

May 18th, 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 18th, 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, Julie Potter, City Manager Hilary Reed, Public Works Director Julian Johnsen, City Attorney Ann Beneke, and Chief of Police Tom Shaw.

Swanson moved to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the May 4th, 2020, meeting, the list of claims, and a Class E, B, and C Liquor License for Laurens Food Pride pending fire inspection. Jamison seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

CLAIMS 05-18-2020

A&M SERVICES, INC	MOPS, RAGS, RUGS	94.24
ACCO	WATER DEPT. TESTING	1,805.00
AFLAC	GROUP INSURANCE	623.42
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	OXYGEN CYLINDERS	65.86
ALPHA WIRELESS COMM	BATTERIES	144.00
AMAZON	BOOKS & DVDS	188.08
AUDITOR STATE OF IOWA	FILING FEE	350.00
FIDELTY SECURITY LIFE	JUNE EYE INSURANCE	175.46
BADGER METER	6 MONTHS SERVICE AGREEMENT	780.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS & DVDS	535.87
CASEY'S GENERAL STORE	GAS FOR SMALL ENGINES	25.22
CONNECTIONS, INC.	MAY GROUP INSURANCE	36.52
COUNSEL	COPIER MAINT.	84.09
DELTA DENTAL	JUNE GROUP DENTAL INSURANCE	749.44
FOLLET SOFTWARE COMPANY	BARCODES	286.48
GALL'S INC.	POLICE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	110.94
GLENDA MULDER GREAT AMERICA FINANCIAL SERVICES	WTS MEDIA CD CASES COPIER LEASE	120.60 79.00
HACH CO	CHEMICALS FOR WATER PLANT	706.32
HALLETT MATERIALS	COLD PATCH MIX	1,375.60
HEART 'N HOME	DOWNTOWN PLANTERS	200.00
HEIMAN	FIRE DEPT SUPPLIES	1,240.42
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	4,221.26
KLATT REPAIR	MUSEUM LABOR	2,851.20
LAURENS FOOD PRIDE	CLEANING SUPPLIES/COVID-19	21.33
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	UTILITY SHEETS	415.16
LMPC	DEBT SERVICE	51,632.12
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	409.28
LAURENS PLUMBING	SUPPLIES/SERVICE WATER HEATER	1,143.21
LAURENS STATE BANK	DEPOSIT BOOKS	75.52
LAURENS SUN	LEGALS/ADS	156.72
LEE BAILEY	NUISANCE MOWING	282.50
THE MACHINE SHOP	PUSHBLOW REPAIR AND LABOR	355.71
MET	WASTEWATER TESTING	506.00
NORTHERN ROLLOFF	CLEAN UP WEEK -LANDFILL FEES	3,851.37
OFFICE ELEMENTS	DISINFECTANT	20.25
PCC AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICE	APRIL BILLING	559.99
POC COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	167.33
POCAHONTAS CO SOLID WASTE	LANDFILL FEES	6,044.59
PRINCIPAL LIFE GROUP	MONTHLY LIFE INSURANCE	876.79

PRO COOPERATIVE	MONTHLY DEPT. FUEL	1,250.57
R&D INDUSTRIES, INC.	APRIL TEC SUPPORT	271.38
RB LUMBER	POOL CAMERA POLE	78.80
RICHARDSON SERVICE	REPAIR POLICE PICKUP	74.00
SANTANDER LEASING	STREET SWEPER MONTHLY PAYMENT	3,390.81
SCHOON TREE SERVICE	STUMP REMOVAL	210.00
SECURE SHRED SERVICES	SHREDDING PAPER	24.00
SHAMROCK RECYCLE, INC.	CURBSIDE RECYCLING	1,733.51
USA BLUE BOOK	FLAGS FOR IOWA ONE CALLS	157.47
VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY CELLPHONE FEE	267.68
WELLMARK	JUNE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	9,872.12
WEX BANKS	APRIL MONTHLY POLICE FUEL	266.22

TOTAL		<u>100,963.45</u>
PAYROLL		5/4/2020
001	GENERAL	4,732.28
210	ROAD USE TAX	1,271.22
600	WATER	2,262.81
610	SEWER	1,991.24
670	GARBAGE	<u>2,558.91</u>
TOTAL		12,816.46
PAID TOTAL		113,779.91
BY FUND		
001	GENERAL	16,928.85
110	ROAD USE TAX	3,888.37
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,998.56
200	DEBT SERVICE	54,890.81
600	WATER	8,761.08
610	SEWER	5,890.79
670	GARBAGE	<u>17,421.45</u>
TOTAL BY FUND		<u>113,779.91</u>

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing for the 2020 budget amendment at 5:04 pm. With no written or oral objections, Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing on the matter at 5:05 pm.

After discussion of the 2020 Budget Amendment, Newgard moved to approve Resolution 07-20 – FY20 Budget Amendment. Christenson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Swanson, Christenson, Newgard, Jamison, Potter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion on COVID-19 with respect to preparedness was held. After much discussion, Swanson moved to open city buildings on May 19th. Potter seconded. Ayes: Swanson, Potter, Christenson. Nays: Newgard, Jamison. Motion carried 3-2.

Discussion of the structural condition of the Earl Mackie Memorial Swimming Pool was held. Patch work will be tried to fix the issue. No action was taken.

Jamison moved to approve Resolution 08-20 to Set Public Hearing Date for the Sale of Property at 214 S. Harrison street for 5:00 p.m. for Monday, June 1st. Newgard seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Swanson, Christenson, Newgard, Jamison, Potter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a nuisance property. Newgard moved to approve talking to the County Board of Supervisors for possible abatement for the first step moving forward. Potter seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Potter moved to approve Resolution 09-20 – Wages. Swanson seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Swanson, Christenson, Newgard, Jamison, Potter. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jamison moved to approve sending the rezoning request by Kenny Kliegl to Planning and Zoning. Christenson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Discussion was held on demolition practices and possible solutions for the “west building.” Newgard motioned to table the decision until recommendations and quotes are received. Swanson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Discussion was held on door locks. Reed will obtain another quote and come back with suggestion.

Potter moved to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Jamison seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Hilary Reed, City Clerk