

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 pm, January 5, 2015. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Rich Newgard, Jean Swanson, Sid Enockson, Thaine Hopkins, and Julie Potter; Police Chief, Chris Toner; 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 December 15, 2014 meeting and a list of claims; seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

Jerry Besch with Redwood LLC could not attend the meeting due to the snow storm, but the council discussed the sewer forgiveness request. Newgard motioned to approve credit of \$814.41 in sewer charges, seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

The Council discussed the various options available for the intersection of West Main Street and Highway 10. Enockson motioned to approve Option 1; seconded by Potter. Option 1 will leave the intersection as is on the north side of West Main Street, but will extend the intersection slightly more to the south. Ayes all; motion carried.

Potter motioned to approve Resolution 01-15, Department Appointments; seconded by Hopkins. Roll call vote: ayes all. Resolution 01-15 was adopted.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing for budget amendment #1 at 5:05 pm. Johnson asked Smith if there were any written objections to the amendment and Smith stated there were none. Johnson then asked the audience if there were any oral objections to the amendment. Since there were no oral objections, Johnson closed the public hearing for budget amendment #1 at 5:06 pm.

Swanson motioned to approve Resolution 02-15, Budget Amendment #1; seconded by Potter. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried. Resolution 02-15 was adopted.

Hopkins motioned to approve Resolution 03-15, a resolution to write of \$4,936.93 in uncollectible utility charges; seconded by Newgard. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried. Resolution 03-15 was adopted.

Swanson motioned to approve Resolution 04-15, appointing Lanore Thumma and Rod Bell to three year terms on the Historic Preservation Commission; seconded by Hopkins. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried. Resolution 04-15 was adopted.

Potter motioned to approve Resolution 05-15, a Resolution to set the mileage rate for the 2015 calendar year, seconded by Hopkins. Smith stated that the City uses the IRS mileage rate as the mileage rate for City employees. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried. Resolution 05-15 was adopted.

Potter motioned to approve Resolution 06-15, appointing Tim Leith, Dwight Van Genderen, and Troy Oehlert to 6 year terms on the library board; seconded by Hopkins. Roll call vote: ayes all; motion carried. Resolution 06-15 was adopted.

Newgard motioned to accept the resignation of Officer Alex Molina, seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

Smith announced the Pocahontas County Foundation has awarded grant funds to the City of Laurens and Laurens Hometown Pride totaling nearly \$15,000. Grant funds will be used to install a water proofing basement system in the Museum, purchase outdoor theatre equipment for movies in the park this summer and also to update the landscaping at City Hall.

The Council set the dates of January 14 and January 21 at 5 pm for budget and capital improvement plan workshops.

CLAIMS	1/5/15		
ALLIANT ENERGY		UTILITIES	734.65
ALPHA WIRELESS		COMMUNICATIONS	144.50
ARAMARK		SUPPLIES	319.46
BARB SMITH		MILEAGE	18.14
BOLTEN & MENK		ENGINEERING	8,931.50
BOMGAARS		CLOTHING	52.99
BROWN SUPPLY		SUPPLIES	1,559.00
CASEYS		FUEL	248.11
CONNECTIONS		INSURANCE	32.30
DATA TECHNOLOGIES		W 2 FORMS	137.63
DEE JACKSON		SNOW REMOVAL	45.00
ECHO GROUP		LIGHTING	2,049.47
HALLETT MATERIALS		SAND/SALT	161.21
HEIMAN		FIRE SUPPLIES	682.45
HUDSON LAW FIRM		LEGAL SERVICES	120.00
IMFOA		CERTIFICATION	75.00
IMFOA 02		MEMBERSHIP	40.00
IRS		TAXES	5,316.95
IPERS		IPERS	4,148.96
IPERS/PD		PROTECTED IPERS	1,882.21
JCL SOLUTIONS		SUPPLIES	96.19
LAURENS EQUIPMENT		SUPPLIES	72.30
LMPC		COMMUNICATIONS	115.29
LMPC		UTILITIES REIMBRSE	315.29
LMU		UTILITIES	6,320.13
MET		TESTING	398.00

NEWGARD AUTO	PARTS	192.53
PRIME BENEFIT	INSURANCE	200.00
PRINCIPAL	INSURANCE	749.57
SCOTT HERRIG	SPRAYING	3,465.00
SHAMROCK	RECYCLING	1,574.71
SIEPKER AUTO	REPAIRS	839.99
SIMMERING-CORY	GRANT WRITING	900.00
TREASURER, STATE OF IA	TAXES	1,601.00
USPS	POSTAGE	316.48
WEX BANKS	FUEL	449.52
	TOTAL	<u>44,305.53</u>

12/22/14 PAYROLL

001	GENERAL	5,695.95
110	ROAD USE TAX	1,235.20
600	WATER	1,494.51
610	SEWER	1,162.19
670	GARBAGE	1,134.44
		<u>10,722.29</u>

01/02/14 PAYROLL

001	GENERAL	<u>4,701.86</u>
	TOTAL CLAIMS	59,729.68

BY FUND

001	GENERAL	31,198.13
110	ROAD USE TAX	4,352.54
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	415.28
176	HOMETOWN PRIDE	120.00
176	W MAIN & BISSELL	8,931.50
600	WATER	6,479.78
610	SEWER	3,839.75
670	GARBAGE	4,392.70
		<u>59,729.68</u>

Potter motioned to adjourn at 5:30 pm; seconded by Swanson. Ayes all; motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Barbara Smith, City Clerk