versailles, and add Pam Folker as signatories. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to remove Carol Gill from the city bank accounts with Bank of Versailles, and add Pam Folker as signatories. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports

Events – Flea Market was held first weekend of May. Spring Soccer season is completed. Accepting registrations for possible T-Ball season - extended the deadline for registration to June 1 to see if we get more players and coaches. Continue work on BBQ and Hillbilly Fair. Barbie was asked by the folks that play Disk Golf if another 9 holes could be added to the course. They would get sponsors to install the baskets, etc. if the city would be willing to purchase the baskets. They would like to start team leagues. They have drawn out where the additional holes could be located and Barbie and Dean confirmed that it would not interfere with the fairgrounds and the light display. A donation was given to purchase the baskets so this can move forward.

Water - the apartment building on Hwy 5 is requesting connection to city water, they are currently on sewer. There is a problem on the water line location, which is not the owners fault and it was suggested to locate the meter and service line by another current meter. Cost to complete this work will be approximately \$2,000 and it was requested to the board that the city split the cost 50/50 of the installation. Aldermen were in favor of this gesture as they felt it would be fair. Alderman Keck made a motion to split the cost of the meter and service line installation 50/50 with the apartment building owner. Alderman Chorpening seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Sewer – All going well at the sewer plant. The second clarifier is on line and we are using both right now. Making good progress.

Mark Black, Police Chief - Chief Black provided the following monthly statistics for April 2019: Traffic Stops 128, Assist Other Agencies 9, Calls for Service 519, Arrests 17, Citations 33, Warnings 102.

Have an officer that moved to reserve status and would like to move one from reserve status to full time. Board approved the request. Chief Black reported that the police department had applied for grant to adopt a road and they were granted a section on O Road from Fairgrounds Road to Jiffy Stop.

Vanessa Hebrank, City Clerk - City Clerk Hebrank reviewed the financial report for April 2019. April total of all funds is \$1,778,921. General Fund Revenues - \$220,595; General Fund Expenses - \$260,272; Event Fund Revenues - \$5,697; Event Fund Expenses - \$21,313; Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$207,866; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses - \$351,292.

Sales Tax Review: April City Sales Tax was \$14,365. This is an increase of \$ 6,032 for the same period last year. April Street Sales Tax was \$ 6,923. This is an increase of \$ 2,889 for the same period last year. April Sewer Sales Tax was \$ 7,182. This is an increase of \$ 3,016 for the same period last year.

Andrew Renken, City Attorney – Nothing to report.

Board Reports

Enhancement Committee – Reinstating the Beautification Award for businesses and churches. One change will be they will be invited to the board meeting to get the award and have picture taken. Two representatives from MoDot came to the last meeting to talk about plans for the enhancement of the area at MO-5 and Hwy 135. They will be doing fund raisers to cover the costs.

Tree City – Nothing to report.

Mayor’s Report – Nothing to report.

Adjourn

Alderman Chorpening made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Vanessa Hebrank, City Clerk