February 19th, 2024

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 19th, 2024. Mayor Pro Tem John Jamison called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Hannah Zylstra, Loren Booth, Aaron Christenson, Jean Swanson, City Manager Hilary Reed, Deputy City Clerk Joan Hoben, and Chief Ben Aschenbrenner.

Swanson moved to approve moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the February 5th, 2024, meeting, and the list of claims. Zylstra seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

CLAIMS	02/19/24
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A FT A G	MONEY V COOLD NOVE ANGE	204.20
AFLAC	MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE BOOKS	204.38
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	MONTHLY EYE CARE INSURANCE	29.98
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	218.53
BEN STORMS	ALTOONA FIRE TRAINING	513.50
	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	1,058.88
CENGAGE CMBA ARCHITECTS	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	440.58
		2,577.24 30.51
CONNECTIONS, INC.	GROUP INSURANCE	
DELTAL DENTAL EMERGENCY APPARATUS MAINT.	DENTAL INSURANCE	718.02
	REPAIR MAINT.	1,973.02
FIRE SVC TRAINING BUREAU GREAT AMERCIA FINANCIAL	TRAINING	725.00
SERVICE	COPIER LEASE	131.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	5,372.36
IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION	ANNUAL DUES	90.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	18.00
JAKE GRAFF	MILEAGE TO FIRE SCHOOL	264.32
JAMES LITWILLER	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	104.99
KC NIELSEN	COOL-GARD	218.20
LAURENS FOOD PRIDE	CLEANING SUPPLIES	13.63
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	ENVELOPES	101.00
LMPC	PHONE & INTERNET	115.52
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	700.44
LAURENS PLUMBING	SUPPLIES	435.58
LAURENS SUN	LEGALS	365.84
MENARDS	FLAG POLE REPAIRS	29.28
PENWORTHY COMPANY, LLC	STEM BACKPACKS	4,409.64
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE/SHIPPING SUPPLIES	51.70
POCAHONTAS COUNTY AUDITOR	ELECTION FEES	743.79
POCAHONTAS CO SOLID WASTE	LANDFILL FEES	6,475.10
PRINCIPAL LIFE GROUP	MONTHLY LIFE INSURANCE	764.65
PRO COOPERATIVE	MONTHLY FUEL	2,450.27
RB LUMBER COMPANY	SUPPLIES	12.95
RICHARDSON SERVICE	BRAKE REPAIRS	540.85
RSM US LLP	TECH SUPPORT	900.00
SCHOON TREE SERVICE	TREE SERVICE	1,400.00
SHAMROCK RECYCLE, INC.	CURBSIDE RECYCLING	1,895.20
TOYNE, INC.	MAINT. REPAIR	701.79
VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY PHONE BILL	826.41
VISUAL EDGE, IT	COPIER MAINT.	70.60
WELLMARK	MONTHLY HEALTH INSURANCE	8,935.02
	TOTAL	46,627.77

PAYROLL		2/5/2024	
001	GENERAL		6,203.18
210	ROAD USE TAX		1,752.78
600	WATER		2,751.05
610	SEWER		2,718.31
670	GARBAGE		2,210.46
		TOTAL	15,635.78
		PAYROLL TOTAL	15,635.78
		TOTAL PAID	62,263.55
	TOTAL PAID BY FUND		
001	GENERAL		25,753.55
110	ROAD USE TAX		4,142.05
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		5,242.72
600	WATER		6246.01
610	SEWER		6686.16
670	GARBAGE		14,193.06
		TOTAL BY FUND	62,263.55

Dave Schossow presented the council with a snowblower claim due to the loss of a curb guard from one of the snowplows. After much discussion, Booth moved based on insurance findings of road debris and recommendations of not paying for the claim, for Dave to follow through with his own insurance and consult with city insurance if applicable. Swanson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Proposed Community Center.

Zylstra moved to approve the second reading and waive the third reading of Ordinance 01-24 – Rezoning of Lot N PT LOT 2 BLK 11 204 S. 3rd St. Booth seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Zylstra, Booth, Christenson, Swanson, Jamison. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Booth moved to approve the second reading and waive the third reading of Ordinance 02-24 – Rezoning of LOT 27 SUB DIV OL 13 ALLEN'S ADD, LOT 26 SUB DIV OL 13 ALLEN'S ADD, LOT 25 SUB DIV OL 13 ALLEN'S ADD, LOT 24 SUB DIV OL 13 ALLEN'S ADD. Zylstra seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Zylstra, Booth, Christenson, Swanson, Jamison. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Zylstra moved to set the Public Hearing Date for The Property Tax Levy Hearing for April 1^{st} at 4:30 p.m. Christenson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Booth moved to approve the Basement Asbestos Removal Quote. Swanson seconded. All ayes; motion carried. There was no discussion or any action on the pool project.

Booth moved to adjourn at 6:03 p.m. Zylstra seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

John Jamison, Mayor Pro Tem, Mayor	Hilary Reed, City Clerk