

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 pm, August 3, 2015. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council Members Rich Newgard, Jean Swanson, Thaine Hopkins, Julie Potter and Sid Enockson; Police Chief, Chris Toner; City Attorney, Ann Beneke; Public Works Director, Julian Johnsen; and City Manager, Barbara Smith.

Newgard motioned to approve the consent agenda consisting of the agenda, minutes from the July 20, 2015 meeting, and the list of claims; seconded by Hopkins. Ayes all; motion carried.

Jenny Blankenship with Public Financial Management discussed the City's water and sewer cash flows, showing that water should continue seeing a 3% annual increase and sewer a 5% annual increase.

Blankenship also discussed the sale of the \$630,000 General Obligation Urban Renewal Notes. She recommended approving the sale to Banker's Bank and Laurens State Bank at a true interest rate of 2.315%.

Newgard motioned to approve Resolution 37-15, The Sale \$630,000 General Obligation Urban Renewal Notes to Banker's Bank and Laurens State Bank at the true interest rate of 2.315%; seconded by Potter. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried.

Bill Alexander informed the Council that it was the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to approve the zoning request from Casey's General Stores from R-1 to C-2. Swanson then motioned to change the zoning from R-1 to C-2 for the following properties:

Parcel ID 0127105016	E 15' LOT 4 BLK 24
0127105017	LOT 3 BLK 24
0127105018	LOT 2 BLK 24
0127105019	LOT 50' X 104' of LOT 14 S of OL S

seconded by Hopkins. Ayes all; motion carried.

Enockson motioned to authorize the City Attorney to proceed with the Section 657A.10A filing on a house located at 202 S 4th Street; seconded by Hopkins. Ayes all; motion carried.

Citizens in attendance were asked to express their thoughts on the urban chicken issue. After much discussion, Enockson motioned to disallow urban chickens within the City limits, seconded by Hopkins. Ayes: Enockson, Hopkins. Neys: Swanson, Newgard, Potter. Motion died due to lack of majority vote. Swanson then motioned to proceed with writing procedures, permit regulations and an amended ordinance to allow urban chickens; seconded by Potter. Ayes: Swanson, Newgard, Potter. Neys: Enockson, Hopkins. Smith and Toner will bring the procedures, regulations, and the amended ordinance to the next City Council Meeting to begin the approval process.

Newgard motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 04-15, Mayoral Compensation; seconded by Swanson. Roll call vote: ayes all.

Swanson motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 05-15, Council Compensation; seconded by Newgard. Roll call vote: ayes--Swanson, Hopkins, Newgard, Enockson. Ney--Potter.

Newgard motioned to approve the appointment of Carolyn Mogus to the Laurens Ambulance Department removing the stipulation that she obtain an Iowa Driver's License, seconded by Hopkins. Ayes all; motion carried.

Enockson motioned to approve Pay Request #2 for the West Main Street Project, seconded by Potter. Ayes all; motion carried.

CLAIMS	08/03/15		
ACCO		CHEMICALS	699.00
ALLIANT ENERGY		UTILITIES	1,357.55
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS		MAINTENANCE	508.75
BARB SMITH		MILEAGE	144.90
BLACKTOP SERVICE		MILL & OVERLAY	227,072.00
BOLTON & MENK		ENGINEERING	6,112.50
BOMGAARS		CLTH ALLOWANCE	124.96
BROWN SUPPLY		SUPPLIES	777.80
HUDSON LAW FIRM		TRAIL	60.00
ICMA		457 PLAN	200.00
IRS		TAXES	5,264.38
IPERS		IPERS	4,634.75
IPERS/PD		PROTECTED IPERS	1,616.82
LAURENS EQUIPMENT		PARTS	117.51
LAURENS COUNTRY CLUB		CONCESSIONS	224.15
LMU		UTILITIES	5,999.32
LAURENS PLUMBING		SUPPLIES	350.50
LAURENS STATE BANK		DEPOSIT BOOKS	30.50
MET		TESTING	452.00
MARTIN MARIETTA		ROCK	334.34
MASONIC LODGE		SISTER CITY MEALS	50.00
METHODIST MEN		SISTER CITY MEALS	66.00
NW IA LEAGUE OF CITIES		DUES	25.00
PIZZA RANCH		SISTER CITY MEALS	67.20
POC CO BD OF HLTH		POOL INSPECTION	288.00
POC CO EMERG RESP SYS		ANNUAL PAYMENT	2,000.00
PRAIRIE FLOWER		BIO RETENTION CELL	2,250.00
PRIME BENEFITS		INSURANCE	96.25
PRINCIPAL		INSURANCE	710.46
STAPLES		SUPPLIES	588.72
TREASURER, STATE OF IA		SALES TAX	4,997.00
WOODLEY INSURANCE		LIQUOR/DRAM SHOP	286.00
			<u>267,506.36</u>

PAYROLL	7/20/2015	
001	GENERAL	8,384.32
110	ROAD USE TAX	1,457.24
600	WATER	2,460.22
610	SEWER	1,728.94
670	GARBAGE	<u>2,236.42</u>
	TOTAL	<u>16,267.14</u>
	TOTAL CLAIMS 8/3/15	<u>283,773.50</u>
BY FUND		
001	GENERAL	22,137.75
110	ROAD USE TAX	11,392.01
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	278.22
171	SISTER CITY	958.20
176	HOMETOWN PRIDE	60.00
316	WEST MAIN & BISSELL	226,132.50
600	WATER	11,330.15
610	SEWER	4,803.53
670	GARBAGE	4,431.14
745	STORM WATER	<u>2,250.00</u>
		<u>283,773.50</u>

Newgard motioned to adjourn at 6:28 pm, seconded by Potter. Ayes all; motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Barbara Smith, City Clerk