

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 pm, December 1, 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; Public Works Director, Julian Johnsen; Police Chief, Chris Toner; and City Attorney, Ann Beneke.

Newgard motioned to approve the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, minutes from the November 17, 2014 meeting, and the list of claims; seconded by Hopkins. Ayes all; motion carried.

Wes Brown with Bolton and Menk talked about the West Main and Bissell Street Project. Enockson motioned for Brown to proceed with Option #2 for the intersection of West Main and Highway 10, keep the street width the same as it is now, and to proceed with the decorative cobra street lights; seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

At 5:37 pm, Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing on the CDBG 2015 Housing Fund Application and expenditure of local funds. Mayor Johnson stated "The target neighborhood was identified because it is part of the original town with some of the oldest housing stock. Initiating a rehabilitation program in this area will help to upgrade the housing stock. The City is requesting \$394,100 in CDBG housing funds and, if the grant is approved, the City will contribute \$45,000 in local funds. The grant application will be submitted to the Iowa Economic Development Authority no later than December 8, 2014. The City is requesting \$394,100 in CDBG funds for the proposed project. 100% of the federal funds will benefit low and moderate income persons. The proposed project will take place in a target neighborhood that is bordered by Rush Lake Road on the west, 2nd Street on the east, Walnut Street on the north, and Veterans Road on the south. It will not be necessary to permanently displace any persons of businesses as a result of this Program. During lead-based paint hazard reduction activities, assistance will be provided if temporary relocation is necessary. The proposed project involves the rehabilitation of at least twelve (12) owner-occupied, single family homes." Mayor Johnson asked if there were any objections from the audience and there were none. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:40 pm.

Newgard motioned to approve Resolution 47-14, authorizing the expenditure of local funds to be applied to an Iowa Economic Development Authority Housing Fund Application; seconded by Potter. Roll call vote: ayes all. Motion carried.

Hopkins motioned to approve the CDBG Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program Administrative Plan, seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

Glenda Mulder spoke with the council about a "Little Free Library" to be located at Memory Lane and the RV Park. Newgard motioned to approve \$100 to build the structures for the "Little Free Libraries" to be located at Memory Lane and the RV Park; seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

The council discussed the selling price for the property located at 512 West Main Street. Barb will check with the Industrial Foundation about the possible sale of their property between the West Main Street location and Caseys. If the Industrial Foundation is interested in selling the property, the asking price will be \$10,000 for all four lots.

Newgard announced that Officer Alex Molina has resigned his position effective December 29.

CLAIMS	12/1/14		
AMAZON	BOOKS		150.74
AUGUST ENTERPRISES	ASBESTOS REMOVAL		4,500.00
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS	SERVICE		3,285.00
AVESIS	INSURANCE		159.82
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS		785.52
BANKERS TRUST	INTEREST PAYMENTS	11,887.50	
BARB SMITH	MILEAGE		18.03
BOJI INFORMATION	WEBSITE		221.00
BOLTON & MENK	ENGINEERING		4,015.00
BOMGAARS	CLOTHING		333.89
CAPSTONE PRESS	BOOKS		759.56
CARROLL CONSTRUCITON	STREET SAW		925.00
CHRIS TONER	MOTEL		119.58
CORNWELL & CO	AUDIT		3,150.00
DATA TECH	LICENSE & SUPPORT		2,095.08
DELTA DENTAL	INSURANCE		854.50
ECHO GROUP	LIGHTS		13.20
GLENDA MULDER	MILEAGE		100.56
IRS	TAXES		4,407.03
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	INTEREST PAYMENTS	28,219.04	
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES		9.90
IA RURAL WATER	DUES		250.00
IPERS	IPERS		4,212.88
IPERS/PD	PROTECTED IPERS		1,757.74
JULIE POTTER	MILEAGE		18.59
KAYLA GRAFF	SUMMER READING		57.89
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	CHANMBER BUCKS		2,125.00
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	SUPPLIES		43.00
LMPC	UTILITIES		413.51
LMU	COMMUNICIATIONS		6,159.48
LARUENS PLUMBING	SUPPLIES		292.51
LAURENS STATE BANK	PETTY CASH		170.37
MET	TESTING		137.00
NW IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	DUES		25.00
OFFICE ELEMENTS	SUPPLIES		152.01
PETE HOWE	SEWER TELEVISIONING	29,390.20	
	AMB.		
POC COMM HOSPITAL	CLAIMS/SUPPLIES		94.75
POPULAR SUB	SUBSCRIPTION		60.00
PRIME BENEFIT	INSURANCE		3,000.00

PROFESSIONAL COMPUTER	IT	7,192.26
REBNORD TECH	IT	90.00
STAPLES	SUPPLIES	726.08
TREASURER STATE OF IA	TAXES	4,798.00
	TOTAL	<u>127,176.22</u>

11/17/14 PAYROLL

001	GENERAL	5,939.10
110	ROAD USE TAX	1,259.05
600	WATER	1,518.68
610	SEWER	1,513.49
670	GARBAGE	1,078.53
		<u>11,308.85</u>

TOTAL CLAIMS 138,485.07

BY FUND

001	GENERAL	29,499.34
110	ROAD USE TAX	4,875.72
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,115.09
200	DEBT SERVICE	11,887.50
176	W MAIN & BISSELL	4,015.00
600	WATER	32,155.84
610	SEWER	48,038.42
670	GARBAGE	5,898.16
		<u>138,485.07</u>

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

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Barbara Smith, City Clerk