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Local News

Rotary Club Provides Dictionaries to Students

Pocahontas Rotary Club proudly presented dictionaries to third grade children in Pocahontas County: Pocahontas Catholic School, Pocahontas, Area Community School District, and Laurens-Marathon Community Schools District. Dictionaries were delivered to each student and their teachers by Rotarians Diane Stegge, Mary Clayton, and Helen Beneke.

Third grade has been designated because the students are developing dictionary skills and are beginning to use other resource materials. In addition, students in third grade make the transitional from learning to read to reading to learn. All formal education from this point through college is dependent upon the ability of each child to read and to understand what he or she reads. The Pocahontas Rotary Club want our children to succeed in education by proving this resource to them. The students will benefit from the additional resources in the dictionary: International Atlas, Periodic Tables, Sign Language chart, Roman Numeral Tables, and other information.



Laurens-Marathon 3rd Grade

Back Row: Liam Wilson, Angel Coppinger, Lola Hiner, Amethyst Gregory, Amille Gilbert and Camille Hartley.

Front row: Connor Burt, Fernanda Martinez, Hayden Weig, Wesley Hannan, Jayden Olson and Serenity Nath.

**NOMINATIONS
NOW OPEN**



Pocahontas County Business Awards

**BUSINESS
OF THE YEAR**

&

**BOSS
OF THE YEAR**

Nomination Deadline: Sunday, December 13

FIND MORE INFORMATION AND
NOMINATION FORMS ONLINE AT
[https://pocahontascounty.iowa.gov/
economic-development/business-awards](https://pocahontascounty.iowa.gov/economic-development/business-awards)



POCAHONTAS COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Staying Hydrated and Nourished Essential for Home COVID-19 Care

Loss of taste, smell and appetite are common symptoms for people diagnosed with COVID-19; however, eating and drinking remain essential to aid in recovery and, especially, to prevent symptoms from spiraling and potentially resulting in the need for hospital care.

“One of the biggest reasons for hospital admission for COVID-19 patients stems from dehydration and lack of resting and fueling their bodies,” commented Colette Rossiter, Clay County Public Health coordinator. “Once someone reaches the point of dehydration, it begins impacting other vital signs and can lead to more significant health concerns. Though you may not feel like eating and drinking, doing so is a necessary part of your home care.”

People should drink 10-12 eight-ounce glasses of fluid each day and strive to drink something each hour, sipping 2-4 ounces every 15 minutes. Patients experiencing stomach upset should drink even more by continuously sipping smaller amounts of salt-containing fluids such as sports drinks or broth.

“Food is medicine when you’re ill. Even though you may not be thirsty or hungry, your body needs nutrition and fluids to help fight the virus and support your body’s immune functions,” emphasized Dee Vaage, Spencer Hospital infection preventionist. “Calories are important to protect against the breakdown of muscles needed for energy. Try to eat 10-14 ounces of protein each day from sources such as peanut butter, eggs, meat, fish, and dairy. Drink fruit juices, milk and other nutritious, calorie-containing beverages. ”

Vaage added: “Symptoms for COVID-19 vary pretty dramatically from person to person. Yet, for those who experience symptoms, it’s not unusual to still be feeling pretty crummy on day six or longer. The best way to help yourself is to take care of yourself. Eat, drink and rest. If you have a headache or fever, take a fever or pain reliever. Not only are you helping yourself by doing so, you’re helping us at the hospital by staying well enough to not need hospital care.”

If you have difficulty breathing, please seek immediate medical attention.

*Wishing you a Merry and Healthy Christmas 2020.
See you at the Laurens Festival of Trees 2021!*

Rich Olson is Turning 85!

Rich will be turning 85 on Monday, November 30th. His family would like to honor him with a card shower. If you would like, please send a card to:

Rich Olson
217 S 3rd St
Laurens, IA 50554





POCAHONTAS COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

We would like to thank all who were supporting members of PCEDC in the past and welcome your continued support in fiscal year 2021!

DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED AND MAY BE SENT TO: PCEDC, P.O. BOX 212, POCAHONTAS, IA 50574

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- Silver Dollar Saloon
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- Sindergard Excavating
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If you are a current business owner wanting to expand locations or an entrepreneur wanting to start a business in Pocahontas County, you may be eligible for up to \$10,000 in grant funding! **APPLY NOW!**

Apply at www.tinyurl.com/JAG2020

Deadline: December 2, 2020

This project is sponsored in part by Iowa Economic Development Authority.



At the Library
with Glenda Mulder
November 25, 2020

Happy Thanksgiving! This year has taught us to be thankful for the basics. A warm home, family, health and food (pie!) on the table are a few of mine. I'm guessing your list is similar. Even though our method of celebration looks different this year, the sentiment of the Holiday remains the same.

We have so much to be thankful for that the library will be closed for 4 days to celebrate them! Come get your stuff now, or you will have to wait until we reopen on the 30th!

Your library staff is so thankful that you are all still reading! Many of our patrons are trying Bridges, our free audiobooks, for the first time. Remember, when using it, your patron number has to be 5 digits long now, so just add zeros to the beginning. Call the library if you have questions.

We are open our regular hours, but if you are unable to come in (or just don't want to!) give us a call and we would be happy to arrange curbside pickup or even a delivery for you. We want you to stay home, stay healthy and safe, and keep reading!

The All Iowa Reads 2021 selections were announced recently. I think I'll wait to read the adult book with our Book Club, but I'm curious about the others, so will probably be reading them soon. All are available at our library.

- Adult selection: "*Little Faith*" by Nicholas Butler
- Teen selection: "*Patron Saints of Nothing*" by Randy Ribay
- Kids selection: "*Pie In the Sky*" by Remy Lai.

Naturally, our December Book Club selection is a Christmas book, *A Lowcountry Christmas* by Mary Alice Monroe. The following description makes me look forward to reading it! "A wounded warrior and his younger brother discover the true meaning of the Christmas holiday in this timeless story of family bonds." Grab a copy, recharge your Christmas Spirit and join our discussion if you are comfortable!

Coming Events

December 28 @ 7 p.m. Book Club "*A Lowcountry Christmas*" by Mary Alice Monroe.
December 1 "Take it Tuesday" at 6 p.m. – full class! Let us know if you want on wait list.



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This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church

Pastor Ed Frank

Beginning Sunday, November 15, Laurens and Varina United Methodist Churches will be holding on-line video worship services only. These services will be posted early each Sunday morning on our facebook pages and on this website. This decision was made in keeping with the conference guidelines regarding worship during the pandemic. As of now, all worship services will be on-line only until after Christmas. At that time, based on the guidelines we must follow, a decision will be made regarding a return to in-person worship.

Wed., Nov. 25:

Jr. High Bible Study @ 6 p.m. here at the church

Thurs., Nov. 26:

Happy Thanksgiving Day!
CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

Fri., Nov. 27:

CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

This Week at First Christian

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell
712-845-6164

Sunday, November 29

10:30 a.m. - Worship

Biggest Little Paper In Town!

This Week at Bethany Lutheran

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

Thursday: November 26, 2020

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!!

Sunday: November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

9:15 AM ~ Adult SS

9:30 AM ~ Youth SS

10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Advent Reading

NO Laurens Area Youth Group

Tuesday: December 1, 2020

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

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

Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church

Pocahontas, IA -- Pastor: Very Rev. Craig Collison, VF



**WELCOME
BACK!**

Saturday
5:00 pm Resurrection

Sunday
8:30 am OLG
10:30 am Resurrection

*Doors open 30 minutes
prior to Mass
*Mask required
*Bring paper with names
in your household
*No prayer books
*Use south doors
*Ushers will seat you

New Opportunities for Agricultural Trade with China

By: Wendong Zhang

Trade relations with China continue to be one of the biggest issues affecting the agricultural markets, and an economist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach says recent events point toward opportunity for both countries.

Wendong Zhang, assistant professor in economics and extension economist at Iowa State University, has written multiple articles this fall exploring the impacts of strained bilateral relations, COVID-19 and the Phase 1 trade agreement.

“Deteriorating bilateral relations make the Phase 1 trade deal even more important,” said Zhang. “The change of the federal administration and the Phase 1 deal give both countries an opportunity to improve and rebalance their portfolio.”

In a recent article in *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*, Zhang discusses the importance of healthy US-China trade relations and how Phase 1 could possibly lead to a more balanced portfolio of commodities being traded, with increases in protein and retail food products.

According to Zhang, challenges such as COVID-19, the African swine fever and China's growing economy continue to create demand for US pork, beef and poultry products. He and colleagues Dermot Hayes and Xi He project, in an updated CARD policy brief, that China is on track to import \$31.15 billion in ag products from the US in Phase 1, which is still under the \$36.5 billion target but substantially higher than the previous estimates.

However, he expects the demand for protein and other agricultural products could fill the gap, setting a strong precedent going forward.

“A more balanced portfolio will allow China to strengthen economic ties with agricultural states outside the US Midwest, such as California and Florida, and also fits China's diversification objectives of not solely relying on soybeans when buying US agricultural products,” he said. He has published similar articles in the *Ag Decision Maker* and *The Conversation*. Zhang also gave a related presentation through the Ohio State University Ag Policy & Outlook Conference, called China as an Indispensable Trade Partner with US Agriculture.

In the recent CARD Policy Brief, Zhang also notes that China imported a record amount of corn in recent years, with an outstanding 8.56 million metric tons for delivery in the 2020-21 marketing year. He concludes that it's very likely China will exceed its tariff rate quota of 7.2 MMT, setting up a strong possibility that China will need to expand its 7.2 million tariff rate quota for corn.

Zhang can be reached at wdzhang@iastate.edu.

Crop Marketing Strategies Webinar Planned for Nov. 19

The *Ag Decision Maker* is holding crop marketing webinars on a monthly basis and most sessions are free. Additional farm management opportunities are also being offered, and include the annual Pro-Ag Outlook and Management webinars, which will be held daily the week of Dec. 7. The Pro-Ag registration is \$20 for the week.

Pre-registration for the Crop Marketing Strategies webinar is required. To register and review additional webinars, visit the *Ag Decision Maker* webinar site.

Learn more about the farm management program and find a specialist in your area on the state farm management website.

Laurens Chamber & Community Boosters
Annual Soup Supper
to
GO GO GO



Wednesday, December 2nd
4:30 - 6:00 pm

United Methodist Church Front Door

Soups available: Chili & Chicken Noodle
Desserts: Lemon Bars & Brownies

FREE WILL DONATION

Be sure to bring the kids so they can wave to the Jolly Ol' Guy as you drive by!

Yard and Garden: Preparing Fruits for Winter

There is still plenty to do in the garden during the fall in preparation for winter. In this installment of Yard and Garden, Iowa State University horticulture expert Gail Nonnecke discusses the steps to take to prepare fruits for winter.

How should I prepare my strawberry bed for winter? Strawberries should be mulched in fall to prevent winter injury. Low temperatures and repeated freezing and thawing of the soil through the winter months are the main threats to strawberry plants. Temperatures below 20 degrees Fahrenheit may kill flower buds and damage the roots and crowns of unmulched plants. Repeated freezing and thawing of the soil can heave plants out of the ground, severely damaging or destroying the plants.

Excellent mulching materials include clean, weed-free oat, wheat or soybean straw. Chopped cornstalks are another possibility. Apply approximately 3 to 5 inches of material. After settling, the mulch layer should be 2 to 4 inches thick.

In windy, exposed areas, straw mulches can be kept in place by placing wire or plastic fencing over the area. The fencing can be held in place with bricks or other heavy objects.

When should I mulch my strawberries? Allow the strawberry plants to harden or acclimate to cool fall temperatures before mulching the bed. In northern Iowa, strawberry plantings are normally mulched in early November. Gardeners in central and southern Iowa should mulch their strawberries in mid-November and late November, respectively.

Are black raspberries hardy in northern Iowa? Red and purple raspberries are hardy throughout the state. Black raspberries, however, often suffer severe winter damage in northern Iowa and can be reliably grown only in central and southern portions of the state. Black Hawk (an Iowa State University introduction) is the hardiest black raspberry cultivar.

Can I prune my red raspberries back to the ground in late fall? The growth and fruiting characteristics of raspberries are unique. The plant's roots and crown are perennial, while the stems or canes are biennial. A raspberry plant may survive and produce fruit for many years. However, individual canes live only two years and then die.

There are two types of red raspberries. Summer-bearing red raspberries are strictly vegetative during the first growing season. The following year, these same canes flower, produce fruit, and then die.

The growth and fruiting characteristics of fall-bearing red raspberries are slightly different. Fall-bearing varieties naturally produce two crops. The first crop is produced in late summer or early fall at the tips of the current season's growth. The following year, a summer crop is produced on the lower portions of these same canes. After the second crop, the canes die.

Many gardeners with fall-bearing red raspberries prune them back to the ground in late fall or early spring. Doing so eliminates the summer crop, but allows the late summer/early fall crop to mature one to two weeks earlier. In addition, total crop yields are larger using the one-crop system versus the two-crop system.

Summer-bearing red raspberries should not be pruned back to the ground in late fall or early spring. Pruning summer-bearing red raspberries back to ground level will eliminate the following season's crop.

How should I prepare my fruit trees for winter? Rabbits pose a threat to small fruit trees over winter. In winter, rabbits often gnaw on the bark of many woody plants. Heavy browsing can result in the complete girdling of small trees. Girdled fruit trees are essentially destroyed.

The best way to prevent rabbit damage to young fruit trees is to place cylinders of hardware cloth around the tree trunks. The hardware cloth cylinder should stand 1 to 2 inches out from the tree trunk and extend 10 to 12 inches above the expected snow depth. The bottom 2 inches should be buried beneath the soil.

Fruit trees planted within the last two or three years should be watered deeply before winter if the weather in fall has been dry.

Gail Nonnecke can be reached at nonnecke@iastate.edu

Dairy Directions Series Dec. 10-11

The series will focus on replacement heifers, risk management, cooling dairy cows and updates on the dairy market outlook and ISU dairy herd.

"After five years of milk prices generally below the cost of production for many dairy producers, the recent spike in milk prices is breathing new life into the industry," said Fred Hall, Northwest Iowa Dairy Specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "However, controlling input cost is the key to squeezing out every penny of margin."

Hall said that this includes growing only the heifers a producer will need for replacements and making sure they are from the top cows in the herd. It also means keeping the herd comfortable - cooling the herd to prevent heat stress.

"We are just beginning to understand the effect of heat-stressed dry cows on the calf they are carrying and how that effects the calf's future production," Hall said. "And while most dairy producers are aware of the new risk management tools available, it is important to remember that they need to fit into the whole enterprise risk management strategy. Our presenters will dive into these topics and give their insights on how to use these strategies to increase margins on a dairy."

"Both days will feature the same program from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., so dairy producers and agribusiness personnel can select the date and location that works best for them -either the ISU Extension and Outreach Sac County office in Sac City on Dec. 10 or the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County office in Pocahontas on Dec. 11. Registration will open at 9:30 a.m. each day.

There is no charge to attend either program thanks to sponsorship from Dairy Gross Margin, LLC; however, pre-registration is requested to plan adequately for meals and materials. To register for the Dec. 10 Sac City session, call 712-662-7131; for the Dec. 11 Pocahontas session, call 712-335-3103. Any other questions can be directed to Dairy Specialist Fred Hall at 712-737-4230.

November 20, 2020

The Utility Board of Trustees of Laurens, Iowa met in special session at the Municipal Building, 272 N. Third Street, Laurens, Iowa, at 1:30 p.m. on the above date. To help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this meeting was held electronically. Chapter 21.8 of the Iowa Code allows for an electronic meeting where all members participate remotely when an in-person meeting is impossible or impractical. Present on the conference call were Trustees Richard Main, Jerry Runneberg and Ben Storms. Also present were Larry Butler of Oakhill Consulting and General Manager Chad Cleveland.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the agenda for the November 20, 2020 special meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Larry Butler of Oakhill Consulting went over the proposed Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) Project and the fiber material quotes received. Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to accept the fiber material quote from Power & Telephone of \$482,291.42. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Larry Butler left the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to conduct a public hearing on the proposed Calendar Year 2021 Budget at the Municipal Building on December 7, 2020 beginning at 11:35 a.m. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on Retransmission Consent Negotiations. Retransmission Consent is a 30 year old federal law that empowers broadcasters, including corporations that own TV stations that carry networks such as ABC, CBS, FOX, and NBC, to charge fees to cable providers for the rights to carry or "retransmit" their signals. These signals are free over the air if you use an antenna. Laurens is in the Des Moines DMA, so we must carry all the Des Moines channels. We will continue to carry KTIV out of Sioux City because of their reasonable rates. Laurens will be dropping the Mankato stations since we cannot get a reliable signal. The Board directed the General Manager to continue the negotiations and get the best rates we can for the next three (3) years.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to renew our group health insurance plan with Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield through Woodley Insurance. The renewal goes into effect on December 1, 2020 and runs through November 30, 2021. The Utility will be staying with the same health plan code ERF and drug code RQ9. The Utility will continue to partially self-fund the group health insurance plan as follows:

<u>ERF/RQ9</u>		<u>Administered As</u>
\$2,500 / \$5,000	Deductibles	\$250 / \$500
\$5,000 / \$10,000	Out-Of-Pocket Maximums	\$1,000 / \$2,000
\$8 / \$35 / \$50	Drug Plan	\$8 / \$25 / \$40

Single coverage monthly premium will be \$687.88. Family coverage monthly premium will be \$1,719.75. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to renew our group dental insurance plan with Blue Dental through Woodley Insurance. The renewal goes into effect December 1, 2020 and runs through November 30, 2021. The Utility will be using dental plan code 206. Single coverage monthly premium will be \$44.50. Family coverage monthly premium will be \$146.70. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

General Manager Chad Cleveland reported that the monthly premiums for our group Life, AD&D, Short-term Disability and Long-term Disability insurance plan with Principal through Woodley Insurance will not change for calendar year 2021.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Richard Main
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland
Secretary, Board of Trustees

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Budget Estimate

Laurens Municipal Power & Communications
(Name of Enterprise)

The _____ Board of Trustees _____ will conduct a public hearing on
(Governing Board)

the proposed _____ Calendar _____ year _____ 2021 _____ budget at _____ the Municipal Building
(specify fiscal or calendar) (xxxx/xxxx)
on 12/07/20, beginning at 11:35 o'clock. _____ AM The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed revenues
(xx/xx/xx) (x:xx) (AM/PM)
and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the detailed proposed budget may be obtained or viewed at the office of the,
City Clerk, and at the city library. At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments
in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

11/20/20
(date)


(signature)

Secretary

(specify budget years)

Revenues & Other Financing Sources

Use of money and property

Charges for services

Miscellaneous

Other Financing Sources

Total Revenues & Financing Sources

Expenditures & Transfers Out

Expenditures

Transfers Out

Total Expenditures & Transfers Out

Excess of Revenues & Other Sources

(+) (-) Expenditures & Transfers Out

Beginning Fund Balance

January-21

(month/year)

Ending Fund Balance

December-21

(month/year)

Budget	Re-estimated	Actual
2021	2020	2019
(xxxx)	(xxxx)	(xxxx)
125,500	137,700	207,701
4,500,500	4,388,500	4,498,388
5,000	7,800	11,087
4,631,000	4,534,000	4,717,176
4,166,000	3,969,000	4,340,642
0	0	0
4,166,000	3,969,000	4,340,642
465,000	565,000	376,534
7,937,454	7,372,454	6,995,920
8,402,454	7,937,454	7,372,454

City Council Minutes

November 16th, 2020

The Laurens City Council met in regular session on Monday, November 16th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. via phone conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic procedures. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present via phone were Mayor Rod Johnson, Council members, Jean Swanson, Aaron Christenson, Rich Newgard, Julie Potter, John Jamison, City Manager Hilary Reed, City Attorney Ann Beneke, and Public Works Director Julian Johnsen.

Newgard moved to approve the consent agenda, from the November 2nd, 2020, meeting and the list of claims. Jamison seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

CLAIMS 11-16-2020

ACCO	WATER PLANT CHEMICALS	1,376.62
AFLAC	GROUP INSURANCE	593.38
AMAZON	BOOKS & DVD	212.23
BADGER METER	SOFTWARE	780.00
BAKER & TAYLOR	BOOKS	825.39
BOJI INFORMATION SYSTEMS	ANNUAL WEBSITE HOSTING FEE	140.00
BROWN SUPPLY CO	WATER SUPPLIES	457.12
CONNECTIONS, INC.	MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE	39.84
COUNSEL	COPIER MAINT.	113.80
FIRST COOP	PROPANE TANKS	33.71
GWORKS	ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE	2,626.46
HALLETT MATERIALS	FILL DIRT	50.00
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FED/FICA TAX	6,473.44
IA RURAL WATER ASSOC.	MEMBERSHIP	225.00
JCL SOLUTIONS	CLEANING SUPPLIES	268.01
JULIAN JOHNSEN	TESTING	24.37
LMPC	MONTHLY PHONE AND INTERNET	144.12
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	410.12
LAURENS SUN	POLICE AD	175.46
MET	WASTEWATER GRAB	743.50
MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS	SEPT MOSQUITO SPRAYING	385.00
NORTH CENTRAL INT'L INC.	GARBAGE TRUCK REPAIRS	429.01
NORTHERN ROLLOFF	CITY WIDE CLEAN UP	1,660.30
PCC AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICE	AMBULANCE BILLING	308.87
POCAHONTAS CO. SOLID WASTE	MONTHLY LANDFILL	5,897.83
POCAHONTAS EQUIPMENT	FILTERS	58.73
PRIME BENEFITS	SPLIT FUNDING GROUP INSURANCE	5,000.00
PRINCIPAL LIFE	GROUP LIFE INSURANCE	871.79
PRO COOPERATIVE	MONTHLY FUEL	1,392.43
RB LUMBER COMPANY	ROOF MAINT.	1,912.80
RICHARDSON SERVICE	PICKUP TIRES	720.36
SAMSON DEVELOPMENT	APPLIANCE PICKUP	40.00
SANTANDER LEASING, LLC	STREET SWEEPER PAYMENT	3,390.81
SECURE SHRED SOLUTIONS	SHREDDING PAPER	24.00
SERVICEMASTER BY RICE	DISINFECTION OF CITY BUILDINGS	1,288.08
SHAMROCK RECYCLING	CURBSIDE RECYCLING	1,785.51
THE STORM LAKE TIMES	POLICE AD	190.40
THOMPSON INNOVATION	REPAIRS ON LAGOON	1,150.88

City Council Minutes

ULINE	SHELVING	389.34
USA BLUE BOOK	WATER PLANT SUPPLIES	178.09
VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY PHONE BILL	262.14
WELLMARK	MONTHLY HEALTH INSURANCE	6,650.88
WEX BANKS	POLICE DEPT. FUEL	297.38
	TOTAL	49,997.20
	11/2/2020	
001	GENERAL	8,494.47
110	ROAD USE TAX	1,481.09
600	WATER	2,432.02
610	SEWER	1,855.48
670	GARBAGE	2,999.38
	TOTAL	17,262.44
	11/4/2020	
001	GENERAL	2,625.26
	PAYROLL TOTAL	19,887.70
	PAID TOTAL	69,884.90
BY FUND		
001	GENERAL	22,858.26
110	ROAD USE TAX	2,570.42
112	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	5,972.37
200	DEBT SERVICE	3,390.81
600	WATER	10,198.88
610	SEWER	7,737.26
670	GARBAGE	17,156.90
	TOTAL BY FUND	69,884.90

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing for the Sale of Property at 332 S 1st St. With no written or oral comments or objections Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing at 5:02 p.m.

Newgard moved to approve Resolution 16-20 Approval of Sale of Property at 332 S. 1st St. Christenson seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Potter, Jamison, Newgard, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Potter moved to approve the offer of employment. Jamison seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Jamison moved to approve one time payment. Christenson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Discussion was held on police officer salary/benefit package.

Potter moved to adjourn at 5:33 p.m. Jamison seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rod Johnson, Mayor

Hilary Reed, City Clerk