

Monday, November 6th, 2023

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 6th, 2023. 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 City Clerk Joan Hoben, and Chief of Police Ben Aschenbrenner.

Swanson moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes from the October 16th, 2023, meeting, and the list of claims. Christenson seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

CLAIMS 11/6/23

A&M SERVICES, INC.	RUGS, RAGS, MOPS	104.86
ACCO	WATER PLANT CHEMICALS	1,881.60
AHLERS & COONEY	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	92.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	MONTHLY FEES	109.51
APLHA WIRELES COMM	PARTS FOR RADIO	173.04
BOLTON & MENK	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	10,824.50
BOMGAARS	SHOP SUPPLIES	184.35
CONNECTIONS, INC.	MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE	40.68
DE'LS GARDEN CENTER FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	TREES	1,546.00
	WASTEWATER TESTING	1,680.00
GFC LEASING- WI	PRINTER	67.32
HEMPHILL LAW OFFICE	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	60.00
I&S GROUP, INC.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	10,000.00
IACMA	RETIREMENT 457	750.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	12,869.62
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	20.70
IOWA RURAL WATER ASSOC.	MEMBERSHIP DUES	355.00
IPERS	IPERS	9,062.55
IPERS/PD	PROTECTED IPERS	2,813.66
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	1,776.12
LMPC	MONTHLY PHONE FEES	427.00
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	4,718.61
LAURENS PLUBMING	SUPPLIES	370.56
THE PAPER, INC. POCAHONTAS CO. SOLID WASTE	ADS AND LEGALS	120.00
	LANDFILL FEES	6,322.10
PRO COOPERATIVE	MONTHLY FUEL	2,504.85
RB LUMBER COMPANY	STORM SEWER PARTS	60.00
RSM US LLP	TECH SUPPORT	20.00
RYNO'S	NUISANCE MOWING	250.00
SAMSON DEVELOPMENT	APPLIANCE PICKUP	80.00
SANDE CONSCRUCTION	POOL CONSTRUCTION	147,250.00
SANTANDER LEASING, LLC	PUMPER PAYMENT	1,461.34
SCE, LLC	WATER MAIN REPAIRS	1,517.50
SEILER APPLIANCE, INC.	APPLIANCE REPAIR	246.00

SIEPKER AUTO REPAIR	OIL FILTERS	136.10
SNYDER & ASSOCIATES, INC.	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	528.00
TREASRUER STATE OF IOWA	OCT SALES TAX	6,155.49
TRUCK EQUIPMENT	EQUIPMENT PARTS	195.97
US BANK	MEETINGS	596.82
USA BLUE BOOK	SUPPLIES	337.30
USPS	BILLING POSTAGE	382.54
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONES	143.94
VFW/MARLIN EGERTSEN	NEW FLAGS	200.00
WATERS EDGE	PROJECT 23-504	82,000.00
WEX BANKS	POLICE FUEL	<u>747.55</u>
	TOTAL	<u><u>311,183.68</u></u>

PAYROLL		10/16/2023
001	GENERAL	5,157.03
210	ROAD USE TAX	1,807.38
600	WATER	3,177.97
610	SEWER	2,838.57
670	GARBAGE	<u>2,311.74</u>

TOTAL 15,292.69

PAYROLL		10/30/2023
001	GENERAL	5,146.00
210	ROAD USE TAX	1,933.96
600	WATER	2,786.05
610	SEWER	2,718.04
670	GARBAGE	<u>3,544.13</u>

TOTAL 16,128.18

PAYROLL		11/1/2023
001	GENERAL	<u>6,702.56</u>

TOTAL 6,702.56

PAYROLL TOTAL 38,123.43

PAID TOTAL 349,307.11

001	GENERAL	38,853.91
110	ROAD USE TAX	8,138.78
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	22.02
174	POOL RESTRICTED	229,250.00
176	HOMETOWN PRIDE COMMITTEE	10,000.00
317	PRARIE PARK TRAIL	528.00
600	WATER	20,938.43
610	SEWER	

		23,505.50
670	GARBAGE	18,010.47
745	STORM WATER	<u>60.00</u>
	TOTAL BY FUND	<u>349,307.11</u>
REVENUES	GENERAL	161,246.19
	POLICE SPECIAL	4.00
	ROAD USE TAX	14,191.02
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	79,618.34
	EMERGENCY LEVY	4,357.02
	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	11,430.26
	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	8,633.28
	POOL RESTRICTED	63,345.00
	DEBT SERVICE	86,933.30
	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	8,996.03
	PERPETUAL CARE	320.00
	WATER	46,043.08
	SEWER	31,759.71
	GARBAGE	20,670.93
	STORM WATER	<u>2,979.97</u>
	TOTAL	<u>540,528.13</u>

Mayor Pro Tem Jamison opened the Public Hearing on the rezoning of Lot W 50' of NE ¼ OL P, Parcel ID 0127177002 – 111 W. Main St. at 5:00 p.m. With no written or oral objections Mayor ProTem Jamison closed the hearing on the matter at 5:03 p.m.

Booth moved to approve Ordinance 01-23 Rezoning of Lot, First Reading. Zylstra seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Zylstra, Booth, Swanson, Christenson, Jamison. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Fire Chief, Jake Graff asked the council to approve Freddy Hammond to the Laurens Fire Department. Zylstra so moved. Booth seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Booth moved to retroactively approve the purchase of basement appliances in the amount of \$17,000. Swanson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

After much discussion, Swanson moved to approve placing the utilities at 250 Ralston Street in the city's name during the decision-making process December 1st or when the building is vacated by the Diocese. Booth second. All ayes; motion carried.

An update from Pat Sullivan regarding the Proposed Community Center was given.

Zylstra moved to approve going into closed session at 5:15 p.m. pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate where only premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Booth seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

At 5:27 p.m. Booth motioned to come back into open session. Zylstra seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Booth motioned to approve the City Manager to negotiate the sale of city property at the council's wishes. Zylstra seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Booth moved to approve the hiring of reserve officer Ryan Jergens. Zylstra seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Zylstra moved to approve Change Order #1 – Laurens Pool Project. Booth seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Zylstra moved to approve Pay Request #2 – Sande Construction. Christenson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Swanson moved to adjourn 6:13 p.m. Zylstra seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

John Jamsion, Mayor Pro Tem

Hilary Reed, City Clerk