

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 pm, November 3, 2014. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Rich Newgard, Thaine Hopkins, Jean Swanson, Sid Enockson, and Julie Potter; City Manager, Barbara Smith; Sewer Supt, Pete Runneburg; and City Attorney, Ann Beneke.

Johnson indicated that Smith wished to rescind her resignation that had been presented to him on October 27, and that item #8, acceptance of City Manager resignation; and item #9, Update from City Manager search committee needed to be removed from the agenda. Enockson motioned to leave the items on the agenda and proceed. Enockson's motion died due to lack of a second. Swanson then motioned to amend the agenda removing items 8 & 9; seconded by Hopkins. Ayes—Swanson, Hopkins, Newgard, Potter. Ney—Enockson. Motion carried.

Newgard motioned to approve the consent agenda; consisting of the amended agenda, minutes from the October 20 meeting, and the list of claims; seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

Potter motioned to approve Resolution 41-14, appointment as school liaison; seconded by Swanson. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried.

Potter motioned to approve Resolution 42-14, banking signatures; seconded by Swanson. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried.

Swanson motioned to approve renewal of health, dental, vision, AD & D, life insurances, as well as the long-term and short term disability; seconded by Hopkins. Ayes all; motion carried.

Swanson motioned to approve the REAP grant funds to construct the Prairie Park Trail in the amount of \$74,440; seconded by Potter. Ayes all; motion carried.

Newgard motioned to approve the Iowa Living Roadways funds to construct a rain garden in the ditch in front of the Fisher Building in the amount of \$12,451.00; seconded by Hopkins. Ayes all; motion carried.

Newgard motioned to hire Denetrius Washington, pending the results of the pre-employment drug screen, at a rate of \$10 per hour; seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

Hopkins indicated that he had completed the tour of City facilities lead by PWD Johnsen; Enockson voiced concern over communication between the city staff, mayor and city council; Potter has found someone to empty the County Recycling Trailer located in Laurens for the Pocahontas County Landfill Commission.

Runneburg indicated that the city has been televising the sewers in town. Smith stated that there were some areas that show damage due to the floods last June. We will apply for FEMA funding to repair these areas.

During citizens' opportunity for comment, Steve Berry indicated his concern about how the mayor was communicating with the council. Siepker reminded to everyone to vote on November 4.

CLAIMS		11/03/14
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	121.86
ALPHA WIRELESS	PAGER REPAIRS	104.00
AMERICAN CONCRETE	CONCRETE	685.73
AUTO BODY CLINIC	REPAIRS	80.00
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS	SERVICE	893.75
BOLTON & MENK	ENGINEERING	2,432.50
BURBACH AQUATICS	SERVICES	900.00
ELEVATOR MAINT	ELEVATOR TEST	250.00
HACH	ANALYSIS	326.33
HOLIDAY INN DSM	LODGING	210.04
IDNR	WATER CERTIFICATE	40.00
IRS	TAXES	5,540.95
IPERS	IPERS	4,181.53
IPERS/PD	PROTECTED IPERS	1,666.87
JAMES LITWILLER	MILEAGE	43.68
LAURA ALLEN	SURVEY	1,200.00
LMU	UTILITIES	4,840.52
LAURENS STATE BANK	TRUCK PAYMENT	1,525.42
MET	TESTING	117.00
NORTHERN PLAINS	LANDFILL FEES	51.97
OFFICE ELEMENTS	SUPPLIES	16.52
PRIME BENEFITS	INSURANCE	87.50
PRINCIPAL LIFE	INSURANCE	795.29
PROFESSIONAL		
COMPUTER	IT	1,150.00
STAPLES	COMPUTER	726.08
TREASURER, ST OF IA	TAXES	1,623.00
USA BLUE BOOK	SUPPLIES	380.34
USPS	POSTAGE	388.76
WEX BANKS	FUEL	569.71
ZIEGLER	PARTS & SERVICE	354.63
		<u>31,303.98</u>
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	10/27/14 PAYROLL	
001	GENERAL	5,389.55
110	ROAD USE TAX	1,190.25
600	WATER	1,667.76
610	SEWER	1,252.99
670	GARBAGE	1,005.35
		<u>10,505.90</u>
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	11/03/14 PAYROLL	
001	GENERAL	4,676.71
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	TOTAL CLAIMS	46,486.59
BY FUND		
001	GENERAL	22,168.51
110	ROAD USE TAX	4,547.86
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	349.54
174	POOL	900.00
	WEST MAIN &	
316	BISSELL	2,432.50
600	WATER	8,387.04
610	SEWER	3,619.94
670	GARBAGE	4,081.20
		<u>46,486.59</u>

Potter motioned to adjourn at 5:34; seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

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Rod Johnson, Mayor

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Barbara Smith, City Clerk