

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALL MEETING
CITY OF LAURIE
City of Laurie, Missouri
Wednesday, May 15, 2013**

Attendance: Mayor Herb Keck, Alderman Val Ites, Alderman Greg Lux, Alderman Karen Dobbins, and Alderman Allen Kimberling.

Others present: City Clerk Olive Wood, Police Chief Mark Black, City Attorney Stephen Grantham, Public Works Director Ed Young and Dave Baumgartner.

Closed Meeting: The tentative agenda of this meeting will include a vote to close part of the meeting pursuant to RSMo 610.021.2 regarding leasing, purchase or sale of real estate.

Mayor Keck called the work session and closed meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Lux made a motion to adjourn the special meeting and go into closed meeting pursuant to RSMo 610.021.2 for leasing, purchase or sale of real estate. Alderman Ites seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Kimberling – aye
Alderman Dobbins – aye
Alderman Lux – aye
Alderman Ites – aye

Mayor Keck called the closed meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and reported he had signed a real estate contract with the Bank of Versailles on the purchase of the ReMax building in Laurie. The board had voted and approved negotiations of such a contract at previously closed meetings. A copy of the contract was available for review.

The City agreed the price to be paid by the Buyer therefore is Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$550,000.00) payable as follows: Twenty five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) paid as earnest money, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Seller. At closing, Buyer shall pay Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00) and Buyer shall deed to Seller a tract of land owned by Buyer, which the parties value at \$200,000. The closing shall take place within 180 days of the date of contract or as the parties may mutually agree.

The board was informed the Bank of Versailles sold the front part of the land to a developer for retail development. The city's purchase includes a 35 foot driveway that will lead from Highway 5 to the back of the property and provide ample space for signage.

The city will occupy the lower portion of the building with the upper part being leased. The bank will finish the downstairs to the city's specification for additional funds.

Mayor Keck stated City Attorney Steve Grantham had suggested a person be selected as the contact and coordinator for the interior finish. Mayor Keck recommended Rick Purdon and the board agreed.

Local Architect Ron Holst has already begun work on the drawings for the lower level and will need to add some finishing touches to the plans.

Mayor Keck will meet with city employees first thing tomorrow morning to provide the news and offer a tour of the lower level.

A news release will be provided first thing on Thursday, May 16, 2013.

Alderman Lux made a motion to adjourn the closed meeting and return to open meeting at 6:37 p.m. Alderman Kimberling seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:

- Alderman Lux - aye
- Alderman Dobbins - aye
- Alderman Ites - aye
- Alderman Kimberling - aye

Mayor Keck asked the Board if they had any additional ideas on communicating the importance of the local use tax ballot issue. Further discussion followed.

Mayor Keck asked if the Board felt a need to appoint a committee to review the City's events. Discussion followed:

- City is providing additional events this year
- Revenues and expenses
- Some events are to be profitable where others are to provide activities for the community.
- Less control when organizations are involved in events

The Board all agreed the Mayor did not need to appoint an advisory committee for events.

Mayor Keck asked the board about the continual use of "Hillbilly" in the naming of the events. The board agreed that this was the trademark of the city and the name "Hillbilly" should not be changed. Changes to events need to occur to keep people returning and looking forward to the event with new activities.

Alderman Lux made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Kimberling second. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.


Herb Keck, Mayor

ATTEST:


Olive Wood, City Clerk