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## Local News

### *Hy-Vee to Offer Rapid Antigen Testing at 47 Locations throughout the Midwest*

*Patients will receive same day test results in as little as 1-2 hours*

Hy-Vee, Inc. announced today that it will offer rapid antigen COVID-19 testing at 47 Hy-Vee pharmacy locations via an outdoor, drive-thru testing process. The first 18 locations will begin testing on Thursday, Dec. 10, with the additional 28 locations scheduled to begin testing over the next two weeks. Patients will receive same day test results in as little as 1-2 hours after completing the test.

Cost for the test varies by location. At this time, Hy-Vee is only accepting testing payment by credit or debit card at the testing site. Patients must register ahead of time through [www.hy-vee.com/covidtesting](http://www.hy-vee.com/covidtesting) to schedule a testing time and location and to receive a test voucher number to bring to their appointment. During registration, patients will be able to view the testing cost for their location.

Earlier this month, the CDC issued clarifying guidance for rapid antigen testing. Based on the latest guidance, only the following individuals will be eligible for rapid antigen testing:

- Individuals who are symptomatic
- Individuals who are asymptomatic with a known or reported exposure in the last 14 days

Any individual who is asymptomatic and has not had a known exposure in the last 14 days will not be eligible for testing through Hy-Vee at this time.

The list of Hy-Vee pharmacy locations offering the rapid antigen test can be found [here](#). Each location will offer testing windows between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Children 6 years or older can be tested with the rapid antigen test when registered and accompanied by a parent or guardian. All patients are required to wear a mask during the testing process.

To register for an appointment and to receive a test voucher, visit [www.hy-vee.com/covidtesting](http://www.hy-vee.com/covidtesting) and select the rapid antigen test option. Patients must provide the requested information to receive a test voucher number, testing site and appointment time. Testing areas will be located outside in designated Hy-Vee parking lot locations for patients to drive up to without leaving their vehicle. A trained Hy-Vee pharmacy employee will process the testing payment before administering the nasopharyngeal swab test. Testing is expected to take less than 2 minutes. During the testing process, patients must wear a mask and will be asked to lower it beneath their nose during the test. After testing is complete, results will be sent to the patient via email. Patients should receive same day test results in as little as 1-2 hours.

The rapid antigen testing is in addition to Hy-Vee's current free COVID-19 lab testing (molecular PCR) that it offers outside more than 180 pharmacy locations in coordination with eTrueNorth. Results for the lab testing associated with this test are usually available in 3-5 business days.

## At the Library with Glenda Mulder December 16, 2020

Are you wondering what to read to get you in the Christmas Spirit? Here are some recommendations from our resident Christmas Book Expert, Assistant Library Director Deb Hertz: *Claude's Christmas Adventure* by Sophie Pembroke (might have something to do with that I am a dog person), *Winter Street* series of 4 by Elin Hilderbrand, *Christmas Sisters or One More for Christmas* by Sarah Morgan, *Paper Bag Christmas* by Kevin Milne, *Christmas Joy Ride* by Melody Carlson, *Snowballs Christmas* by Kristen McKangan.

If those are not available, you can never go wrong with a Debbie Macomber, Melody Carlson or Richard Paul Evans Christmas book. Stop in soon and let us help you find the perfect book!

Speaking of Deb, she just completed her recertification in Public Library Support by the State Library of Iowa until January 31, 2024. She recertified by completing 30 hours of continuing education classes. These classes were on a broad range of topics that relate to working in the library.

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

January 5 @ 6 p.m. - Take it Tuesday  
snowflake craft

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## Christmas Poem

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS,  
HE LIVED ALL ALONE,  
IN A ONE BEDROOM HOUSE MADE OF  
PLASTER AND STONE.

I HAD COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY  
WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE,  
AND TO SEE JUST WHO  
IN THIS HOME DID LIVE.

I LOOKED ALL ABOUT,  
A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE,  
NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS,  
NOT EVEN A TREE.

NO STOCKING BY MANTLE,  
JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH SAND,  
ON THE WALL HUNG PICTURES  
OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.

WITH MEDALS AND BADGES,  
AWARDS OF ALL KINDS,  
A SOBER THOUGHT  
CAME THROUGH MY MIND.

FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT,  
IT WAS DARK AND DREARY,  
I FOUND THE HOME OF A SOLDIER,  
ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY.

THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING,  
SILENT, ALONE,  
CURLD UP ON THE FLOOR  
IN THIS ONE BEDROOM HOME.

THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE,  
THE ROOM IN SUCH DISORDER,  
NOT HOW I PICTURED  
A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.

WAS THIS THE HERO  
OF WHOM I'D JUST READ?  
CURLD UP ON A PONCHO,  
THE FLOOR FOR A BED?

I REALIZED THE FAMILIES  
THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT,  
OWED THEIR LIVES TO THESE SOLDIERS  
WHO WERE WILLING TO FIGHT.

SOON ROUND THE WORLD,  
THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY,  
AND GROWNUPS WOULD CELEBRATE  
A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY.

THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM  
EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR,  
BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS,  
LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.

I COULDN'T HELP WONDER  
HOW MANY LAY ALONE,  
ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE  
IN A LAND FAR FROM HOME.

THE VERY THOUGHT  
BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY EYE,  
I DROPPED TO MY KNEES  
AND STARTED TO CRY.

THE SOLDIER AWAKENED  
AND I HEARD A ROUGH VOICE,  
"SANTA DON'T CRY,  
THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE;

I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM,  
I DON'T ASK FOR MORE,  
MY LIFE IS MY GOD,  
MY! COUNTRY, MY CORPS."

THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER  
AND DRIFTED TO SLEEP,  
I COULDN'T CONTROL IT,  
I CONTINUED TO WEEP.

I WEPT FOR HOURS,  
SO SILENT AND STILL  
AND WE BOTH SHIVERED  
FROM THE COLD NIGHT'S CHILL.

I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE  
ON THAT COLD, DARK, NIGHT,  
THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR  
SO WILLING TO FIGHT.

THEN THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER,  
WITH A VOICE SOFT AND PURE,  
WHISPERED, "CARRY ON SANTA,  
IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY, ALL IS SECURE."

ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH,  
AND I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT.  
"MERRY CHRISTMAS MY FRIEND!  
AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT."

This poem was written by a Marine. Christmas will be coming soon and some credit is due to our U.S. service men and women for our being able to celebrate these festivities. Let's try in this small way to pay a tiny bit of what we owe. Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us. Please, do your small part to plant this small seed.

## *Festival of Trees Community Tree*

The Festival of Trees Committee is still collecting gloves and underwear (size 4-10) to take to the Laurens-Marathon School in January. Donations may be dropped off at the Laurens United Methodist Church between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. M-F or at the Laurens Public Library (they have a tree up for donations!) Thank you in advance for your donations.

## *4-H and FFA 2021 Pocahontas*

### *County Fair Beef Weigh In*

*Saturday, December 19, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.*

*Dale Wenell Farm, 11413 500th St., Albert City*

All market beef animals that will be exhibited at the 2021 Pocahontas County Fair must be weighed in at this time. You must be enrolled in 4-H before you weigh in cattle. Please call or email the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County 712-335-3103 or [lzeman@iastate.edu](mailto:lzeman@iastate.edu) and let us know that you will attend this weigh-in. Paper work will be completed at the office before the event. When you arrive, please stay in your vehicle until it is your turn to unload cattle. 4-H/FFA members may come to the scale area to complete paper work and your parent will help the committee unload/load the cattle. If you are not feeling well, stay home.

## *Mail Call*

Send a Christmas/New Year' greeting to one of Laurens' deployed soldiers.

*MSG Charles Harrold*

*USFOR-A/HHB 1-194 Field Artillery*

*Unit 61259*

*APO, AS 09309*

## *The Paper*

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## *This Week at Laurens United Methodist Church*

Pastor Ed Frank

*Wed., Dec. 16:*

Jr. High Bible Study from 6 p.m.-7 p.m

*We are holding on-line worship services only until further notice. Services may be watched on our website at [www.laurensumc.org](http://www.laurensumc.org) or our facebook pages Laurens United Methodist Church or Varina United Methodist Church*

## *Resurrection of Our Lord Catholic Church*

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



**Christmas  
Mass Schedule**

*OLGC- Christmas Eve 4:00 pm  
Resurrection- Christmas Eve 4:00 pm  
Resurrection- Christmas Eve 10:00 pm  
OLGC- Christmas Day 8:30 am  
Resurrection- Christmas Day 10:30 am*

Reservations Required:  
[parishreservations.com/resurrectionpocahontas](http://parishreservations.com/resurrectionpocahontas)  
Or call 712.335.3242

## *This Week at Bethany Lutheran*

Pastor David E. Klappenbach

*Sunday: December 20, 2020*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent - NO Adult & Youth SS*

10:30 AM ~ Worship w/Advent Reading & Communion

*NO Laurens Area Youth Group*

*Tuesday: December 22, 2020*

8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group

9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

*Thursday: December 24, 2020*

5:30 PM ~ Christmas Eve Service w/Communion

*Friday: December 25, 2020*

*Christmas Day / Nativity of Our Lord*

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

## *This Week at First Christian*

Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell

712-845-6164

*Sunday, December 20*

10:30 a.m. - Worship

## Keeping Iowa's Rural Groceries Alive Is Critical for Communities

When small-town grocery stores close, rural Iowans lose more than convenience. They can lose their health. Without ready access to fresh fruits and vegetables, people may develop more chronic diet-related conditions including diabetes and heart disease.

The Iowa Department of Public Health reports that Iowa lost more than half its grocery stores between 1976 and 2000. Residents of some towns have mounted heroic efforts to save their only local grocery. The resurrection of Jewell Market is a good example.

Some rural stores have reported a boost in sales this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but they fear it's temporary. The business development team of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has worked to support several small-town groceries over the past year. Here are some highlights of their efforts, from team member Duane Johnson, program coordinator with the Farm, Food and Enterprise Development program with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

**Marshalltown tornado.** Abarrotes Villachuato grocery in Marshalltown was destroyed in a 2018 tornado. The

business development team recently conducted a feasibility snapshot for a new larger store. Their financial projections gave a local bank the confidence to approve a \$2 million loan.

"The feasibility analysis provided by Duane and his team provided the support we needed to move forward with the financing request," said Jeff Mathis, market president of Great Western Bank. "Knowing Duane had access to quality industry comparables gave us and the client confidence to back up the business plan."

**Small Town Grocery Consortium.** Last December the team got a call from Rich Dutcher, board member for Dayton Community Grocery. He pulled together a group of interested parties from grocery stores in Dayton, Jewell, Manson and Stratford. At an initial meeting the group discussed sharing services and possibly ordering product cooperatively.

A second meeting a month later drew a lot more people, including store managers and other employees. The meeting became more of a sharing session, with much discussion of operational and financial issues and possible solutions. Discussions continue, Johnson said, as community members consider their options and monitor the pandemic's impact.

**Succession Planning.** Family members of another small-town grocery group plan to pass their interest to family members in the next generation. They need a loan to

complete the purchase. Johnson is completing a financial analysis and three-year projections. A local lender will review the data and determine the financial feasibility of the project and loan.

"Since grocery stores are such a critical asset to these small towns, I feel it is important to do what we can to keep them open," Johnson said. "Loss of the grocery store means reduced access to basic food choices, and in particular reduced access to fresh fruits, vegetables, and meat products."

He added that the closing of a small-town grocery can seem like just another inevitable step in rural decline. But at least two closed stores have reopened in the last year, with one more in the works.

"These communities have shown that if residents are willing to invest the time and money, there is hope for their stores," Johnson said.

The ISU Extension and Outreach business development team includes staff from FFED and the Community and Economic Development programs.

Johnson can be reached at [duanej@iastate.edu](mailto:duanej@iastate.edu)

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## *Virtual Boots in the Barn Being Offered for Dairy Women*

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will host Boots in the Barn virtually, a program for women dairy producers. Boots in the Barn is a three-part series for women involved in a dairy operation or industry and will be held as a webinar series.

The webinars will be held Jan. 22 and 29, and Feb. 5, via ZOOM from noon to 1:15 p.m.

The Jan. 22 session will feature Sarah Adcock, assistant professor in animal welfare research/teaching at the University of Wisconsin. Adcock will discuss pain management for disbudding and steps producers can take to stay ahead of consumer concerns and changing industry standards for this procedure.

On Jan. 29, Emily Krekelberg, farm safety and health extension educator at the University of Minnesota, will present “A Better Farm Starts with a Better You.” With low commodity prices, high debt loads and challenging weather in recent years, farm families are experiencing a high amount of stress. The COVID-19 pandemic added an unprecedented set of circumstances to already stressful conditions on many farms. Some days, it can seem impossible to stay above it all.

Krekelberg will interact with the group about wellness, self-care and strategies to help yourself and others cope with stress.

The third webinar will be held on Feb. 5 and include a panel of dairy women sharing their own personal dairy hacks, tips and tricks, from managing to owning and working in the industry. Find how out these three women take care of their animals and balance life. Bring your own ideas and join in the discussion of sharing dairy farm tips and tricks.

There is no fee for this program; however, registration is required. Register in advance for this meeting: <https://iastate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwlc-qrqjoqGNTHMDSYClkCj8BDFZHHgzdA>

After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. The program is also sponsored by a Professional Dairy Producers Foundation educational grant.

“We’ve had great success with programs designed specifically for women,” said Jenn Bentley, dairy specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “Women often prefer to learn in small groups and with hands-on opportunities. They like to ask lots of questions of presenters without feeling intimidated, so programs designed for women alone are very effective.”

For more information on Boots in the Barn, contact Bentley at [jbentley@iastate.edu](mailto:jbentley@iastate.edu) or 563-382-2949.

## *Quarterly Dairy Goat Webinar to Begin with Managing and Feeding the Transition Doe*

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach dairy team will begin a quarterly webinar starting Jan. 6, 2021, from noon to 1:15 p.m.

This first webinar will focus on managing and feeding the transition doe as dairy goat producers head into the freshening season. This webinar will provide strategies for improving herd health, feeding and overall management of the transitioning doe to optimize milk production, reduce metabolic disease and produce healthy kids.

Veterinarian Vicky Lauer will give a presentation on pre and post fresh doe management, covering herd health concerns around the time of kidding. Lauer is a professional services veterinarian for Armor Animal Health, where she focuses on improving cattle and goat health through optimum management and prevention strategies. She works with multiple goat dairies and kid raisers throughout Wisconsin and has a small herd of registered Nubian dairy goats as well.

Morgan Allen will discuss feeding and managing the transition doe, bridging nutrition from dry/pregnant to milking/not pregnant. Allen is a nutritionist with Big Gain Inc., where she focuses on dairy cattle and dairy goat nutrition. She also owns a small commercial dairy goat farm located in southeast Minnesota.

There is no fee to attend the program; however, registration is required.

This work is supported by the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Agricultural and Food Research Initiative Competitive Program, Antimicrobial Resistance number: 2020-04197.

Register by Jan. 5 at <https://iastate.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJArc-iprTMrHdY3MPEMW5t7pFXCcUfeaic>, or contact Jennifer Bentley, dairy specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, at [jbentley@iastate.edu](mailto:jbentley@iastate.edu), 563-382-2949.

Registrants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Information will also be provided about future webinars, as dates and topics are announced.

## *Yard and Garden: Caring for Holiday Houseplants*

The holidays are a great opportunity to bring a festive and fun houseplant into your home for those special moments. In this installment of Yard and Garden, horticulture specialists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach offer tips and tricks to keeping your holiday houseplants happy and healthy through the new year.

**What should I look for when buying a poinsettia?** Poinsettias are available in a wide range of colors. Red is the most popular color. However, poinsettias are also available in burgundy, pink, salmon, white, cream and gold. There are also 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 well-shaped plant with dark green foliage and well-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?** Place the poinsettia in a plant sleeve or carefully wrap it before transporting the plant home. Exposing the poinsettia to freezing temperatures, even for a few minutes, 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 covering, water the plant in the sink, then drop the poinsettia back into the pot cover.

When given good care, a poinsettia should remain attractive for several weeks, well after the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

**How often should I water my poinsettia?** The key to watering a poinsettia is the moisture content of the potting soil. Check the potting soil daily with your finger. When the soil surface becomes dry to the touch, water the plant until water begins to flow out the bottom of the pot. Discard excess water. The pots of most poinsettias are set inside decorative pot covers. When watering these plants, carefully remove the poinsettia from the pot covering, water the plant in the sink, then drop the poinsettia back into its pot cover. Both over- and under-watering cause problems for poinsettias. Over-watering will cause the lower leaves to turn yellow and drop. Over-watered plants may also develop root rots and die. Dry plants wilt and also drop leaves prematurely.

**What should I do with my poinsettia after the holidays?** If given good care in the home, poinsettias should remain attractive for two to three months. Toss the poinsettia when you grow tired of it or it becomes unattractive.

For those home gardeners who enjoy a challenge, it is possible to get the poinsettia to bloom again next season. Cut the stems back to within 4 to 6 inches of the soil in March. The poinsettia may also be repotted at this time. When new growth appears, place the poinsettia in a sunny window. Continue to water the plant when the soil surface becomes dry to the touch. Fertilize every two weeks with a dilute fertilizer solution.

In late May, move the poinsettia outdoors. Harden or acclimate the plant to the outdoors by placing it in a shady, protected area for two or three days, then gradually expose it to longer periods of direct sun. The poinsettia should be properly hardened in seven to 10 days. Once hardened, dig a hole in an area that receives six to eight hours of sunlight and set the pot into the ground. To obtain a compact, bushy plant, pinch or cut off the shoot tips once or twice from late June to mid-August. Continue to water and fertilize the plant outdoors.

The poinsettia should be brought indoors in mid-September. Place the plant in a bright, sunny window. The poinsettia is a short-day plant. Short-day plants grow vegetatively during the long days of summer and produce flowers when days become shorter in fall. To get the poinsettia to flower for Christmas, the plant must receive complete darkness from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. daily from early October until the bracts develop good color, usually early December. Protect the plant from light by placing it in a closet or by covering with a box. During the remainder of the day, the poinsettia should be in a sunny window.

**How do I care for a Norfolk Island Pine?** The Norfolk Island pine is a popular houseplant. During the holiday season, many people turn their plants into living Christmas trees by decorating them with miniature lights, ribbons and ornaments. The Norfolk Island pine thrives indoors when given good, consistent care. Place the Norfolk Island pine in a brightly lit location near an east, west or south window. Rotate the plant weekly to prevent the plant from growing toward the light and becoming lopsided.

Thoroughly water the Norfolk Island pine when the soil surface becomes dry to the touch. Discard the excess water which drains out the bottom of the pot. From spring to early fall, fertilize the plant with a dilute fertilizer solution every two to four weeks. A temperature of 55 to 70 F is suitable for the Norfolk Island pine. Winter is often a difficult time because of low relative humidity levels in most homes. Raise the humidity level around the Norfolk Island pine with a humidifier or place the plant on a pebble tray. Low relative humidity levels, insufficient light, or excessively dry soil conditions may induce browning of branch tips and lead to the loss of the lower branches.

**How do I pot up an amaryllis bulb?** When planting an amaryllis bulb, select a pot which is approximately 1 to 2 inches wider than the diameter of the bulb. The container may be clay, ceramic or plastic, but should have drainage holes in the bottom. Plant the bulb in good, well-drained potting mix. Place a small amount of potting mix in the bottom of the pot. Center the bulb in the middle of the pot. Then add additional potting mix, firming it around the roots and bulb. When finished potting, the upper one-half of the bulb should remain above the soil surface. Also, leave about one inch between the soil surface and the pot's rim. Then water well and place in a warm (70 to 75 F) location.

After the initial watering, allow the potting mix to dry somewhat before watering again. Keep the mix moist, but not wet. When growth appears, move the plant to a sunny window and apply a water soluble fertilizer every two to four weeks. During flower stalk elongation, turn the pot each day to keep the flower stalk growing straight. Flower stalks that lean badly will need to be staked.

Flowering usually occurs about six to eight weeks after potting. When the amaryllis begins to bloom, move the plant to a slightly cooler (65 to 70 F) location that doesn't receive direct sun to prolong the life of the flowers.

December 7, 2020

The Utility Board of Trustees of Laurens, Iowa met in special session at the Municipal Building, 272 N. Third Street, Laurens, Iowa, at 11:30 a.m. on the above date. Present were Trustees Richard Main, Jerry Runneberg and Ben Storms. Also present was General Manager Chad Cleveland.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the agenda for the December 7, 2020 special meeting. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

At 11:35 A.M. Chairman Main opened the public hearing on the proposed budget for calendar year 2021 as published on November 25, 2020 in the Laurens Sun. Chairman Main called for comments or objections to the proposed budget. There being no verbal or written comments or objections, Chairman Main declared the public hearing closed at 11:45 A.M.

Trustee Runneberg introduced the following Resolution entitled "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021" and moved that the same be adopted. Trustee Storms seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called, and the vote was: Ayes: Main, Runneberg, and Storms. Nays: None.

Chairman Main declared the resolution duly adopted as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that the budget for calendar year ending December 31, 2021 as published in the Laurens Sun on November 25, 2020, showing the estimated revenues and expenditures for said calendar year is adopted.

Passed and approved on December 7, 2020.

Richard Main  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Trustee Storms introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION ORDERING CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FIXING A DATE FOR HEARING THEREON AND TAKING OF BIDS THEREFOR" and moved that the same be adopted. Trustee Runneberg seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Main, Runneberg, and Storms. Nays: None.

Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the following Resolution duly adopted:

RESOLUTION ORDERING CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND FIXING  
A DATE FOR HEARING THEREON AND TAKING OF BIDS THEREFOR

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable and necessary to construct certain public improvements described in general as the LAURENS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY 2021 FTTH PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laurens has caused to be prepared plans, specifications, and form of contract, together with estimate of cost, which are now on file in the office of the Laurens Municipal Utilities, for public inspection, for the construction of the public improvements; and

WHEREAS, the plans, specifications and form of contract are deemed suitable for the making of public improvements; and

WHEREAS, before the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost may be adopted, and contract for the construction of the public improvements is entered into, it is necessary, pursuant to Chapter 26 of the Code of Iowa, to hold a public hearing and to advertise for bids:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY OF THE CITY OF LAURENS, IOWA:

Section 1. That it is hereby determined that it is necessary and advisable to construct certain public improvements described in general as the LAURENS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY 2021 FTTH PROJECT, in the manner set forth in the plans and specifications and form of contract, above referenced to, the cost thereof to be paid in accordance with the provisions as set out in the posted Notice to Bidders and published Notice of Hearing: the public improvements being more generally described as follows:

#### General Nature of the Public Improvement

##### Distribution System

This section consists of approximately 11.6 miles of buried fiber optic distribution, 1 mile of fiber interconnect cable, and approximately 781 buried service entrances for a total of approximately 36.5 route miles of construction.

Section 2. That the amount of the bid security to accompany each bid shall be in an amount which shall conform to the provisions of the notice to bidders approved as a part of the specifications.

Section 3. That the Secretary be and is hereby directed to post a notice to bidders once in each of the following: (i) a relevant contractor plan room service with statewide circulation; (ii) a relevant construction lead generating service with statewide circulation; and (iii) on an internet site sponsored by either the City or a statewide association that represents the City. Posting shall be not less than thirteen clear days nor more than forty-five days prior to December 22, 2020, which is hereby fixed as the date for receiving bids. The bids are to be filed prior to 2:00 P.M., on such date.

Section 4. That the Board of Trustees hereby delegates to the Secretary the duty of receiving, opening, and tabulating bids for construction of the Project. Bids shall be received and opened as provided in the public notice and the results of the bids shall be considered at the meeting of this Board on December 28, 2020, at 11:30 A.M.

Section 5. That the Secretary be and is hereby directed to publish notice of hearing once in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, published at least once weekly and having general circulation in this City. The publication shall be not less than four clear days nor more than twenty days prior to the date hereinafter fixed as the date for a public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of costs for the project, the hearing to be at 11:20 A.M. on December 28, 2020.

Section 6. That the Secretary shall cause the notices described in Section 3 and Section 5 hereof to be posted and published, the posting and publication to be within the posting and publication timeline for each notice outlined above.

Section 7. That the Notice to Bidders and Notice of Public Hearing shall be substantially in the form attached hereto:

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
FOR A FIBER COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR  
LAURENS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY IN LAURENS, IOWA

Notice is hereby given that bids for the construction, including the supply of necessary labor, materials, and equipment, for the Laurens Municipal Electric Utility Fiber Communications System known as 2021 FTTH Project, will be received by Laurens Municipal Electric Utility at its Office, 272 N. Third Street, Laurens, Iowa 50554 before 2:00 o'clock P.M., C.S.T., December 22, 2020, at which time and place the Bids will be publicly opened and read. This Project is located at various locations throughout the Laurens Municipal Electric Utility service territory, in Pocahontas County, State of Iowa.

At, 11:30 A.M., C.S.T., December 28, 2020 at the Laurens Municipal Power & Communications office, 272 N. Third Street, Laurens, Iowa, the Laurens Municipal Electric Utility Board shall hold a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, proposed form of contract and estimated cost of the project. At said hearing any interested person may appear and file objections to the proposed specifications, contract, or estimated cost of said improvements. At said time and place, the bids will be acted upon by the Board or at a later date as will be fixed.

This Project is generally described as:

Distribution System

This section consists of approximately 11.6 miles of buried fiber optic distribution, 1 mile of fiber interconnect cable, and approximately 781 buried service entrances for a total of approximately 36.5 route miles of construction.

All of the above work shall be provided in accordance with the specifications and proposed contract. The work shall commence upon issuance of the notice to proceed after approval of the Contract and bonds. The time for completion of construction of the Project shall be two hundred fifty (250) days from the Contract commencement date.

The plans, specifications, construction sheets and form of contract together with all necessary forms and other documents for Bidders (the "Contract Documents") may be obtained from the **Owner**, or from Engineer, OAK HILL CONSULTING, INC., 3081 West 168<sup>th</sup> Street, Jordan, Minnesota 55352, Telephone (952) 895-8851. The first set is provided at no charge, additional sets may be purchased upon payment of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) which payment will not be subject to refund. The Contract Documents may be examined at the offices of the **Owner** or Engineer. The **Owner** may restrict the distribution of the Contract Documents.

The apparent lowest responsive Bidder shall file with the Engineer, upon request, the Bidder's qualifications on forms, copies of which can be obtained from the Engineer. Questions relating to Bidder's qualifications shall be resolved prior to award of the Contract. A Bidder's failure to submit required qualification information within the times indicated may disqualify the Bidder from receiving an award of the Contract.

Bids will be accepted only from original recipients of the Contract Documents. A Pre-Bid Conference is set for December 9, 2020 10:00 AM CST at the following location: Laurens Municipal Power & Communications office, 272 N Third Street, Laurens, Iowa 50554. With current COVID issues the meeting will be via conference call. Those interested in bidding the project will be provided the call-in number and agenda. Notes covering the Pre-Bid Conference will be prepared by the Engineer and distributed to all original recipients of the Contract Documents.

Each proposal shall be made out on a blank form furnished by **Owner** or the Engineer and must be accompanied by a bid security, pursuant to section 26.8, in the form of either a certified check,

cashier's check or certified share draft payable to Laurens Municipal Electric Utility, Laurens, Iowa in an amount of at least ten percent (10%) of the amount of the proposal, the certified check or cashier's check drawn on a state-chartered or federally-chartered bank that is a member of the Federal Reserve system, or the certified share draft drawn on a state-chartered or federally-chartered credit union, or by a bid bond on the form provided with the Contract Documents in a like amount executed by a corporate surety authorized to do business in the State of Iowa. All proposals and bid bond shall be sealed in a single envelope and plainly marked, "SEALED BID FOR LAURENS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY 2021 FTTH PROJECT". The envelope shall also show the bidders name and date and time of bid opening. Any alteration of the proposal form may be cause for rejection of the proposal. Such bid security shall be forfeited to Laurens Municipal Electric Utility as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails or refuses to enter into a contract at the prices bid within ten (10) days after the award of contract and post bond satisfactory to Laurens Municipal Electric Utility insuring the faithful fulfillment of the contract.

Payment for said work to be performed will be made from cash on hand. Payment to the contractor will be made on the basis of eighty percent (80%) of the contract value of the material price of stored materials in Owner approved on-site storage and ninety-five percent (95%) of the contract value of the labor and material price upon completion and acceptance by the Engineer and Owner. The remaining five percent (5%) will be paid upon successful completion of the Project and submittal of all final contract documents.

To the extent required by Iowa law, a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference as against a nonresident bidder from a state or foreign country if that state or foreign country gives or requires any preference to bidders from that state or foreign country, including but not limited to any preference to bidders, the imposition of any type of labor force preference or any other form of preferential treatment to bidders or laborers from that state or foreign country. The preference allowed shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident. In the instance of a resident labor force preference, a nonresident bidder shall apply the same resident labor force preference to a public improvement in this state as would be required in the construction of a public improvement by the state or foreign country in which the nonresident bidder is a resident. Failure to submit a fully completed Bidder Status Form with the Proposal may result in the Proposal being deemed nonresponsive and rejected.

Laurens Municipal Electric Utility reserves the right to defer acceptance of any proposal for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days after the date proposals are received and no proposal may be withdrawn during this period.

Laurens Municipal Electric Utility reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any or all minor irregularities in the form of the bid, and enter into such contract as it shall deem to be in the best interest of Laurens Municipal Electric Utility.

Any attempt to obtain low bid status by selectively bidding of multiple manufacturers low dollar products such that the cost of spares on inventories are unduly affected may be grounds for total bid rejection. Laurens Municipal Electric Utility is interested in initial and long-term system performance and consideration.

Issued upon order of Laurens Municipal Electric Utility, Laurens, Iowa.

Dated this 22nd day of October 2020.

LAURENS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY

By /s/ Chad Cleveland, General Manager

Section 8. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby repealed insofar as the conflicting portions thereof are concerned.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

Richard Main  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Trustee Runneberg introduced the following Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$9,000,000 ELECTRIC REVENUE CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF THE CITY OF LAURENS, STATE OF IOWA, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF" and moved that the same be adopted. Trustee Storms seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was: Ayes: Main, Runneberg, and Storms. Nays: None.

Whereupon, the Chairperson declared the resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE FOR A MEETING ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$9,000,000 ELECTRIC REVENUE CAPITAL LOAN NOTES OF THE CITY OF LAURENS, STATE OF IOWA, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF

WHEREAS, it is deemed necessary and advisable that the City of Laurens, State of Iowa, should provide for the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of Electric Revenue Capital Loan Notes, to the amount of not to exceed \$9,000,000, as authorized by Sections 384.24A and 384.83, of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of providing funds to pay costs of carrying out project(s) as hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the Loan Agreement and Notes shall be payable solely and only out of the Net Revenues of the Municipal Electric Utility and shall be a first lien on the future Net Revenues of the Utility; and shall not be general obligations of the City or payable in any manner by taxation and the City shall be in no manner liable by reason of the failure of the Net Revenues to be sufficient for the payment of the Loan Agreement and Notes; and

WHEREAS, before the Loan Agreement and Notes may be issued, it is necessary to comply with the provisions of the Code, and to publish a notice of the proposal to issue such notes and of the time and place of the meeting at which the Board proposes to take action for the authorization of the Loan Agreement and Notes and to receive oral and/or written objections from any resident or property owner of the City to such action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES OF THE CITY OF LAURENS, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That this Board meet in the Utilities Office, 272 North 3rd Street, Laurens, Iowa, at 11:30 A.M., on the 28th day of December, 2020, for the purpose of taking action on the matter of the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$9,000,000 Electric Revenue Capital Loan Notes, the proceeds of which notes will be used to provide funds to pay the costs of improvements and extensions to the Municipal Electric Utility, including the construction of a fiber-to-the-premise communications system, a new fiber management frame in the Network Operations Center and installation of conduit, fiber, vaults, handholes, pedestals and multiport service terminals to serve the Municipal Electric Utility, and refunding and refinancing outstanding electric revenue obligations, including Electric Revenue Capital Loan Notes, Series 2012.

Section 2. That the Secretary is hereby directed to cause at least one publication to be made of a notice of the meeting, in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, published at least once weekly, and having general circulation in the City. The publication to be not less than four clear days nor more than twenty days before the date of the public meeting on the issuance of the Notes.

Section 3. The notice of the proposed action to issue notes shall be in substantially the following form:

(To be published on or before: December 22, 2020)

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES OF THE CITY OF LAURENS, STATE OF IOWA, ON THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$9,000,000 ELECTRIC REVENUE CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, AND THE HEARING ON THE ISSUANCE THEREOF

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Utilities of the City of Laurens, State of Iowa, will hold a public hearing on the 28th day of December, 2020, at 11:30 A.M., in the Utilities Office, 272 North 3rd Street, Laurens, Iowa, at which meeting the Board proposes to take additional action for the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$9,000,000 Electric Revenue Capital Loan Notes, to provide funds to pay the costs of improvements and extensions to the Municipal Electric Utility, including the construction of a fiber-to-the-premise communications system, a new fiber management frame in the Network Operations Center and installation of conduit, fiber, vaults, handholes, pedestals and multiport service terminals to serve the Municipal Electric Utility, and refunding and refinancing outstanding electric revenue obligations, including Electric Revenue Capital Loan Notes, Series 2012. The Notes will not constitute general obligations or be payable in any manner by taxation but will be payable from and secured by the Net Revenues of the Municipal Electric Utility.

At the above meeting the Board shall receive oral or written objections from any resident or property owner of the City to the above action. After all objections have been received and considered, the Board will at the meeting or at any adjournment thereof, take additional action for the authorization of a Loan Agreement and the issuance of the Notes to evidence the obligation of the City thereunder or will abandon the proposal to issue said Notes.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Utilities of the City of Laurens, State of Iowa, as provided by Sections 384.24A and 384.83 of the Code of Iowa.

Dated this 7th day of December 2020.

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Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the  
Municipal Utilities, City of Laurens,  
State of Iowa

(End of Notice)

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of December 2020.

Richard Main  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the proposed Engagement Agreement for the preparation of necessary contract proceedings for public improvement projects. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Runneberg and seconded by Trustee Storms to approve the proposed Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement (Not to Exceed \$9,000,000 Electric Revenue Capital Loan Notes, Series 2021). Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Storms and seconded by Trustee Runneberg to approve the proposed list of bad debt accounts to be written off. The Electric Utility amount to be written off is \$2,481.10. The Communications Utility amount to be written off is \$1,098.94. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried. The write-off recoveries for 2020 were \$4,029.50 for the Electric Utility and \$1,437.15 for the Communications Utility.

Discussion was held on Wage Scales for 2021. No specific action was taken.

Discussion was held on the General Manager's Salary for 2021. No specific action was taken.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Richard Main  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ATTEST: Chad Cleveland  
Secretary, Board of Trustees

# City Council Minutes

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Laurens City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 7th, 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, Ambulance Director Garthlene Bell, and Public Works Director Julian Johnsen.

Jamison moved to approve the consent agenda, minutes from the November 16th, 2020, meeting, as amended, the list of claims, and Heart 'n Home Class B Native Wine license pending fire inspection. Swanson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

## CLAIMS 12-7-2020

A&M SERVICES, INC.	MOPS, RUGS, RAGS	94.50
ACCO	CHEMICALS	2,365.60
AIRGAS NORTH CENTRAL	MED SUPPLIES	67.58
ALLIANT ENERGY	MONTHLY UTILITIES	247.25
ALPHA WIRELESS COMM	NEW PAGERS	662.05
FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE	MONTHLY EYECARE	121.77
BROWN SUPPLY CO	SUPPLIES	210.14
CONNECTIONS, INC.	MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE	39.84
DELTA DENTAL	MONTHLY DENTAL INSURANCE	542.52
DGR ENGINEERING	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	470.50
FIREPROOF PLUS	POLICE DEPT. NEW EXTINGUISHER	69.00
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER AND WASTEWATER TESTING	196.50
GWORCS	TECH SUPPORT	820.00
HALLETT MATERIALS	FILL DIRT	75.35
HILARY REED	AMBULANCE MEETING IN POKY	31.26
IACMA	RETIREMENT 457	675.00
IRS	FED/FICA TAX	10,239.55
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	INTEREST ON EAST&VETERAN	11,505.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	26.10
IA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION	MEMBERSHIP DUES	50.00
IPERS	IPERS	7,519.37
IPERS PD	PROTECTED IPERS	612.49
JACK'S UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT	POLICE CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	980.89
JAMES LITWILLER	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	66.72
JOHN DEER FINANCIAL	MOWER EXPENSE	340.97
JULIAN JOHNSEN	CONCRETE FOR CATCH BASIN	136.29
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	ONE TIME PAYMENT	2,100.00
LAURENS FOOD PRIDE	PALLET OF WATER	149.37
LMPC	TIF INTEREST	1,180.92
LMU	MONTHLY UTILITIES	6,508.74
LAURENS PLUMBING	SUPPLIES	477.87
LAURENS SUN	LEGALS	376.01
MET	WASTEWATER TESTING	140.00
MARTIN'S PEST CONTROL	MOSQUITO SPRAYING	385.00
MENARD'S	SHOP SUPPLIES	60.35
THE MESSENGER	POLICE AD	439.00
PFM	SERVICE AGREEMENT	2,000.00

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POC COMMUNITY HOSPITAL	AMBULANCE SUPPLIES	169.87
POC COUNTY RECORDER	NUISANCE 331 S. 1ST	28.00
PRIME BENEFIT SYSTEMS	MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE	52.50
PRINCIPAL LIFE GROUP	MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE	871.79
PRO COOPERATIVE	MONTHLY FUEL	1,150.71
R&D INDUSTRIES	TECH SUPPORT	1,287.50
RB LUMBER COMPANY	SUPPLIES AT POLICE DEPT	729.80
ROBERT DAHLBERG	TRIMMING TREES	425.00
SANTANDER LEASING, LLC	MONTHLY PUMPER PAYMENT	1,461.34
STAPLES	OFFICE SUPPLIES	81.75
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	NOV. SALES TAX	5,316.00
UMB	INTEREST ON LOAN EAST/VETERANS	9,167.50
UNITYPOINT CLINIC OCCUPATION	RANDOM TESTING	84.00
US BANK	CONFERENCE EXPENSE	451.38
USA BLUE BOOK	SUPPLIES	447.03
VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY CELL PHONE	88.81
VWW/MARLIN EGERTSEN	NEW FLAGS	120.00
WEX	MONTHLY POLICE FUEL	46.93
	TOTAL	<u>73,963.41</u>

		11/16/2020	
001	GENERAL		613.00
110	ROAD USE TAX		1,335.13
600	WATER		2,908.29
610	SEWER		2,067.89
670	GARBAGE		2,090.13

9,014.44

		11/30/2020	
001	GENERAL		1,559.78
110	ROAD USE TAX		1,602.14
600	WATER		2,534.14
610	SEWER		2,017.89
670	GARBAGE		2,369.55

10,083.50

		12/1/2020	
001	GENERAL		5,582.85

12/3/2020

001	GENERAL		11,757.05
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Payroll Paid 36,437.84

Total Paid 110,401.25

BY FUND	GENERAL	38,064.41
	ROAD USE TAX	9,268.55
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	425.13
	DEBT SERVICE	9,917.50
	WATER	27,320.24
	SEWER	15,622.77
	GARBAGE	9,653.86
	STORM WATER	128.79

TOTAL 110,401.25

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REVENUES	GENERAL	30,183.12
	ROAD USE TAX	15,665.78
	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	11,649.42
	EMERGENCY LEVY	371.49
	LOCAL OPTION	27,334.28
	TAX INCREMENT FINANCING	7,874.81
	POOL RESTRICTED	925.00
	DEBT SERVICE	12,184.82
	CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND	1,238.38
	WATER	41,713.97
	SEWER	29,508.11
	GARBAGE	20,429.84
	STORM WATER	<u>2,963.49</u>
	TOTAL	<u>202,042.51</u>

Potter moved to approve the Urban Renewal Report. Christenson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Newgard moved to approve Resolution 17-20 – Appreciate for Tom Shaw. Jamison seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Potter, Jamison, Newgard, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jamison moved to approve Resolution 18-20 – Nuisance Charges. Christenson seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Potter, Jamison, Newgard, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Newgard moved to approve Shawn Nagel as an ambulance driver pending background check. Potter seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Newgard moved to approve the health insurance renewal, effective January 1, 2021. Jamison seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Christenson moved to approve the dental insurance renewal, effective January 1, 2021. Jamison seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Discussion was held on a nuisance code enforcer. Reed will continue to peruse this.

Potter moved to adjourn at 5:53 p.m. Jamison seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Rod Johnson, Mayor

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Hilary Reed, City Clerk