

Board Meeting Minutes
Board of Alderman
June 11, 2024, 6:00 PM
City of Laurie

Mayor, Hugh Smith, called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present were as follows: Mayor Hugh Smith, Aldermen Pam Folker, Gary Sundstrom, Justin Chorpening, Heather Link, Chief of Police Mike Nienhuis, Sergeant Steve McQueen, Parks Director James Bryant, City Clerk Cathy Daniels, City Attorney Andrew Renken, Brenda Carroll, Greg Lux, Dru hayes, and Kyle Landwehr.

Citizens' Communications

Greg Lux voiced his concerns about his water bill being incorrect.

Dru Hayes voiced her concerns about the Hillbilly Fair's name being changed to Laurie Fair.

Mayor's Communications

N/A

Consent Agenda

Mayor Hugh Smith asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Pam Folker made the motion. It was seconded by Alderman Heather Link. Motion carried.

Department Head Reports

EVENTS-

James Bryant updated the board to let them know that he and Alderman Folker had been to the park and assessed the trees that had been planted.

He stated the sewer project was moving along at the park for the camping sites.

The two cookshacks were almost cleaned out.

He reported the Tri-County Lodging Associations lodging tax had been deemed unconstitutional by the courts, which affected the \$5,000 donation they had pledged to Laurie for the advertising of the Enchanted Village of Lights.

He reported that Frame the World would be having an event in the park on July 27, 2024, and they had all the documents that were required. Alderman Gary Sundstrom questioned the use of the park stage and the hours of operation.

Water-

Public Works Manager Dean Smith was absent from the meeting, so the report was read by Mayor Hugh Smith. It was reported there were no issues to report for the water department.

Sewer-

There were five red lights, 4 residential and 1 commercial. One timer, one pump, one contactor, one off float and one rag ball clogging the pump with two repaired by public works, two repaired by Enviornline

and one by Danforth Solutions, which was called in by Jiffy Stop. The numbers on the lab samples have been good.

Streets-

Public works will be starting the ditch draining project on Elks Road next week. Repairs were needed on the mini excavator. The hydraulic cylinder was rebuilt and new teeth for the bucket have been ordered.

Code Enforcement-Jim Russell reported he had received six calls with one being from the golf course.

Collections-

Kristal Davidson was absent from the meeting but according to City Clerk Cathy Daniels, none would be sent out due to the fact the billing software was still not correct, and Kristal and Cathy are still working with them to get things updated.

Police Chief Nienhuis-

Chief Nienhuis briefly reviewed his statistics for the month of June with 185 calls, ninety-one stops, fifty-nine citations, thirty-two warnings, six lockouts, and two male and one female arrests. The Chief pointed out his department had had many assists to Sunrise Beach because there had been a few lake bars that had been annexed in and Sunrise Beach Police Department was still shorthanded. He also pointed out that they were always available to assist his department when needed.

Unfinished Business-

1. Kyle Landwehr was present from Bartlett & West with information to update the board and to bring the new council members up to date on the projects Laurie had going on.

ARPA Drinking water funds came from the federal government which is a 2.5 million dollar grant to improve drinking water lines. He is still working on easements that are needed.

LSLI is a federal program that the city is participating in to determine which drinking water lines, if any, have lead in them. Surveys have been sent out and the public works department has worked on this project as well.

Wastewater bonds were voted on and approved with the money coming from SRF for this project. Blowers will need to be replaced along with other equipment so the sewer system can be upgraded.

Alderman Gary Sundstrom had questions about the possibility of lead being in a customers' houses and Kyle said that would be the responsibility of the resident, not the city.

New Business

1. Mayor Hugh Smith asked for a motion to approve Resolution 07092024, which authorizes the filing of an application with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Financial Assistance Center's State ARPA Grant Programs for subaward of federal financial assistance, naming Mayor Hugh Smith as the authorized official. Alderman Gary Sundstrom made the motion. Alderman Pam Folker seconded it. All were in favor and motion carried.
2. Mayor Hugh Smith asked for a motion to approve removing City Clerk, Cathy Daniels from the bank accounts at Bank of Versailles and adding Ron Clarke. Alderman Gary Sundstrom made the motion. Alderman Justin Chorpene seconded it. All were in favor and motion carried.

City Clerk-

City Clerk Cathy Daniels reviewed the financials with the board and there were no questions.

Andrew Renken, City Attorney-

Andrew reported the software issues with Omnigo had been resolved with the state and to date, there had been 209 traffic tickets filed with municipal court. He stated there would be large municipal dockets in July, August and September trying to get caught up.

Board Reports-**Enhancement-**

Alderman Pam Folker stated the artist that will be painting the freedom rock came to Laurie to look at the rock. He suggested the city have it sandblasted again due to the fact it was still a little "grainy" and not the ideal surface for him to paint. Pam reported Mark Schellenberg was going to approach the Elks Lodge association and ask for more donations. He was also going to sell raffle tickets for a gun at the golf tournament.

Tree City-

Alderman Pam Folker stated her and Parks Director, James Bryant, had been to the park to check on the trees that were planted.

Alderman Heather Link addressed Dru Hayes concerning the Hillbilly Fair becoming the Laurie Fair, siting her understanding of the situation.

Mayor's Report-

With no other business to come before the Boarad, Alderman Pam Folker made the motion to go into closed session. Alderman Gary Sundstrom seconded it. The vote was as follows: Alderman Justin Chorpening-yea, Alderman Heather Link-yea, Alderman Gary Sundstrom-yea, Alderman Pam Folker-yea. All were in favor and motion carried.

Cathy Daniels
City Clerk

Hugh Smith
Mayor