

Board Meeting Minutes
Board of Alderman
May 14, 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, Public Works Manager Dean Smith, Chief of Police Mike Nienhuis, Sergeant Steve McQueen, George Roberson, Parks Director James Bryant, City Clerk Cathy Daniels, City Attorney Andrew Renken, EMA Bill DiMarsico, Code Enforcement Jim Russell, Brenda Carroll, Vicky Martin, Troy Marriott, Kyle Landwehr from Bartlett and West, and Cindy Peterson.

Citizens' Communications

Cindy Peterson is advocating for a healthier environment in Laurie by proposing a smoking ban in local restaurants and the bowling alley. She felt that second-hand smoke poses health risks, and such a ban could potentially lead to improved public health. The board took no action on this proposal.

Mayor's Communications

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 Gary Sundstrom. Motion carried.

Department Head Reports

EVENTS-Events Coordinator James Bryant reported that he would be attending the Tri County lodging meeting to request funds for EVOL advertising. He also stated he had been working with the Mayor on roof bids and concrete bids. Fair vendor applications have been mailed.

Water- Public Works Manager Dean Smith reported the public works department was going to replace the fire hydrant on the ballpark property due to a faulty valve.

Sewer-Dean reported there had been 4 red lights on 2 lift stations and 2 residential grinders. Enviornline pulled a motor from Wood Haven. He stated it was 21 years old and needed replaced, with the cost being approximately \$12,000. The other lift station had ants which caused two connectors to burn up. Enviornline replaced them and public works administered ant killer. Public works repaired the two residential grinders with one being a float and the other a relay.

Streets-Dean reported that a single bid had been received for the 2024 street repair bids.

Code Enforcement-Jim Russell reported there were no new permits.

Collections-

Kristal Davidson was absent from the meeting, so City Clerk Cathy Daniels gave the water collection report. There were thirty past dues with only one shutoff.

Police Chief Nienhuis-

Chief Nienhuis briefly reviewed his statistics for the month of April with 262 calls, sixty-five stops, thirty-five citations, thirty warnings, seven lockouts, and 2 male and 1 female arrests. He also reported he had attended a Police Conference, and he was also applying for a grant for speed signs. He also informed the board about the ATM robberies that had occurred in the cities of Versailles as well as Laurie. He suggested to the board that the city invest in cameras that read license plates. He invited the board as well as all the city employees to a pulled-pork lunch for the next afternoon for Police Week.

Unfinished Business-

1. Bartlett & West representative, Kyle Landwehr was present to update the board. His report showed that over the past month, they have continued to work on ARPA drinking water project, Lead Service Line Inventory, SRF Wastewater Project and the CDBG Maintenance Building.
2. There were two bids for the roofs for the buildings at Laurie Park. One was from Roofmasters for a total of \$24,800 and the second bid was from T & T Roofing for \$31,955.69. It was determined the damage was done by recent hailstorms in the area and the bids would be turned into the city's insurance company.
3. Public Works Manager Dean Smith reported to the board there had been only one bid received for the street repairs for 2024. The bid was from Capital Paving with a total amount of \$347,893.00. This included repairs to City Hall, Firehouse Road, Faith Blvd., and Deer Valley. Alderman Pam Folker made the motion to postpone the Deer Valley repairs until next year and do the remaining repairs. It was seconded by Alderman Gary Sundstrom. All were in favor and motion carried.

New Business

1. Mayor Hugh Smith executed the first reading of Ordinance 2024-3 which is an Ordinance to regulate the use and placement of no-chance gaming machines and other coin-operated machines in the city of Laurie, Missouri, and repealing Ordinance 2024-2. Alderman Gary Sundstrom made the motion to accept the first reading but amending page 5, line 4-C by removing, "*Private rooms prohibited. All game rooms shall be open to the public and not "private game rooms" or private "members-only" establishments shall be permitted*" Alderman Pam Folker seconded the amended motion. The vote was as follows: Alderman Justin Chorpene-yea, Alderman Heather Link-yea, Alderman Pam Folker-yea, and Alderman Gary Sundstrom-yea.
Mayor Hugh Smith executed the second reading of Ordinance 2024-3 which is an Ordinance to regulate the use and placement of no-chance gaming machines and other coin-operated machines in the city of Laurie, Missouri, and repealing Ordinance 2024-2. Alderman Gary Sundstrom made the motion to accept this ordinance. It was seconded by Alderman Justin Chorpene-yea. The vote was as follows: Alderman Pam Folker-yea, Alderman Gary Sundstrom-yea, Alderman Justin Chorpene-yea, and Alderman Heather Link-yea. Motion carried.
2. There were two bids that were received for possible pickleball court concrete. The first bid was from Rice Concrete in the amount of \$96,950 and the second bid was from Hard Knocks Concrete in the amount of \$82,200. The Mayor opted to table a discussion and decision.
3. Public Works Manager Dean Smith had contact with a customer that had high water consumption. Dean reported they would be checking his water meter weekly to determine if it was a problem with his meter.
4. Parks Director, James Bryant, told the board he would be seeking a grant for recycled tire park benches for the park.

2024 Merchant/Liquor Licenses-

City Clerk Cathy Daniels reported The Tavern at Trattoria had opened and was issued a Merchant License as well as a liquor License.

City Clerk-

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

Andrew Renken, City Attorney-

City Attorney Andrew Renken informed the board there would be no court in May and there was a jury trial in June, having to postpone any tickets the city had issued until July. He stated he was still having issues with the new portal.

Board Reports-

Enhancement- Alderman Pam Folker stated there would be thirty trees coming soon. She reminded the board that National Day of Prayer would be held on May 2, 2024, on the lawn around the new Freedom Rock. She reported they were just waiting for the artist for the Freedom Rock and Rice Concrete would be donating material for the area around the rock.

Tree City-**Mayor's Report-**

At 6:45 Alderman Pam Folker made the motion to go into closed session. It was seconded by Alderman Gary Sundstrom. The vote was as follows: Alderman Gary Sundstrom-yea, Alderman Justin Chorenine-yea, Alderman Heather Link-yea and Alderman Pam Folker-yea. Motion passed.

With no other business to come before the board, Alderman Pam Folker made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Alderman Heather Link. All were in favor and motion carried.

Cathy Daniels
City Clerk

Hugh Smith
Mayor