

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
NOVEMBER 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, Pam Folker, Jeff Chorpening, Herb Keck

Others present were: City Attorney Andrew Renken, Ron Clarke, Dean Smith, Jason Jones, John Shepherd, Kyle Landwehr, Matt VanderTuig

**Citizens' Communication:** None

**Mayor's Communications:** None

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

**Unfinished Business**

**Route O Water Line Project update** – Monthly update information was provided from Bartlett & West. Kyle was present due to the scheduled public hearing on environmental impact of the project and answered questions related to the project. The Board wanted to know the cost differences between a six inch, eight inch and ten inch line. Kyle responded the six inch is currently estimated at \$945k, eight inch at \$986k, and ten inch at \$1040k. The Board then discussed the current project schedule.

Attorney Andrew Renken requested the Board formally approve the Mayor signing all lease agreements. Alderman Keck made a motion to approve Mayor Kimberling to sign all lease agreements. Alderman Folker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Sidewalk Project Update** –Andrew Eckhart sent a revised plan which included moving the crosswalk closer to the care center and moving the sidewalk to the south side of O road. Alderman Keck expressed serious concerns with this new plan. The Board requested for Andrew to attend the next meeting to discuss.

**New Business**

**Laurie Beautification Award** – No award in December.

**Vehicle Bid Award** – City Clerk Clarke reported there were no bids presented for the 2011 Dodge Charger. The City has three options, to advertise the vehicle as surplus again and solicit bids, submit the vehicle for auction on Purple Wave, or take to Bryant Auction. Alderman Keck made a motion to submit the vehicle to Purple Wave for auction. Alderman Chorpening seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Proposed Budget Discussion** – City Clerk Clarke reported the budget should be ready for final review as he had gathered the necessary information from Kyle Landwehr regarding water system

expenses. The Board agreed to meet November 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm to review the budget and interview prospective clerk applicants.

**April 2020 Election** – City Clerk Clarke asked for a vote to hold elections in April 2020. Alderman Keck asked for the filing dates. City Clerk Clarke responded that the opening date for filing was December 17<sup>th</sup> and closing was January 21<sup>st</sup>. Alderman Chorpening made a motion to hold an election on Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 for one Alderman from Ward 1, One Alderman from Ward 2, and Mayor. Alderman Folker seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**Employee/Volunteer Dinner** – City Clerk Clarke reported he had not received enough proposals to make a decision. He did report that Mac's had presented their catering service list of options from which to choose. Alderman Chorpening asked City Clerk Clarke to solicit a proposal from the new Mexican restaurant El Centenario.

### **Department Head Reports**

**Events** – Barbie Wood was not present. Alderman Chorpening expressed an interest in sending a letter of appreciation to COMO Electric for all of the help they provide putting up Christmas lights at the fairgrounds.

**Water** – Dean Smith reported that all is going well with the water department.

**Sewer** – Jason Jones reported the plant is doing very well. Jason was asked about being seen working late at a lift station on O Road. He reported we had some issues with a soft-start at that location that required manual operation of the lift station, but that it was now repaired. Dean reported that we planned to purchase spare soft-starts to avoid this situation in the future.

**Police Dept** – Chief Black provided the following monthly statistics for October 2019: Traffic Stops 32, Assist Other Agencies 5, Calls for Service 386, Arrests 2, Citations 4, Warnings 28.

**City Clerk** – Ron Clarke reviewed the financial report for October 2019. October total of all funds is \$1,958,139. General Fund Revenues - \$653,242; General Fund Expenses - \$582,045; Event Fund Revenues - \$68,817; Event Fund Expenses - \$91,640; Water and Sewer Fund Revenues - \$640,858; and Water and Sewer Fund Expenses - \$707,232.

**Sales Tax Review:** October City Sales Tax was \$ 27,958. This is an increase of \$ 12,584 for the same period last year. October Street Sales Tax was \$ 13,783. This is an increase of \$ 6,321 for the same period last year. October Sewer Sales Tax was \$ 13,979. This is an increase of \$ 6,292 for the same period last year. September City Sales Tax was \$ 25,455. September Street Sales Tax was \$ 12,427. September Sewer Sales Tax was \$ 12,727.

**Andrew Renken, City Attorney** – Andrew reported that unpaid fines can now be collected by garnishing state income tax refunds through OSCA. This should result in a slight increase in fine payments during tax time.

### **Board Reports**

**Enhancement Committee** – Pam Folker reported on plans for the City's Christmas Tree and a notification sent to the police department and surrounding businesses as a heads-up.

Alderman Folker also discussed the potential increase in participation in the Chamber Christmas parade.

Tree City – The committee will be working on recertification at their next meeting.

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

**Adjourn**

Alderman Chorpening made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Allen Kimberling, Mayor

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Ron Clarke, City Clerk