

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 pm, November 17, 2014. Mayor Pro-Tem, Rich Newgard called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Thaine Hopkins, Jean Swanson, Sid Enockson, and Julie Potter; City Manager, Barbara Smith; Public Works Director, Julian Johnsen; and City Attorney, Ann Beneke.

Potter motioned to approve the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, minutes from the November 3, 2014 meeting, and the list of claims; seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

William C Meyer of B & B Restoration spoke with the Council about his restoration business. He would like to pick up the old appliances from the City to restore them. Smith and Johnsen will discuss the program.

Newgard opened the public hearing on the Urban Renewal Amendment at 5:07 pm. Smith indicated there were zero (0) written objections; there were no oral objections to the amendment. Newgard closed the public meeting at 5:10.

Hopkins motioned to approve the Consultation Hearing Report on the Urban Renewal Amendment, seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

Potter motioned to approve Resolution 43-14, Urban Renewal Amendment #1; seconded by Swanson. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried.

Swanson motioned to approve the Annual Financial Report and to submit it to the state after publication on November 19; seconded by Potter. Ayes all; motion carried.

Swanson motioned to approve Resolution 44-14, setting the date of December 1, 2014 for a public hearing pertaining to the CDGB grant application; seconded by Hopkins. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried.

Potter motioned to approve Resolution 45-14, certifying nuisance abatement charges to the property located at 214 S Harrison St. in Laurens; seconded by Hopkins. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried.

Swanson motioned to approve Resolution 46-14, certifying nuisance abatement charges to the property located at 534 West Section Line Road; seconded by Potter. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried.

Hopkins stated that he attended the school board meeting held on November 10 and spoke with the Mr. Kruse at that time. He indicated that Mr. Kruse had many suggestions that the City may be involved with to help the school. Hopkins will speak with Smith at a later time. Potter announced that Pocahontas County Landfill Association has hired Aaron Christenson to haul the recycle trailer to Emmetsburg every two weeks.

Police Chief Toner indicated that 6 parking tickets had been issued Sunday morning in violation of the snow ordinance; Johnsen indicated all the asbestos had been removed from the West Main Street house and we are now waiting for the gas line to be shut off prior to the practice burn taking place.

Hopkins motioned to approve the one time pay increase for City employees. A full time employee will receive \$250 in Chamber Bucks and a part time employee will receive \$125; seconded by Potter. Ayes: Swanson, Hopkins, Newgard, Potter. Nays: Enockson. Motion carried.

Swanson motioned to allow Smith to pay the December Delta Dental and Avesis invoices prior to the December 1 meeting; seconded by Potter. Ayes all; motion carried.

CLAIMS	11/17/14		
AFLAC		INSURANCE	436.46
ARAMARK		SUPPLIES	319.46
BARB SMITH		MILEAGE	122.19
BARCO MUNICIPAL		SUPPLIES	93.26
BROWN SUPPLY		SUPPLIES	594.88
CAHOY PUMP		REPAIR	493.75
CARROLL CONST		SUPPLIES	4.85
CONNECTIONS		INSURANCE	32.30
HEMPHILL LAW		LEGAL SERVICES	99.23
IRS		TAXES	4,014.59
IA TRUST		INTEREST PMT	725.00
J & J SERVICE		REPAIRS	400.11
LARUENS FOOD PRIDE		SUPPLIES	31.30
HOUSE OF PRINT		PAPER	43.00
LAURENS SUN		LEGAL PUBLICATION	292.58
MARTIN MARIETTA		SUPPLIES	120.10
MENARDS		SUPPLIES	19.44
NEWGARD AUTO PARTS		PARTS	134.95
NORTHWEST MFG		DUMPSTERS	2,691.48
POC COMMUNITY HOSP		DRUG TESTING	34.75
POC CO SOLID WASTE		LANDFILL FEES	5,451.79
PRIME BENEFITS		INSURANCE	1,500.00
PRO COOP		FUEL	2,320.16
R B LUMBER		SUPPLIES	28.80
RICHARDSON SERVICE		REPAIRS	98.70
SCHOON TREE SVC		NUISANCE ABATE	1,600.00
SHAMROCK RECYCLE		CURBSIDE RECYCLING	1,574.71
SIEPKER AUTO		REPAIRS	51.53
TREASURER STATE OF IA		TAXES	2,918.00
TRUCK EQUIPMENT		PARTS	560.38
USA BLUE BOOK		SUPPLIES	118.57
VERIZON WIRELESS		COMMUNICATIONS	260.02
VISA		MEETINGS	193.52
WELLMARK		INSURANCE	7,059.82
ZIEGLER		PARTS	27.26
			<u>34,466.94</u>

11/10/14 PAYROLL

001	GENERAL	5,652.33
110	ROAD USE TAX	1,456.31
600	WATER	1,414.14
610	SEWER	1,248.05
670	GARBAGE	<u>1,054.17</u>

10,825.00

TOTAL CLAIMS 45,291.94

BY FUND

001	GENERAL	12,711.63
110	ROAD USE TAX	3,277.52
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	4,811.67
174	POOL	58.52
176	HOMETOWN PRIDE	90.00
200	DEBT SERVICE	725.00
600	WATER	6,696.72
610	SEWER	3,455.52
670	GARBAGE	<u>13,465.36</u>

45,291.94

Potter motioned to adjourn at 5:40; seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

Rich Newgard, Mayor Pro-Tem

Barbara Smith, City Clerk