

May 4th, 2020

The Laurens City Council met in regular session via phone conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic procedures at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4th, 2020. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code allows for an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Present via the teleconference were Council members Jean Swanson, Aaron Christenson, Rich Newgard, John Jamison, City Manager Hilary Reed, Public Works Director Julian Johnsen, City Attorney Ann Beneke, and Chief of Police Tom Shaw. Council member Julie Potter was absent.

Swanson moved to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the April 20th, 2020, meeting, the list of claims, and a Cigarette & Tobacco Permit for Casey's. Jamison seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

CLAIMS 05-04-2020

ABC SALES & RENTAL	DIRT WORK	100.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	MONTHLY GAS USAGE	229.92
BOMGAARS	PARTS FOR REPAIR	27.96
COMMERCIAL SIGN & DESIGN DEE JACKSON/ JACKSON MOTORS	MONUMENT SIGN LIGHTING	2,496.16
DGR ENGINEERING	SNOW REMOVAL	18.00
IACMA	NPDES PERMIT	1,235.50
IRS	RETIREMENT 457	450.00
IPERS	FED/FICA TAX	5,557.86
IPERS	IPERS	5,201.78
IPERS/PD	PROTECTED IPERS	1,884.92
LMPC	MONTHLY PHONE CHARGES	384.48
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	6,491.12
MAGUIRE IRON, INC.	2ND CONTRACT PAYMENT ON TOWER	70,125.00
MET	WATER TESTING	60.00
MY LAURENS	POOL AD	160.00
NORTH LAKE TRUCK REPAIR	DUMP TRUCK REPAIRS	2,620.36
PAT MURRAY	MILEAGE TO REPAY PUMP 361	60.95
PRIME BENEFITS SYSTEMS	MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE	78.75
SANTANDER LEASING	MONTHLY PUMPER PAYMENT	1,461.34
STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	163.98
TREASURER STATE OF IA	APRIL SALES TAX	4,628.00
US BANK	SUPPLIES	531.60
USPS	UTILITY POSTAGE	328.50
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE FEE	89.96
WELLMARK	MONTHLY HEALTH INSURANCE	8,763.64
	TOTAL	<u>113,149.78</u>

PAYROLL		4/20/2020	
001	GENERAL		4,139.80
210	ROAD USE TAX		1,241.34
600	WATER		2,273.93
610	SEWER		1,918.91
670	GARBAGE		2,327.12
		TOTAL	<u>11,901.10</u>
		5/1/2020	
001	GENERAL		5,551.68
		TOTAL	<u>5,551.68</u>
		PAYROLL TOTAL	<u>17,452.78</u>
		PAID TOTAL	130,602.56
001	GENERAL		20,848.73
110	ROAD USE TAX		6,235.07
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		4,269.58

176	HOMETOWN PRIDE	2,496.16
600	WATER	82,084.05
610	SEWER	8,053.40
670	GARBAGE	6,515.57
745	STORM WATER	100.00
	TOTAL BY FUND	<u>130,602.56</u>

REVENUES	GENERAL	140,499.83
	ROAD USE TAX	14,650.82
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	65,866.28
	EMERGENCY LEVY	2,101.97
	LOCAL OPTION	8,257.04
	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	45,512.68
	HOMETOWN PRIDE	1,250.00
	DEBT SERVICE	73,251.95
	WATER	42,553.92
	SEWER	29,402.86
	GARBAGE	21,489.93
	STORM WATER	2,926.63
	TOTAL	<u>447,763.91</u>

Linda Bieri was present on the phone call to propose a project of moving the Laurens school bell out of storage at the city hall to a city park. The class of 1971 LHS anticipates their 50th year reunion in 2021, and Linda would like the next year to work on this project with classmates and the city. Newgard motioned to move forward with said project. Swanson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Discussion on COVID-19 with respect to preparedness was held. Due to the Governor's extension on most closures until May 15th, as well as the recent rise of cases within the county, Jamison moved to keep all city buildings closed, with reassessment at the meeting on May 18th. Newgard seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Newgard moved to accept the hiring proposal for Mason McGrauth. Christenson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Jamison moved to approve the weapon certification / authorization to carry for Reserve Officers Hertz and Potter. Swanson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

After much discussion, Jamison moved to authorize moving forward with action at 319 N. 3rd Street. Reed will work with City Attorney Ann Beneke for best course of action. Christenson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Discussion was held on the property of 214 S. Harrison St. Swanson motioned to move forward with the possible sale of the property. Jamison seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Swanson moved to adjourn at 5:44 p.m. Christenson seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Hilary Reed, City Clerk