

November 18th, 2024

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 18th, 2024. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council members John Jamison, Hannah Zylstra, Aaron Christenson, Jean Swanson, Deputy Clerk Joan Hoben, and Public Works Director Julian Johnsen. City Manager Hilary Reed and Council Member Loren Booth were absent.

Jamison moved to approve the consent agenda as amended consisting of the minutes from the November 4th, 2024, meeting, the list of claims. Zylstra seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

CLAIMS 11/18/2024

ACCO	WATER PLANT CHEMICALS	2,967.45
ADVANCED NETWORK PROFESSIONALS	WEBSITE HOSTING	140.00
AFLAC	MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE	204.38
AGSTATE	PARK CHEMICALS	229.36
ALLIANT ENERGERGY	MONTHLY POOL GAS	43.63
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	DVDS & BOOKS	257.64
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	DEC MONTHLY EYE CARE INSURANCE	218.53
BADGER METER	TECH SUPPORT	54.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	616.71
CENGAGE	LARGE PRINT BOOKS	191.93
CITY OF MOVILLE	NUISANCE ABATEMENT	1,362.29
COMMUNITY FIRST AUTO PARTS	SWEEPER BATTER	366.24
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	REPAIRS/PARTS	928.63
DEB HERTZ	MILEAGE FOR TRAINING	58.96
DELTA DENTAL	DEC MONTHLY DENTAL INSURANCE	718.02
DEMCO	BOOK COVERING SUPPLIES	438.13
EMERGENCY APPARATUS MAINT.	MAINT. ON PUMPER 361	2,413.86
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WASTEWATER TESTING	807.50
GENERAL TRAFFIC CONTROLS	LED 8" LIGHTS	81.00
HARN R/O SYSTEMS, INC.	500 LB CHEMICALS	5,072.00
HEIMAN	FIRE DEPT SUPPLIES	99.82
HEMPHILL LAW OFFICE	LEGALS	1,855.54
HILARY REED	BUDGET WORKSHOP	51.05
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	FY25 QUARTERLY SYSTEM	300.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	4,827.81
IA RURAL WATER ASSOC	MEMBERSHIP FEES	355.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	MAINT. ON PUMPER 361	11.26
LAURENS HOUSE OF PRINT	WARRANT CHECKS	451.25
LMPC	MONTHLY PHONE & INTERNET	113.96
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	284.40
LAURENS PLUMBING	SUPPLIES	1,719.19
LAURENS SUN	LEGALS & ADS	347.03
MACC	TECH SUPPORT	742.77
OFFICE ELEMENTS	COPY PAPER	58.75
PETTY CASH	POSTSAGE	267.45
POCAHONTAS CO SOLID WASTE	LANDFILL FEES	7,308.90
PRIME BENEFITS SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE	2,000.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE GROUP	MONTHLY LIFE INSURANCE	764.65
PRO COOPERATIVE	MONTHLY OCT FUEL	4,656.55
R&D INDUSTRIES, INC	TECH SUPPORT	22.50
RB LUMBER COMPANY	PARK SUPPLIES	11.88

RSM US LLP	TECH SUPPORT	1,380.00
SAMSON DEVELOPMENT	APPLIANCE PICKUP	40.00
SCOTT HERRIG LAWN CARE	SPRAYING OF PARKS & CEMETERY	4,177.50
SHAMROCK RECYCLING, INC.	OCT. CURBSIDE RECYCLING	1,952.05
USPS	NUISANCE STAMPS	116.16
VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY CELL PHONES	340.91
WELLMARK	NOV. MONTHLY HEALTH INSURANCE	8,935.02
WEX BANKS	PD MONTHLY FUEL	123.11
WIGEN WATER TECHNOLOGIES	EQUIPMENT MAINT.	<u>56,531.34</u>
	TOTAL	<u><u>117,016.11</u></u>

PAYROLL		11/12/2014	
001	GENERAL		4,338.35
110	ROAD USE TAX		1,817.49
600	WATER		3,217.90
610	SEWER		2,638.53
670	GARBAGE		<u>2,543.21</u>
	TOTAL		<u>14,555.48</u>
	PAYROLL TOTAL		<u><u>14,555.48</u></u>
	TOTAL PAID		131,571.59
TOTAL PAID BY FUND			
001	GENERAL		20,395.38
110	ROAD USE TAX		4,104.52
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		6,655.73
600	WATER		73615.24
610	SEWER		8106.49
670	GARBAGE		18,209.96
745	STORM WATER		<u>484.27</u>
	TOTAL BY FUND		<u><u>131,571.59</u></u>

Information was given and discussion was held regarding the Laurens Ambulance Services. Due to the lack of use of the ambulance stationed in Laurens, representatives from the City of Laurens and Pocahontas Community Hospital are exploring ways to optimize the use of the ambulance stored in Laurens and enhance ambulance services across the county. We are proposing transferring the ambulance from Laurens to a different community in Pocahontas County. This is one last attempt to secure more staff who reside in the Laurens area and will be collecting comments and applications over the next six months to best assess how to move forward. The informational letter will be advertised in papers and will be posted on social media. No action was taken.

Swanson moved to approve the one-time payment. Christenson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

There was no discussion, nor decisions, regarding the Laurens Pool Project.

Jamison motioned to adjourn at 5:24 p.m. Zylstra seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Joan Hoben, Deputy Clerk