

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SEPTEMBER 10, 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 Attorney Andrew Renken, Vanessa Hebrank, Dean Smith, Jason Jones, Dick Dobbins, Dru Hayes, Bobbi Aubuchon, Barb Gidley, Bill Cleavinger

Citizens' Communication:

Barb Gidley addressed the board regarding a property on 101 Forest Rd. Weed are overgrown and there are snakes, groundhogs, etc. She was asking if there was anything that the city could do. The owner has been sent a letter requesting he take care of the overgrowth issue.

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 – Monthly update information was provided from Bartlett & West. Kyle was in town getting easements signed and will return on Friday to get signatures on some additional ones. The analysis was done by DNR regarding the water rate and it is being reviewed by Bartlett & West. Received comments back from the DNR that they will be reviewing.

Sidewalk Project Update – Made first payment to Anderson Engineering. Reimbursement invoice was sent to MoDOT and should receive reimbursement later this month.

New Business

Laurie Beautification Award – Pam Folker awarded the beautification award to The Lake House Inn. Mike David was presented a certificate along with the sign that was posted at their place of business.

Liquor License – The completed application from El Centenario requesting a liquor license and merchant license had been received and is in good order. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to approve the liquor license. Alderman Keck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Dobbins made a motion to authorize Ron Clarke to sign checks and to remove Vanessa Hebrank. Alderman Chorpening seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports

Events – Barbie Wood was not at the meeting as they are getting things ready for the Hillbilly Fair which will be this Friday and Saturday. Will be a great 50th Year celebration.

Water – Dean Smith reported that all is going well with the water department. Put out a bid for Street Repairs and have gotten a couple companies that have picked up packets. All sealed bids are due back to the city by September 17.

Sewer – Jason Jones reported he had sent reports to DNR and have not gotten comments back yet. Plant is doing very well. New clarifier is in need of some additional maintenance and that will be done in the upcoming months.

Police Dept – Chief Black provided the following monthly statistics for August 2019: Traffic Stops 56, Assist Other Agencies 12, Calls for Service 554, Arrests 0, Citations 7, Warnings 49. Have hired a reserve officer who will start later this week.

City Clerk – Vanessa Hebrank reviewed the financial report for August 2019. August total of all funds is \$1,837,208. General Fund Revenues - \$462,922; General Fund Expenses - \$486,893; Event Fund Revenues - \$34,306; Event Fund Expenses - \$55,523; Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$491,533; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses - \$585,556.

Sales Tax Review: August City Sales Tax was \$ 75,117. This is an increase of \$ 19,327 for the same period last year. August Street Sales Tax was \$ 37,114. This is an increase of \$9,857 for the same period last year. August Sewer Sales Tax was \$ 37,558. This is an increase of \$ 9,663 for the same period last year.

Andrew Renken, City Attorney – Nothing to report.

Board Reports

Enhancement Committee – Pam Folker reported that they are discussing the possibility of having a City’s Christmas Tree as a new tradition. Was suggested they talk to the Chamber to see about doing something together. Will report more at a future meeting.

Tree City – Looking into another grant for cutting down the dead trees in the park.

Mayor’s Report – Attended a TAC meeting today and Laurie is on the list for a right turn lane at Hwy 5 and O Road. Nothing right away but on the list. .

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(2) to consider information relating to the acquisition of real estate. Alderman Keck seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

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

Alderman Folker made a motion to adjourn the closed session and return to open session. Alderman Chorpening seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed meeting adjourned and returned to regular meeting at 6:40p.m.

Mayor Kimberling reopened the regular meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Reported A decision was made regarding a water line easement.

Adjourn

Alderman Keck made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Allen Kimberling, Mayor

Attest:

Ron Clarke, City Clerk