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Local News



School House Birthday Submitted by Jerry Depew

Before 2016 gets away, we should wish the Laurens school house a happy 100th birthday. The building was first used in the fall of 1916. Although similar school buildings across Pocahontas County have been torn down, this one still looks great.

It was constructed behind the prior 1889 school, which was removed once its replacement was completed, creating the front yard of the present building.

It was declared to be fireproof since it had metal floors and brick walls. It also had indoor "water closets."

Enrollment then was nearly the same as it is now, but today's students are spread out into several additional structures.

By erecting the school on the highest point in the town and at the north end of its main business district street, the community made a statement that resonates yet today.



Kiwanis Donates to Library

Local Kiwanis members Brooks Anderson and Dwight Van Genderen presented Laurens Librarian Glenda Mulder a check to be used to support children's literacy. Thanks to the Laurens Kiwanis for being supporters of the Library!



Ready for School Library Corner

Trista from IPTV was at the Laurens Public Library to open the new Ready for School Library Corner. This project is a collaboration between L-M School, IPTV, Laurens Library and Marathon Library to strengthen literacy skills. The new corner includes a story time rug, a Peg + Cat stand up character, a big banner, Martha Speaks program, DVDs of IPTV kids shows, new books and some bookmarks & pencils! LPL's Children's Librarian Jeri Wenell plans to integrate these new resources into many of her future Tot Times and visits from the L-M Elementary students.

HorseTech Recognizes Employees for Years of Service

HorseTech recently held their Annual Holiday Party at Laurens Golf & Country Club. At the event, four employees were recognized by Rod Johnson for years of service milestones. Deb Johnson and Jody Nagel both received their 5 Year Awards, Jean Murray received her 10 Year Award and Sue Bringleston was awarded her 30 Year Award. Thank you all for your years of dedication and hard work at HorseTech!



Jean Murray -- 10 Year Award



Jody Nagel -- 5 Year Award



Sue Bringleston -- 30 Year Award



Deb Johnson -- 5 Year Award

At the Library with Glenda Mulder December 14, 2016

How's your Christmas Spirit this year? The staff at LPL loves this time of year! We've got Christmas bulletin boards (one even has battery operated lights!) a Dr. Seuss themed Christmas Tree, a felt Christmas tree with felt decorations that the littles can move around, and of course, we've pulled the Christmas titles in each department to make your selection easier! Stop in and bask in our glow. Or let us help you recharge your spirit if it is lagging a bit!

Our Book Club choice for December is "*A Christmas Hope*" by Anne Perry. I've been getting good reports from people who have read it. It is described as a "gripping story of an unforgettable battle between goodness and evil in Victorian London – and a lonely woman's search for meaning in her life." I'm looking forward to reading this Christmas book. Since we'll be celebrating Christmas on the 4th Monday, our discussion will be Monday,



December 19th at 7 p.m.
Connie & Dorothy, our volunteer curators at the County Museum next door, recently did a program on local pioneer farming practices for an interested group. When I got wind of this, I did a little arm twisting and they agreed to do their program for us! We're still working on a snappy name for this, but mark the evening of January 10th on your calendar & plan to join us.

Upcoming Events

- Tell Me a Yarn every Monday from 5-7 p.m.
- CardMaking Tuesday, December 20th at 6:30 p.m.
- Take it Tuesday - T-shirt into Hobo bag! - 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Book Club Monday, December 19th at 7 p.m.
- Pioneer Farming Tuesday, January 10 at 7 p.m.
- Closed December 24-26 for Christmas
- Closed December 31-Jan 2 for New Years

Beef Weigh-in

All market calves that will be exhibited at the 2017 Pocahontas County Fair must be weighed-in on Saturday, December 17 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the Dale Wenell farm, Albert City. If you have questions, please contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Office at 712-335-3103 or lzeman@iastate.edu

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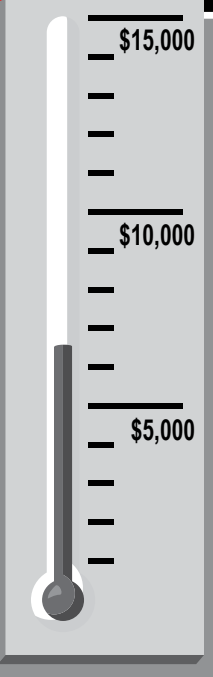
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The Pocahontas Community Healthcare Foundation would like to thank the many people who have generously donated to our annual fundraising campaign.

These proceeds will go towards the purchase of a PowerLOAD cot for the transfer ambulance at the Pocahontas Community Hospital. **At this time we have received \$6,495 towards our goal of \$15,000.**

Our campaign will be running through the end of February and if you would like to make a donation to help us meet our goal, please send it to:

Pocahontas Healthcare Foundation, 606 NW 7th St., Pocahontas, IA 50574



Please join us for "Christmas Season 2016"
a performance by
Joyful Praise
Trio: Jeri Wenell, Mary Johnson and Judy Clausen
Accompanist: Connie Dallenbach

Saturday, December 17, 2016
@ 4:00 p.m.

at the United Methodist Church
201 W. Main St.
Laurens, Iowa

Please bring a donation for the local Food Pantry.

**COME WORK FOR US AT
FISHER HYDRAULICS
IN LAURENS, IOWA**

Fisher Hydraulics in Laurens, IA is currently accepting applications for the following;

Machinists/Assemblers for 2nd shift employment

We are seeking dependable and motivated applicants. Experience is preferred but we are willing to train the right applicants. Come work in a team oriented and friendly atmosphere with state of the art equipment. Shift premium is paid during training and overtime is available. Pay increases available after 90 days and every 6 months thereafter to top of pay scale.

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To apply: Call 712-845-2634 ext. 113, during the hours of 7:00 am-4:30 pm, Mon.-Thurs. and speak with Diane. You may also stop in and fill out an application.

Fisher Hydraulics
a LIGON company

**Friday night, December 16th,
special will be chicken fried
steak dinner or you may
order off our full menu!**

**Grab some friends and
come relax and let us do
the cooking!**

PUBLIC WELCOME



Holiday Heroes Needed

Blood donors are needed urgently ahead of the upcoming holiday season.

With family traditions and holiday travel falling at the same time as winter weather and the flu season, the community blood supply often becomes scarce as blood donors are unable to make their regularly scheduled appointment this time of year.

If you're able to donate, please do! Every two seconds, someone in the United States requires a blood transfusion to survive. Blood cannot be produced in a lab, so healthy volunteer LifeServers are the only lifesaving link for these hospital patients.

Make your lifesaving gift at an upcoming community blood drive!

• **Laurens Community Blood Drive, Thursday, December 22, 2016 from 1:30 PM - 5:30 PM at Bethany Lutheran Church, 213 S. Harrison St..**

Schedule a blood donation appointment online at: www.lifeservebloodcenter.org or call 800-287-4903.

LifeServe Blood Center was established in April, 2010 when The Blood Center of Iowa joined operations with Siouxland Community Blood Bank. As one of the 15 largest blood centers in the country, LifeServe Blood Center provides blood and blood products to more than 100 hospitals located across Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota. LifeServe is committed to saving lives by providing premier service to volunteer blood donors and access to a safe, quality blood supply for hospitals and patients.

For more information about blood donation or to schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 800-287-4903 or visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org.



Did you learn to swim at the Laurens Swimming Pool? Please donate now so future generations can have the same privilege!

Everyone....Let's Create a SPLASH together by:

-Using our New Online Donation page: <https://www.youcaring.com/residents-of-laurens-501476>

-Sending a Tax Deductible Donation to:
Laurens Pool Project, c/o City of Laurens,
272 North 3rd Street, Laurens, IA 50554

-Dropping it off at City Hall

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80th Birthday!!

The family of Anne Walstead invite you to join in celebrating her 80th Birthday at an Open House in her honor, Sunday, December 18 from 2:00-4:00 pm. The Open House will be held at the First Christian Church, 324 W. Section Line Road, Laurens, Iowa.

Anne's actual birthday is December 10, if you are unable to attend, we would love for you to send a personal message.

Please send cards to Anne Walstead at: 104 W. Olive St., Laurens, IA 50554 or send a personal video message to Lyne (Walstead) Lovetere at 630-333-6699 or via email to lalovetere@gmail.com.



Thank You

We would like to thank the staff, students, parents and shop volunteers for a successful Holiday Shop. We could not have made it a success without all of your help. We are hoping to do this each year. This was not meant to be a fundraiser, this was just for the kids' enjoyment. The kids had a great time and did very well shopping for their families. We hope you enjoy the gifts.

Thank you again!
Charger Pride

Thank you!

A Big Thank you to everyone who helped with my care and rehab. The cards, flowers and visits especially helped with my recovery

Betty Van Horsen

Card Shower!!

Join Dave, Dan, Donn, Doug and Dirk in wishing a Happy Birthday to Joanne, who turns 85 on Thursday, December 15.

Cards can be sent to 406 Allen Street, Laurens, IA 50554.

Happy Birthday, Mom!



*Karaoke Party in loving memory of
Brenda Patrick*

*Saturday, December 17, 2016
@ 7:00 p.m.*

*American Legion
200 W. Main St., Sioux Rapids, Iowa*

*All friends are invited to help us
celebrate the life of Brenda!*

17th Annual Laurens Festival of Trees

The 17th Annual Laurens Festival of Trees will continue to be open December 17, 18, 24, 25 from NOON - 7:00 p.m. each day at the Laurens United Methodist Church.

Decorated trees, wreaths, table settings and other beautiful displays of all kinds have been created by many Laurens residents. Free Will Offering.

Check out the tree that was decorated by the members of the Laurens Police Department. Come see displays with themes such as "Dogs Light Up Your Christmas"; Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate" as well as decorated Tupperware and a Christmas village and collections of Santas, teapots, and cookie jars. NOTE: The restrooms also are decorated for Christmas. Enjoy!



Cookie Walk

The Charger Pride will be having a cookie walk after the 5th-8th grade concert on Thursday, December 15th. We will be selling cookies for \$2 per baggie. Proceeds will be going to projects at Laurens-Marathon School. We have donated to Laurens-Marathon Dance Team, Ms. Habben's 3rd grade class for chairs, and scholarships to students for the Washington DC trip so far this year. Thank you for your support.

Services to be Held for Mary Wenell

Mary Kathryn (Lone) Wenell, age 90, went to be with our Lord Jesus on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at her daughter, Kathy (Stuart) Wenell-Nesbit's home on Lake Wissota, Wisconsin, while surrounded by family. She died of complications from a broken hip and was surrounded by loving family throughout her nine weeks of hospitalizations and rehab efforts.

Mary was born June 13, 1926 in Council Bluffs, IA, where she lived until her family moved to Des Moines, IA when she was 10. She was the daughter of Harry and Lula (Wakefield) Lone.

Mary graduated from East High School in Des Moines, IA, where she was a very active member of her class, including being class treasurer throughout high school. She took great pride in being an East High graduate, and attended her yearly class reunions and class monthly lunches throughout her adult life, with her last attendance being her 70th class reunion in 2015.

After high school, Mary worked at the Iowa State House for the Board of Education Examiners. It was then that she met the love of her life, Arnold Wenell, who was attending business school in Des Moines. Arnold and Mary were married on February 8, 1947 and returned to Arnold's family's home place in Albert City, IA, and began farming the following year on a farm southwest of Laurens, IA. They farmed for 29 years before moving to their home in Laurens in 1976. After enjoying

her years as a stay-at-home mom, Mary began working at Fowser's Jewelry Store in 1972 and eventually bought the business in 1975, renaming the store "The Jewelry 'N Gift Shoppe." She owned and managed the

business until 1988, when she retired to enjoy more time with Arnold, as well as her children and grandchildren.

Mary loved the Lord and was involved in the Evangelical Covenant Church in Albert City, IA, where she was a member throughout her adult life. She and Arnold

enjoyed many of the church activities together, with one of their highlights being a Covenant Church trip to Europe. She also enjoyed being involved in Cursillo as well as being a member of the Friendly Friday Club. After moving to WI to live with her daughter and son-in-law in 2011, she attended Bethesda Lutheran Brethren Church in Eau Claire the past five years.

Mary and Arnold enjoyed traveling, including trips to Europe, Canada, Mexico, and almost all of the states. After Arnold passed, Mary continued to enjoy traveling, taking her family to both the Cayman Islands and Hawaii. She enjoyed many trips with family, including a two-week Florida trip that she had just returned from when she broke her hip. She wintered in Hawaii the last several years with family and had looked forward to another winter in HI this year with 24 family members joining her.

Mary had a spunk and sense of humor that made her loved by all. Her laughter and smile were contagious, and even the nurses, CNA's, and doctors constantly commented on her beautiful, sweet smile. While she loved so many people in her life, she loved her family above all. She treasured her three children, but even

more, she treasured her eight grandchildren (and spouses) and her sixteen great-grandchildren more than anything in her life. She made every attempt to attend their activities, play games with them, read to them, talk to them, and give them lots of hugs and kisses. They adored her and she adored them! And they all loved each other "MORE". LUM (Love you more) was her signature phrase and she really meant it!

Survivors include her son Doug (Sue) Wenell of Laurens, IA, daughter-in-law Cindy Wenell of Independence, MN, daughter Kathy (Stuart) Wenell-Nesbit of Lake Wissota, WI. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and spouses and 16 great-grandchildren, Darci (Kevin), Maggie and Michael Maas of Adair, IA; Heidi (Brent), Brayton, Halle, Boston, and Hilton Foster of Lake Sarah, MN; Jeff Wenell of Dakota Dunes, SD; Jennifer (Jason), Jaden, Lexi, and Chase Billman of Ham Lake, MN; Chad (Tiff), Brody, and Braxton Wenell of Lawton, IA; Jason (Shanelle), JaeDon, and Georgia Wenell of Broomfield, CO; Nicki (Ben), Jake, and Izzy Peterson of Grantsburg, WI; and Matt (Bethany) and Summer Wenell of Minneapolis, MN. Mary is also survived by her brother Bud (Wanda) Lone of West Des Moines, IA, her sister Helen (Dave) Sigmund of Des Moines, IA, her sister-in-law Lorene Lone, of Naples, FL, her sister-in-law Karen Wenell of Indianola, IA and many beloved nieces, nephews, and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Arnold in 1997, her son Don in 2005, as well as her brother Bill Lone and infant brother Louie.

There will be services in both Eau Claire, WI and in Laurens, IA. Iowa services include a visitation on Sunday, December 18, from 4-7 p.m. at the Powers Funeral home in Laurens with the funeral service to be held at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Albert City, IA at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 19. Burial will follow in the Laurens Cemetery. Memorial gifts will be given to her churches and to Hospice.



Grace Lutheran Church Marathon, Our Savior's Lutheran Church Albert City & St John Lutheran Church Rural Albert City

Pastor John Mayer
Saturdays 5 p.m. Worship Service @ Grace Lutheran Church - Marathon

Sundays 10:30 a.m. Worship @ Our Savior's Lutheran Church - Albert City

Sundays 9:00 a.m. @ St John Lutheran Church Rural - Albert City

This Week at First Christian Church

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

Wednesday, Dec. 14

1 p.m. - Willing Workers
 7:30 p.m. - Lydia Group

Thursday, Dec. 15

2 p.m. - Coffee with Pastor

Friday, Dec. 16

7 - p.m. AA

Sunday, Dec. 18

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. - Worship
 2-4 p.m. - Open House in honor of Anne Walstead at First Christian

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This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Wednesday: December 14, 2016

7:00 PM ~ Advent Worship
 Council Mtg. to follow worship

Friday, Saturday, Sunday: December 9-11,

10AM-8PM ~ Viewing the Nativity Scenes

Sunday: December 18, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 AM ~ SS practice & Confirmation
 9:15 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship
 9:15 AM ~ Adult SS
 10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Communion & SS Christmas Program
 4:00 PM ~ Laurens Care Center Service
 6:00 PM ~ Laurens Area Youth Group (JH) at SHCC

Tuesday: December 20, 2016

10:00 AM ~ Coffee Time

*Worship, Love, Accept~ Together
 in Christ's Name*



Bethany
 LUTHERAN CHURCH
North American Lutheran Church

This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Wed., Dec. 14th:

Puppet Troop practice @ 7 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 15th:

NO Rachel Circle

Dorcas Circle potluck @ NOON at Ruth Steinkoenig's home

Fri., Dec. 16th:

Men's Bible Study @ 7 a.m.

Sat., Dec. 17th:

Joyful Praise performance @ 4 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 18th:

Adult Sunday School @ 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School (kids) @ 9:10 a.m.
 Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 a.m.
 Worship @ 10:30 a.m.
 Puppet Troop performance



Sacred Heart Church Laurens

Pastor ~ Father Francis Makwinja

Weekday Mass : Friday - 8 AM

Weekend Mass: Sunday - 10:30 AM (November-February)

Christmas Eve - 4 PM ~ Christmas - 10:30 AM

Cluster Parishes

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Sioux Rapids

Weekday Mass: (Monday & Wednesday) - 8 AM

Weekend Mass: Sunday - 8:30 AM (November-February)

Christmas Eve - 6:30 PM ~ Christmas - 8:30 AM

St. Louis Catholic Church, Royal

Weekday Mass: (Tuesday & Thursday) - 8 AM

Weekend Mass: Saturday - 5 PM (November-February)

Christmas Eve - 9 PM



Yard and Garden: Handling Poinsettias during the Holiday Season



One of the best parts of the holiday season is adding colorful seasonal plants to the home. That includes the poinsettia. However, poinsettias do require special care to reach their full potential.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach horticulturists can help answer queries about poinsettias and other holiday plants. To have additional questions answered, contact the ISU Hortline at 515-294-3108 or hortline@iastate.edu.

What should I look for when purchasing a poinsettia? Poinsettias are available in a wide range of colors. Red is the most popular color. However, poinsettias also are available in burgundy, pink, salmon, white, cream and gold. In addition, there are bicolored, marbled and speckled poinsettias. The colorful part of the poinsettia, commonly referred to as the plant's flowers, are actually modified

leaves or bracts. The true flowers are yellow to green, button-like objects located in the center of the bracts.

When selecting a poinsettia, choose a plant with dark green foliage and brightly colored bracts. The true flowers should be shedding little or no pollen. Avoid poinsettias with wilted foliage, broken stems or few leaves.

How do I care for a poinsettia? To prevent damage from cold temperatures, purchase the poinsettia at the end of the shopping trip, place the poinsettia in a plant sleeve or carefully wrap it before going outdoors and set the plant in a heated vehicle. Exposing the poinsettia to cold temperatures, even for a short time, may cause its bracts and leaves to blacken and drop.

As soon as you get home, unwrap the poinsettia and place it near a sunny window or other well-lit location. However, don't let the plant touch the cold window pane. Also, keep the poinsettia away from cold drafts or heat sources. Poinsettias prefer temperatures between 60 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

Water needs can be determined with your finger. Check the potting soil daily. When the soil surface becomes dry to the touch, water the plant until water begins to flow out the bottom of the pot. The pots of most poinsettias are placed inside decorative pot covers. When watering a poinsettia, carefully remove the pot cover, water the plant in the sink, then place the poinsettia back into the pot cover.

Is the poinsettia poisonous? Contrary to popular belief, the poinsettia is not poisonous. However, it is not intended for human or animal consumption. It is still advisable to keep the poinsettia out of the reach of small children and pets.

One potential health concern with the poinsettia is dermatitis or an irritation to the skin. When a poinsettia stem is cut or broken, milky sap oozes from the wound. Some individuals may develop a skin irritation if the milky sap comes in contact with their skin.

Consider Giving Kids Less Stuff, More Time During the Holidays

Although the holidays can be a season of giving, sometimes the focus shifts to a season of getting, or so it may seem from a child's perspective, says Mackenzie Johnson, a human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

"It's OK to give gifts to our children. We all want to see our children happy, and as parents we give from the goodness of our hearts," said Johnson, who specializes in family life issues.

"However, it's easy to overdo it, especially around the holidays. This can become a pattern, and before we know it, we're overindulging our children – giving them too much, too soon and for too long."

Research shows that overindulging children puts them at risk for a variety of negative outcomes, including a need for immediate gratification, an overblown sense of entitlement and a materialistic mindset and goals. Children who are overindulged may have poor self-control, as well as a more difficult time developing adult life skills, Johnson said.

Giving children too much stuff is just one form of overindulgence, Johnson explained. Other forms include soft structure, meaning a lack of rules and responsibilities, and over-nurturing – doing things for children that they should be doing themselves.

So how can parents know whether they are crossing the line into overindulging their children? Researchers Jean Illsley Clarke, David J. Bredehoft and Connie Dawson started the Overindulgence Project – Overindulgence.info – in 1996, studying the relationship between childhood overindulgence and subsequent adult problems and parenting practices. To date, they have completed 10 studies investigating overindulgence involving more than 3,500 participants.

The researchers suggest parents ask themselves four questions:

- Do these gifts use a disproportionate amount of family resources?
- Does what I am doing harm others, society or the planet?
- Does this meet my needs (as the adult) more than the needs of my child?
- Does it hinder my child from learning developmental tasks?

If parents answer yes to one or more of these questions, they probably are overindulging their children. However, there are some simple ways to get back on the right track.

"First of all, if you have been overindulgent, take responsibility. Being in denial about it means that you can't change anything," Johnson said.

"Second, forgive yourself. If you've gone overboard in the past, don't beat yourself up about it. Look at how you can move forward, do things differently and learn from your previous experience.

"Next, work on one problem area at a time. Don't try to suddenly change everything about your parenting style at once, as that will likely be too overwhelming," she noted. "Maybe you start by deciding not to give your children so much stuff – toys, electronics, etc. – this holiday season, but consider giving them the gift of your time."

For example, parents could create a "gift certificate" for a parent and child lunch date, or plan for an afternoon playing board games or having a baking day together.

"Or start even smaller and decide you won't give in to your child's next temper tantrum at the grocery store," Johnson said.

"Just because you've overindulged your children in the past, doesn't mean your children have been damaged forever. You can get back on track and raise your children to become responsible adults who show respect for others," she said.

Contact Iowa Concern for Help with Financial Stress



In December Iowans may be counting their holiday shopping days and wondering how far their money will stretch. They may be trying to refinance a business or agricultural loan, plan for taxes or figure out how to make the tuition payment that's due after the first of the year.

"Whatever the reason, 'tis the season for financial stress," says Jan Monahan, a human sciences specialist in family finance with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

"You don't have to take on that stress all by yourself. Call or chat online with Iowa Concern," Monahan said.

Iowa Concern is provided by ISU Extension and Outreach. With a toll-free phone number, live chat

capabilities and a website, Iowa Concern services are available 24 hours a day, seven days per week at no charge. Iowa Concern provides access to stress counselors and an attorney for legal education, as well as information and referral services for a wide variety of topics.

To reach Iowa Concern, call 1-800-447-1985; language interpretation services are available. Or, visit the website, <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/iowaconcern/>, to live chat with a stress counselor one-on-one in a secure environment. Other options include reviewing the Iowa Concern frequently asked questions database or emailing an expert regarding legal, finance, stress, or crisis and disaster issues.

"All personal information given to Iowa Concern, whether on the hotline or through e-mail or live chat, is kept confidential," said Margaret VanGinkel, ISU Extension and Outreach hotline coordinator.

"If any clients would like us to advocate or make a call on their behalf, we would need their permission to do so," VanGinkel said.

City Council Minutes

December 5th, 2016

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on December 5th, 2016. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Jean Swanson, Pat Sullivan, Rich Newgard, Julie Potter, City Attorney Ann Beneke, City Manager Hilary Reed, City Clerk Joan Hoben, Public Works Director Julian Johnsen, and Police Chief Chris Toner.

Swanson motioned to approve the amended consent agenda consisting of the agenda, minutes from the November 21st meeting, and the list of claims. Sullivan seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

CLAIMS	12-5-2016		
ALLIANT ENERGY	NOV GAS BILL		83.44
AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO	SERVICE REPAIR RO		1,050.00
BANKERS TRUST	INTEREST EAST & VETERAN		15,925.00
BROWN SUPPLY CO	WINTER SUPPLIES		1,263.90
CONNECTIONS, INC	GROUP INSURANCE		38.76
DATA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	SUMMIT LICENSE, SUPPORT FEES		3,305.43
ECHO GROUP, INC.	MISC SUPPLIES		55.00
FIRE SVC TRAINING			
BUREAU	TRAINING		150.00
GARTHLENE BELL	MILEAGE		51.84
GOEDERS CONSTRUCTION	PAY REQUEST #1 GRIFFIN PROJECT		11,251.20
ICMA	RETIREMENT 457		250.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX		7,902.10
IOWA FINANCE			
AUTHORITY	INTEREST SFR		19,346.25
IPERS	IPERS		4,480.35
IPERS/PD	PROTECTED IPERS		1,716.64
JOAN HOBEN	MILEAGE		91.80
KOENIG	CLEAN CAMPER		240.00
LM	NOV. UTILITIES		6,355.62
LAURENS PLUMBING			
SERVICES	MEMORY LANE SUPPLIES		126.43
LAURENS STATE BANK	GARBAGE DEC. PAYMENT		1,525.42
LODGE INN	MADSEN LODGING		624.75
MARTIN MARIETTA			
MATERIALS	STREET MATERIAL		117.85
PCC AMBULANCE BILLING			
SERVICE	AMBULANCE BILLING		631.41
PRIME BENEFITS SYSTEMS	GROUP INSURANCE		296.25
PRINCIPAL LIFE GROUP	DEC LIFE INSURANCE		768.19
SIEPKER AUTO REPAIR	TRUCK REPAIRS		512.65
SINDERGARD EXCAVATING	MISC SUPPLIES		2,567.08
STAPLES	SUPPLIES		303.86
TOYNE, INC	NEW PUMPER CHASSIS		83,803.00
TREASURER STATE OF			
IOWA	NOV. SALES TAX		4,741.00
UNITYPOINT HEALTH	ONSITE SUPPORT		450.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	CELL PHONE		97.32
WEX BANKS	POLICE OCT. FUEL		659.08
WOODLEY INSURANCE	FALL FEST LIQUOR LIABILITY		89.00
	TOTAL		<u>170,870.62</u>
PAYROLL		11/21/2016	
	001 GENERAL		4,218.66
	210 ROAD USE TAX		1,286.12
	600 WATER		2,084.36
	610 SEWER		1,836.93
	670 GARBAGE		2,176.86
	TOTAL		<u>11,602.93</u>
PAYROLL		12/1/2016	
	001 GENERAL		7,321.96
	TOTAL		<u>7,321.96</u>
PAYROLL		12/2/2016	
	001 GENERAL		8,882.97
	TOTAL		<u>8,882.97</u>
	PAYROLL TOTAL		27,807.86

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		PAID TOTAL	<u>198,678.48</u>
BY FUND			
001	GENERAL	22,453.20	
110	ROAD USE TAX	4,632.42	
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,579.52	
176	HOMETOWN PRIDE COMMITTEE	2.41	
200	DEBT SERVICE	3,390.81	
317	WEST MAIN & BISSELL STREET	25,678.36	
321	PRAIRIE PARK TRAIL	79,102.00	
600	WATER	16,233.08	
610	SEWER	7,180.02	
670	GARBAGE	11,883.05	
765	STORM WATER	3,998.78	
TOTAL BY FUND		<u>180,133.65</u>	
REVENUES BY FUND			
001	GENERAL	118,357.67	
110	ROAD USE TAX	5,019.67	
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	457.91	
175	POCKET PARK	126.43	
200	DEBT SERVICE	15,925.00	
316	WEST MAIN & BISSELL STREET	2,567.08	
321	OWNER OCCUPIED HOUSING	11,875.95	
600	WATER	25,493.20	
610	SEWER	11,834.64	
670	GARBAGE	7,020.93	
		<u>198,678.48</u>	
001	GENERAL	55,248.22	
110	ROAD USE TAX	14,034.01	
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	3,232.11	
113	EMERGENCY LEVY	211.80	
121	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	13,966.94	
125	TIF	1,576.82	
174	POOL RESTRICTED	220.00	
200	DEBT SERVICE	3,618.38	
300	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	414.98	
317	PRAIRIE PARK TRAIL	3,000.00	
321	OWNED OCCUPIED HOUSING	26,865.00	
600	WATER	42,074.76	
610	SEWER	27,815.67	
670	GARBAGE	21,149.79	
765	STORM WATER	2,652.00	
		<u>216,080.48</u>	

Newgard moved to approve Pay Request #1 for the CDGB Griffin Project. Potter seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Newgard moved to approve a one-time pay for city employees. Swanson seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Potter moved to approve the hiring of Schuyler Bechtel and Mike Hertz to the fire department. Swanson seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

John Pohlman presented the council with the idea of reapproving the city's support of Laurens Hometown Pride. The council decided to table the motion until a full council was present.

Jenny Blankenship with PFM presented the council with the Municipal Advisory Services for the City of Laurens. Jenny spoke about the general obligation debt capacity, debt service tax levy analyses, TIF cashflow model, in addition to the sewer and water enterprise cashflows.

Potter moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Swanson seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Hilary Reed, City Clerk/Manager