

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 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, Public Works Director Julian Johnsen, Deputy Clerk Joan Hoben, Chief of Police Ben Aschenbrenner, and Officer Josh Herrill. Mayor Rod Johnson was absent.

Booth moved to approve amending the agenda to move item discussion of proposed Community Center to number one. Zylstra seconded. All ayes; motion carried. Christenson then moved to approve the consent agenda as amended, consisting of the minutes from the March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting, and the list of claims. Swanson seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

CLAIMS 03/18/24

AFLAC	MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE	204.38
ALLIANT ENERGY	MONTHLY GAS BILLING	542.72
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS, CO	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	5,723.00
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	MONTHLY EYE CARE INSURANCE	218.53
BADGER METER	SERVICE AGREEMENT	600.00
COMMUNITY FIRST AUTO PARTS	SEWER PICKUP REPAIRS	27.98
CONNECTIONS, INC.	MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE	30.51
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	FLANGE KIT	210.57
DELTA DENTAL	MONTHLY DENTAL INSURANCE	718.02
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WASTEWATER TESTING	1,543.75
HEMPHILL LAW OFFICE	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	32.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	5,906.91
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	ATV/GOLF CART PERMITS	94.50
IPERS	IPERS INTERSR FROM FIRE DEPT.	20.02
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	HOSE FOR PAYLOADER	249.77
LMPC	INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	3,341.05
LAURENS PLUMBING	SUPPLIES	650.89
LAURENS SUN	LEGALS	198.22
MICHAEL HAYEK	FIRE SCHOOL TRAINING	1,066.11
MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT CORP	EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	800.00
POCAHONTAS CO SOLID WASTE	MONTHLY LANDFILL FEES	6,338.10
PRINCIPAL LIFE GROUP	MONTHLY GROUP LIFE INSURANCE	764.65
PRO COOPERATIVE	MONTHLY FUEL BILLING	1,540.96
R&D INDUSTRIES, INC.	TECH SUPPORT	193.00
R.B. LUMBER COMPANY	WATER PLANT SUPPLIES	111.95
RSM US LLP	TECH SUPPORT	950.00
SHAMROCK RECYCLE, INC.	FEB CURBSIDE RECYCLING	1,895.20
TOYNE, INC.	TRUCK REPAIRS	335.00
USPS	PO BOX FEES	94.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY CELL PHONES	83.29
WELLMARK	MONTHLY HEALTH INSURANCE	8,935.02
WEX BANKS	FEB MONTHLY POLICE FUEL	1,095.36
	TOTAL	<u>44,515.46</u>

PAYROLL		3/4/2024	
001	GENERAL		7,443.86
210	ROAD USE TAX		1,514.18
600	WATER		2,997.47
610	SEWER		2,791.57
670	GARBAGE		2,185.88
	TOTAL		<u>16,932.96</u>
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	TOTAL PAID	61,448.42
	TOTAL PAID BY FUND	
001	GENERAL	17,537.96
110	ROAD USE TAX	3,013.83
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,242.74
600	WATER	13852.22
610	SEWER	8077.59
670	GARBAGE	13,724.08
	TOTAL BY FUND	<u>61,448.42</u>

Discussion was held on the Proposed Community Center. Jody Applegate, Healthy Aging Director for Elderbridge, spoke to the council.

Discussion was held with Dave Christensen regarding code enforcement, his process, and potential codes to adopt.

Zylstra moved to approve the amended 28E Agreement with the City of Merville, IA for Inspector Code/Enforcement Personnel. This will replace the 28E agreement previously passed January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Booth seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Booth moved to approve the adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code – first reading. Christenson seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Zylstra, Booth, Christenson, Swanson, Jamison. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Zylstra moved to approve waiving the second and third reading. Booth seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Zylstra, Booth, Christenson, Swanson, Jamison. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Ordinance 03-24 – Maximum Number of Vehicles and Off-Street Private Parking. Zylstra moved to approve the first reading with the ability to amend as discussed before the second reading. Christenson seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Zylstra, Booth, Christenson, Swanson, Jamison. Nays: None. Motion carried.

No action was taken to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance 03-24.

Mayor Pro Tem John Jamison swore in Officer Josh Herrill.

Booth moved to approve Skyler Vanderhoff as a Jr. Firefighter. Swanson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Booth moved to approve setting the dates for Spring Clean Up Days as April 19<sup>th</sup> – April 27<sup>th</sup>. Swanson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Zylstra moved to adjourn at 6:08 p.m. Swanson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

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John Jamison, Mayor Pro Tem, Mayor

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Hilary Reed, City Clerk