

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
JULY 09, 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, Dean Smith, Jason Jones, Barbie Wood, Dick Dobbins, Tracey Smith, Jim Frederick, Billie Smith, Glen Smith, Dru Hayes, Joy Baze, Ron Yarborough

**Citizens' Communication:**

Tracey Smith gave an update on the cultivation and harvesting facility. The license application will be submitted on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. He plans to use local companies for work at the facility. He thinks things are looking good.

Jim Frederick let the board know that he had received a contract to move post office boxes to the front of the mall building. Will have further information at upcoming meetings.

**Mayor's Communications:**

None

**Approval of Minutes and Pending Payments:**

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

**Unfinished Business**

**Route O Water Line Project update** - Bartlett & West provided the board with the monthly update. Would like to schedule a meeting before August meeting for property owners to be able to come and sign easement documents. Board agreed with that. Discussion was completed regarding question of city being willing to provide a letter regarding removal of any trees that might die due to construction. Board asked to have them draft a letter for review and approval.

**Sidewalk Project Update** – Surveyor has started – crews will be in town the week of the 16<sup>th</sup>. They will put together some preliminary plans once data is back. Plan to schedule a meeting with city mid-August.

**2018 Audit Report** – Lisa Officer gave the 2018 audit report. She reported that for general fund taxes were up 2%, park decreased 7%, fines increased 4%, police/court increased 13%, expenses increased 23%. For water/sewer there was a decrease in unrestricted fund, user charges increased 2%, repairs increased 24%, purchase services increased and personnel increased 12%. Overall, she indicated that we need to look at cutting expenses since sales tax revenues have not increased much. She discussed the need to spend more from MV/Gas Tax fund to cut back expenses from general fund accounts. Suggested doing a study on percentage of police officer time spent on the street to see what percentage could come from that fund. She suggested that we move some money from capital and events fund to the operating for general fund. Alderman Folker made a motion to move \$70,000 from capital and \$70,000 from events to general fund. Alderman Chorpening seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

**Planning & Zoning Appointments** – Mayor Kimberling presented names of the people he would like to appoint to the P&Z commission - Josh Loganbill, John Williams, and Chuck Wanamaker. Discussion completed. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to accept these appointments. Second by Alderman Dobbins. Vote taken: two approved, two objected. Mayor Kimberling voted to approve to break tie and motion passed.

## **Department Head Reports**

**Events** – Barbie unable to attend meeting. She continues to work on the BBQ and Hillbilly Fair and T-Ball finishes this Saturday.

**Water** – Developer spoke to board regarding infrastructure at Woodhaven subdivision. Interested in putting in gravity system as alternate sewer option. Building affordable housing and asked if city could assist with cost for these lots that are not on gravity system already. City not able to fund this but will assist developer as they have for others.  
All else going well in the water department.

**Sewer** – Have an air leak in new clarifier so working to fix this and doing sludge haul. All else going fine at the plant.

**Police Dept** – Chief Black provided the following monthly statistics for June 2019:  
Traffic Stops 134, Assist Other Agencies 14, Calls for Service 544, Arrests 6, Citations 25, Warnings 113.

**Vanessa Hebrank, City Clerk** - City Clerk Hebrank reviewed the financial report for June 2019. June total of all funds is \$1,802,226. General Fund Revenues - \$332,070; General Fund Expenses - \$355,018; Event Fund Revenues - \$12,271; Event Fund Expenses - \$31,601; Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$343,681; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses - \$478,333.

**Sales Tax Review:** June City Sales Tax was \$ 37,701. This is a decrease of \$ 6,158 for the same period last year. June Street Sales Tax was \$ 18,627. This is a decrease of \$ 3,052 for the same period last year. June Sewer Sales Tax was \$ 18,850. This is a decrease of \$ 3,079 for the same period last year.

**Andrew Renken, City Attorney** – July court date is only for payment review. All else has been continued to the August court date.

## **Board Reports**

Enhancement Committee – Article in the paper showing the awarding of the reimbursement check to the city for the TRIM Grant.

Tree City – We will be hosting a meeting for the conservation department to review grants for cities to become a Tree City. Alderman Folker will give a report at a future meeting.

**Mayor's Report** – Nothing to report.

**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 Keck seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

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

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

Closed meeting adjourned and returned to regular meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Kimberling reopened the regular meeting at 7:48 p.m.  
City Clerk Hebrank reported decision made on personnel matter.

**Adjourn**

Alderman Chorpening made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

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Vanessa Hebrank, City Clerk