

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 pm, September 19, 2016. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council Members Jean Swanson, Julie Potter, Sid Enockson and Rich Newgard; City Manager, Barbara Smith; Public Works Director, Julian Johnsen; and Police Chief, Chris Toner

Mayor Johnson indicated that item #8 on the agenda needed to be removed as the auditor has not completed the AFR at this time. Potter questioned the claim for \$36,000 to purchase the Benz property. Johnson, Newgard, Swanson, and Enockson all stated that they felt we were moving forward with the purchase; Potter stated that she thought we were not at that point yet. Swanson motioned to approve the consent agenda consisting of the amended agenda, the minutes from the September 6, 2016 meeting, and the list of claims; seconded by Enockson. Ayes: Swanson, Newgard, Enockson; Ney: Potter

CLAIMS	09-19-16		
ACCO		CHEMICALS	4,138.35
AIRGAS		SUPPLIES	30.00
ALEXANDER & MEYER		BENZ PROPERTY	36,000.00
ALLIANT ENERGY		UTILITIES	31.74
AMAZON		BOOKS	169.24
ARAMARK		RUGS	341.95
FIDELITY SECURITY		INSURANCE	173.04
BAKER & TAYLOR		BOOKS	756.46
BROWN SUPPLY		SUPPLIES	437.44
CENTURY BUSINESS		MAINT CONTRACT	143.31
CERTIFIED TESTING		TESTING	438.00
COUNSEL		MAINT CONTRACT	71.89
DELTA DENTAL		INSURANCE	804.00
DIGITAL ALLY		GRANT PURCHASE	4,025.00
EECO		INSTALL	100.00
FAMILY TREE CARE		SPRAYING	1,100.00
FIRST COOP		FUEL	141.70
GLENDA MULDER		TRAINING	45.55
HARN R/O		SUPPLIES	1,880.00
HEMPHILL LAW		LEGAL FEES	481.95
IRS		TAXES	4,520.07
IA ONE CALL		LOCATES	33.30
JERRY DEAN		NUISANCE MOWING	400.00
JOHN DEERE		SERVICE	327.65
JULIE POTTER		MILEAGE	17.28
KLATT REPAIR		STUMPS	350.00
LAURENS FOOD PRIDE		SUPPLIES	52.96
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT		ENVELOPES	168.55
LMPC		COMMUNICATIONS	107.88
LMU		UTILITIES	411.97
LAURENS STATE BANK		PETTY CASH	197.80
LAURENS SUN		LEGALS	143.65
MET		CHEMICALS	90.00
MARTIN PEST CONTROL		MOSQUITO CONTROL	730.00
MENARDS		SUPPLIES	14.49
POC CO TRESURER		TAXES	1,137.02
POC COMM HOSPITAL		SUPPLIES	60.81
POC CO RECORDER		RECORDING FEES	104.00
POC CO SOLID WASTE		LANDFILL	5,341.62
PRIME BENEFITS		INSURANCE	96.25
PRO COOP		FUEL	1,303.35
R B LUMBER		CONCRETE MIX	5.10
SANTANDER		STREET SWEEPER	3,390.81
SHAMROCK		RECYCLING	1,599.81
SL PILOT/TRIBUNE		SUBSCRIPTION	65.00
TASER INT		SUPPLIES	87.76
VERIZON		COMMUNICATIONS	309.13
WELLMARK		INSURANCE	7,451.53
		TOTAL	<u>79,827.41</u>
PAYROLL	8/1/2016		
	001	GENERAL	4,609.21
	210	ROAD USE TAX	1,283.95
	600	WATER	2,447.98
	610	SEWER	1,925.12
	670	GARBAGE	2,244.51
		TOTAL	<u>12,510.77</u>
		PAID TOTAL	<u>92,338.18</u>

BY FUND		
001	GENERAL	55,236.56
110	ROAD USE TAX	2,088.08
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	4,732.24
200	DEBT SERVICE	3,390.81
316	WEST MAIN & BISSELL	919.95
321	CDBG OWNER OCC	104.00
600	WATER	9,926.05
610	SEWER	4,439.94
670	GARBAGE	11,500.55
TOTAL BY FUND		<u>92,338.18</u>

Newgard motioned to approve the Annual TIF Report, seconded by Potter. Ayes all; motion carried. Smith will submit the report to the Department of Management.

Truck parking on Walnut Street was discussed. There have been complaints about trucks parking too close to the 2nd Street intersection making it dangerous to enter Walnut Street. It was decided to have Chief Toner speak with the owner of the trucks to try to remedy the situation.

Newgard motioned to approve Resolution 35-16, Urban Revitalization Tax Abatement for property located at 130 N 2nd Street; seconded by Swanson. Roll call vote: Ayes all; motion carried.

Enockson motioned to approve the resignation of Brooks Anderson as Laurens Ambulance Director; seconded by Potter. Ayes all; motion carried.

Enockson motioned to approve Resolution 36-16, appointing Garthlene Bell as Director of the Laurens Ambulance Service; seconded by Potter. Roll call vote: Ayes all; motion carried.

Newgard motioned to approve Resolution 37-16, assessing nuisance abatement charges to the property located at 224 W Section Line Rd; seconded by Swanson. Roll call vote: Ayes all; motion carried.

Newgard motioned to award the CDBG owner occupied housing rehabilitation contract for 3642 S Rush Lake Rd to Goeders Construction; seconded by Potter. Ayes all; motion carried.

Newgard motioned to award the CDBG owner occupied housing rehabilitation contract for 313 S 3rd St. to R Wise Construction; seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

Potter motioned to approve change order #1 for the property located at 313 S 3rd St.; seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

Newgard motioned to approve the Contract Amendment for the West Main and Bissel Street project; seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

Newgard motioned to hire Smith at a contracted rate of \$50 per hour as requested through November 14; seconded by Potter. Ayes all; motion carried.

Swanson motioned to go into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session; to review the applicants for the City Manager/City Clerk position; seconded by Potter. The Council entered into closed session at 5:29 pm.

At 5:55, Potter motioned to reconvene in open session; seconded by Enockson. Ayes all; motion carried.

During city staff reports, Johnsen noted that West Main Street is now open to through traffic and will remain open until next year when the remainder of the construction project begins.

In other business, Potter motioned to set the date and time for trick or treating on October 31, from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Potter motioned to adjourn at 6:04 pm; seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Barbara Smith, City Clerk