

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 pm, May 5, 2014. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Gary Heuton, Rich Newgard, Sid Enockson, and Julie Potter; Police Chief, Chris Toner; City Manager, Barbara Smith; Public Works Director, Julian Johnsen, and City Attorney, Ann Beneke. Council member Jean Swanson was absent.

Newgard motioned to move item 1e on the consent agenda and to item 2b and then to approve the amended consent agenda consisting of the amended agenda; minutes from the April 21 council meeting and the April 22 work session; and the list of claims. Heuton seconded the motion. Ayes all; motion carried.

Wes Brown and Matt Cole, of Bolten and Menk; as well as Bradley Carstensen, of Carstensen Contracting addressed the Council about the East and Veteran's Road Project. There is a list of warranty items that will be addressed in the coming month. The crew should be on site in the next couple of weeks and work should take approximately 3 weeks, weather pending. The work will begin with replacing the patches on East Street.

Heuton motioned to approve the liquor license for the Laurens Food Pride which is under new ownership; seconded by Potter. Ayes all; motion carried.

Heuton motioned to approve the Parks and Recreation Board's recommendations for summer help—Susan Oehlertz to be hired as pool manager and Matt Cleveland to be hired for the summer mowing position, as well as the lifeguards needed to operate the swimming pool. Newgard seconded the motion. Ayes all; motion carried.

Newgard motioned to approve Resolution 15-14, appointing Anne Walstead and Charity Madsen to three (3) year terms on the Sister City Commission; seconded by Hueton. Roll call vote: Ayes all; motion carried.

The Council then discussed how to address the issue of the dilapidated, deteriorating, or decaying homes within the City. The Council instructed Smith to begin looking into implementing a housing code for the City. Until this is complete, letters will be sent to these homeowners informing them of the options available to them prior to beginning the nuisance abatement procedures.

CLAIMS 5/5/14

ACCO	CHEMICALS	860.20
AIRGAS	SUPPLIES	90.78
ALLIANT	UTILITIES	381.72
ARAMARK	SUPPLIES	277.63
AVESIS	INSURANCE	159.82
BOHLMANN	SUPPLIES	94.81
BROOKS ANDERSON	TRAINING	518.60
COMMUNITY OIL FLEET	FUEL	108.33
CONNECTIONS	INSURANCE	32.30
ECHO GROUP	FUSES	109.97
EMERGENCY MED PRODUCTS	SUPPLIES	45.95
ERICKSON WELDING	REPAIRS	190.73
HALLETT MATERIALS	COLD PATCH	775.02
IRS	TAXES	5,206.32
IPERS	IPERS	4,108.49
IPERS/PD	PROTECTED IPERS	1,484.08
JCL	SUPPLIES	96.43
JOHN DEERE	REPAIRS	11.14
JULIAN JOHNSEN	TRAINING	7.35
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	BUSINESS CARDS	35.50
LMU	UTILITIES	7,093.51
LAURENS SPORTSMAN'S CLUB	DUES	35.00
LAURENS STATE BANK	TRUCK PAYMENT	1,525.42
MET	TESTING	129.00
MARTINS FLAG	FLAGS	323.26
NEWGARD AUTOT PARTS	PARTS	74.94

POC COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	SUPPLIES	46.21
PRIME BENEFITS	INSURANCE	1,587.50
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE	INSURANCE	729.72
PRO COOP	FUEL	2,008.47
R B LUMBER	SUPPLIES	20.54
ROLING SIGNS	SIGNS	375.00
SAFE HAVEN	ANIMAL CONTROL	200.00
SHAMROCK RECYCLE	RECYCLING	1,574.71
STATE OF IOWA	TAXES	4,407.00
USPS	POSTAGE	291.18
WOODLEY INSURANCE	INSURANCE	<u>74,991.00</u>
	TOTAL	<u><u>110,007.63</u></u>

	PAYROLL	4/28/2014	
	001	GENERAL	3,315.33
	110	RUT	1,214.54
	600	WATER	2,063.98
	610	SEWER	1,567.78
	670	GARBAGE	<u>1,699.36</u>
			<u><u>9,860.99</u></u>

	PAYROLL	5/1/2014	
	001	GENERAL	<u>4,254.15</u>
		TOTAL CLAIMS	<u><u>124,122.77</u></u>

	BY FUND		
	001	GENERAL	66,516.12
	110	ROAD USE TAX	4,428.37
	112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	1,483.98
	600	WATER	27,472.33
	610	SEWER	8,914.93
	670	GARBAGE	<u>15,307.04</u>
			<u><u>124,122.77</u></u>

Potter motioned to adjourn at 5:45 pm; seconded by Heuton. Ayes all; motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Barbara Smith, City Clerk