

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
JUNE 13, 2012; 6:00 P.M.  
CITY OF LAURIE, MISSOURI**

Mayor Herb Keck called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Prior to starting the agenda Mayor Keck asked those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held in honor of our troops.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Herb Keck, Alderman Greg Lux, Alderman Karen Dobbins, and Alderman Allen Kimberling. Absent Alderman Valerie Ites

Others present were City Clerk Olive Wood, Director of Public Works Ed Young, Acting Police Chief Mark Black, City Attorney Steve Grantham, Dick Dobbins, Mike Kenagy, Mike Wood, Chuck Chorpening, Ken Zgiet, Clint Ladouceur, Clarence Hager, and Janet Dabbs.

**Citizens' Communication:** Mayor Keck introduced Clint Ladouceu of Bobbi Bash Realty. Mr. Ladouceu stated he was the listing agent for Indian Rock Golf Course, owned by Community Bank of Sunrise Beach. He proposed that the golf course become a municipal golf course. The golf course is offered at 1.6 million, but the bank is very interested in selling the property. He proposed the city buy the golf course and offered creative financing.

Mayor Keck stated the board would discuss the proposal.

Lake West Chamber Director Mike Kenagy reported the Shrimp Boil will be held at the fairgrounds on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. A large group of people are expected and he will keep the city informed.

**Mayor's Communications:** Mayor Keck reported the Board had approved the Ordinance to place the use tax on the August 7<sup>th</sup> ballot. He explained this is not a new tax, and legislators passed a bill to correct the sales tax problem, but it was sitting on the Governor's desk and it being an election year, the Governor may not sign the bill. Over 800 cities and 92 counties will be affected by the Missouri Supreme Court's ruling. He asked that a big effort be made to encourage the voters of Laurie to pass the use tax issue at the August 7<sup>th</sup> election.

Mayor Keck also asked the Board if they had suggestions for improvements to the city's website. Attorney Steve Grantham reported the city needs to put a lot of thought into the process to make the most use, as the younger generation uses these tools. The website needs to be a first class product and encouraged anyone with ideas to drop off their suggestions to city hall. Some of the suggestions included putting links to the city's businesses, restaurants, movies showing at the theater, churches, new construction, shows, events, notices to the public, and using Facebook as a new tool.

## Approval of Minutes

**May 9, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes:** Alderman Lux made a motion to accept the May 9, 2012 regular meeting minutes. Alderman Dobbins seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	absent
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

**Pending Payments & Addition to Pending Payments:** Alderman Lux made a motion to approve additions and pending payments. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	absent
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

## Unfinished Business

**A. First Reading Council Bill No. 2012-09; Ordinance No. 2012-09:** “An Ordinance of the City of Laurie, Missouri Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Lexsar Solutions, Inc. Agreement for Wireless Internet and Leased premises.”

Alderman Lux introduced Council Bill No. 2012-09 for the first reading. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	absent
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

**B. Second Reading Council Bill No. 2012-09; Ordinance No. 2012-09:** “An Ordinance of the City of Laurie, Missouri Authorizing the Mayor to sign the Lexsar Solutions, Inc. Agreement for Wireless Internet and Leased premises.”

Alderman Dobbins introduced Council Bill No. 2012-09 for the second reading. Alderman Lux seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	absent
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

Mayor Keck declared Council Bill No. 2012-09 becomes Ordinance No. 2012-09.

## New Business - None

## Department Head Reports

**A. Ed Young, Public Works Director**

Ed Young expressed his appreciation for all the prayers, cards, and flowers in the loss of his mother.

- **SCADA System Monitoring Bids:** Public Works Director Ed Young reported that the SCADA computer system is a proprietary item. The bid to replace the SCADA system computer from Micro-Comm was broken down into the following: ODC-Desktop Computer - \$3,997.00; Factory install of Customers SCADAview 32 MMI Software w/Upgrade, Current SCADAview 32 upgrades including 1 downloading with upgrades to customers existing SCADAview 32 MMI software and downloading data from the customers existing hard drive (contingent on customers hard drive being accessible). Programming to be done at Micro-Comm facilities - \$1,000.00; Factory Install of Micro-Comm's WEB Server Software - \$2,500.00; Basic Price: \$7,497.00. Other options were also available at addition costs.

Young reported that funds were budgeted for the computer, but exceeded the amount budgeted and the remaining amount would have to be taken from water/sewer capital improvements. Young stated that the city did not need the \$2,500 Web Server Software and recommended to the board the first two items at a cost of \$4,997.00.

Alderman Lux made a motion to allow Young to proceed with the recommended purchase of the SCADA Computer system at a cost of \$4,997.00. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	absent
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

- **Event Reports:** The Laurie Gun and Knife Show held at Osage River Bar and Grill was a success with revenues of \$1,500.00 and projected expenses of \$381.00. The city garage sales had income of \$1,370.00 and expenses of 649.24.

- **Garden Tractor Pull:** A suitable site for the garden tractor pull has been recommended that will still maintain the soccer fields. The proposed site will be relayed to the tractor pull association. No board action is needed at the present time.

#### **B. Mark Black, Acting Police Chief**

- **Incident Report:** Calls for service -152; Traffic stops – 46; Warnings – 36; Summons – 10; Arrest – 8; Non traffic summons – 3.

- **Update on K-9 Donations:** Donations have been refunded or kept per the donor of the K-9 fund.

- **Radio Frequency:** A letter from the Missouri Department of Public Safety was received on April 2, 2012 in regards to allowing the State to take control of our radio communication system. Research, contact with L & B Electronics, and on the advice of Attorney Steve Grantham the city was advised against granting the Missouri Department of Public Safety's request. Attorney Grantham stated the city would spend thousands of dollars to get a new frequency should the Statewide Interoperable VHF trunked radio system fail to provide an adequate radio system. The State of Missouri does not issue or regulate radio frequencies; these are issued through the FCC.

Alderman Lux made a motion not to give up the radio frequency to the State of Missouri's Statewide Interoperable VHF trunked radio system. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	absent
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	aye

Chief Black also reported that he is in the process of reviewing quality applicants for reserve officers, as the city is short 3 reserves, 1 full-time officer, and one on medical leave.

Mayor Keck reported this is the city’s busiest time and as the police department is shorthanded there will be some overtime. The Board agreed that if a special meeting needs to be held to hire reserves they would be willing to do so.

Alderman Dobbins stated she was proud of the newspaper pictures with the Laurie’s Officer along with the other agencies.

**C. Olive Wood, City Clerk**

**- Review Financial Report:** May 31, 2012 balance for all funds - \$2,076,336.05: General Fund revenues - \$213,834.73; expenses -\$386,134.22: Event revenues - \$12,404.67; expenses - \$19,481.28: Water and Sewer revenues – \$232,882.87; expenses - \$256,249.43.

City Clerk Olive Wood reported the sales tax received in May was the lowest it had been in five years, but June’s sales tax was ahead of the previous year by \$10,813.55; the June sales tax brings the city’s total to date for the year ahead of the previous four years. Court revenues are 14% below projections, Street MV Tax is 15% above projections, Administrative expenses are 8% above projections, PD expenses are 7% above projections which includes receiving grant funds of \$7,155.68 and the expenses associated with the grant were not a budgeted item. Maintenance is 16% above projections; they received \$3,301.00 from selling a mower, but paid \$6,583.60 which was not budgeted in capital expenditures. Street MV Tax is 3 % below budget. Street Sales Tax bond payment of \$125,000 to principal and \$5,062.50 in interest was paid in May.

**C. Steve Grantham, City Attorney: None**

**Board Reports:**

**Mayor Appointments**

**- Community Business Development Committee:** Mayor Keck provided the following letter to the Board of Aldermen:

*“June 8, 2012*

*“To: Board of Aldermen*

*From: Herb Keck, Mayor*

***BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE***

*Since the opening of the new Highway 54 through Osage Beach, many of the businesses on the now Business Route 54 are suffering a drop in their businesses. Some businesses have experienced a severe loss and are reported to be looking for highway frontage locations for possible relocation.*

*With natural gas by Summit Utilities coming soon, our city has the complete infrastructure to attract business. Our highway traffic count indicates about 10,000 vehicles travel through Laurie each day. Our full-time population is 945 citizens, but the community consists of many times more residents who trade in our city.*

*It's time we establish a committee with the purpose of selling our city's features, advantages, attractions, and benefits to prospective businesses.*

*The committee would be comprised of a few active and retired businessmen with a background of success in various fields who know how to make and cultivate prospective business relationships.*

*The committee would be civic minded volunteers willing to serve and help our city to grow. This will not require a budget or a cost to the city at this time. The committee would not have authority to commit the city to anything; it would report information to the Mayor, who would report appropriate information to the Board of Aldermen.*

*The BDC may initially have only two or three members, but could grow as it becomes more active. I have discussed the possibility of this committee with several people in our city and all have expressed a positive reaction. Some have said "what are we waiting for," this is the time to be moving forward.*

*This committee will be more than "good-will ambassadors," they will be actively seeking and soliciting businesses to locate in our great little city.*

*I am asking our Board members to permit me to move on this idea by appointing the following community residents to serve on the committee. I feel that time is of the essence and we need to act now."*

Mayor Keck recommended appointing the following to the Business Development Committee: Chuck Chorpening, Mark Shellenberg, and Dennis Devine. Mayor Keck gave a brief history of each of their experiences. Alderman Kimberling made a motion to appoint Chuck Chorpening, Mark Shellenberg, and Dennis Devine to the Business Development Committee.

Discussion followed:

- Other qualified people be appointed to the committee
- Not to limit the committee to only three people
- Need member that are in conjunction with the Chamber
- Delay appointments to open to other members

Mayor Keck assured that other members could be appointed to the committee at a later date, but stressed the need to move forward.

Aldermen Dobbins seconded the motion. The following vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling	aye
Alderman Ites	absent
Alderman Dobbins	aye
Alderman Lux	nay

**ADJOURN:** Alderman Kimberling made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Olive Wood  
City Clerk