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## Local News

### *NEW Cooperative Foundation Donates to Local 4-H Clubs*

The NEW Cooperative Foundation continues their commitment to supporting local 4-H youth. Recently, the Foundation donated \$94,520 to 35 county extension and outreach offices, which will support 4,929 individual 4-H members.

The contribution from the Foundation pays for half of each 4-H member's dues in NEW Cooperative's trade territory counties, which includes the following: Calhoun, Carroll, Cherokee, Crawford, Greene, Franklin, Hamilton, Humboldt, Kossuth, Monona, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Webster, Woodbury, Wright, Hancock, Cerro Gordo, Emmet, Dickinson, Palo Alto, Clay, Cass, Warren, Montgomery, Adams, Union, Clarke, Lucas, Fremont, Page, Taylor, Ringgold, Decatur, and Wayne.

"NEW Cooperative takes great pride in supporting its area youth 4-H programs. We strongly feel that 4-H helps youth build the necessary foundation to become future leaders in our local communities," stated Gary Moritz, NEW Cooperative Communication Director.

**About NEW Cooperative, Inc. and the NEW Cooperative Foundation.** NEW Cooperative, Inc. Is a farmer-owned grain, agronomy, energy, and feed cooperative headquartered in Fort Dodge, Iowa. As a leading agriculture retailer, NEW Cooperative is focused on being an innovative and efficient provider of today's agriculture markets and services to 12,000 members throughout their 80 locations in Iowa.

The NEW Cooperative Foundation is the charitable giving entity of NEW Cooperative, Inc. The Foundation is committed to investing in organizations that are dedicated to youth and education, human services, and civic purposes that further enhance the quality of life in our member's local communities.



Holly Reicks, NEW Cooperative presents Ashlie Jergens, Pocahontas County Youth Coordinator a check.

***At the Library  
with Glenda Mulder  
June 26, 2024***

Join us tonight at 6:30 p.m. to learn tips for best techniques for harvesting your garden produce and effective storage methods to ensure your items stay fresh. Whether you are interested in canning, freezing, cooking, or even donating your extra produce, you will receive many practical tips. Participants will also have the opportunity to taste-test a simple recipe that can be easily recreated at home. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your gardening and culinary skills. Please bring your favorite fresh recipes to share with the group.

A friend asked me the other day why libraries have Kids Summer Reading Programs. My reply was that it encourages reading skills (both established and new), sparks interest in books, is an opportunity for social interaction (for kids & their adults!) and is just plain fun! Our Summer Reading takes place every Wednesday at 11 a.m. with a variety of topics, and local guests of interest to kids. We'll also have music, books, crafts, bubbles, and more! All day every Friday we will have LegoMania and STEM activities.

This week we received the following novels: *Don't Let the Devil Ride* by Ace Atkins, *Flashpoint* by Catherine Coulter, *Eruption* by James Patterson and *Michael Crichton, Daughter of Fair Veronica* by Christina Dodd, *A Happier Life* by Kristy Harvey, *Swan Song* by Elin Hilderbrand, *Our Little Secret* by Lisa Jackson, *Tangled up in You* by Christina Lauren, *Proof by Fern Michaels*, *The Year of What If* by Phaedra Patrick, *Some Murders in Berlin* by Karen Robards, *Resurrection* by Danielle Steel and *Husbands and*

*Lovers* by Beatriz Williams. In memory of Lucinda (Cindy) Siddall Longo we received *The Glassmaker* by Tracy Chevalier, *Nature of Disappearing* by Kimi Grant and *All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker.

Just one nonfiction, it's *A Walk in the Park: The True Story of a Spectacular Misadventure in the Grand Canyon* by Kevin Fedarko.

I'll end with a reminder that we will be closed next Thursday, July 4th to celebrate Independence Day!

**Mark Your Calendar**

- Wednesdays until August 14 @ 11 a.m. - Kids Summer Reading!
- June 26 @ 6:30 p.m. - Garden Fresh Eats with ISU Extension
- July 4th – CLOSED!
- July 17 @ 11 a.m. - The Dulcimer Guy
- July 31 @ 6:30 p.m. - Preserving from your Garden with ISU Extension

***Summer Reading!***

A local celebrity, Ben Zylstra our garbage collector joined the Laurens Public Library kids at Summer Reading recently. If you have kids, you know how fun garbage day is!

The kids were such good listeners as Ben read a book about garbage trucks, with his very attentive son at his knee. He then took the kids outside and demonstrated the special features of his garbage truck.



**CAN WE GET A  
WATT WATT!**

**SHOCKING NEWS!  
REID PRINS IS RETIRING AFTER 46 YEARS  
AT LAURENS MUNICIPAL LIGHT & POWER!**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE  
FRIDAY, JUNE 28 1-4 PM  
272 N 3RD ST  
LAURENS CITY HALL**

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Spring INTO THE DONOR CHAIR LAURENS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

United Methodist Church  
**Thursday, June 27, 2024**  
**2:30pm - 5:30pm**  
201 West Main Street | Laurens



**APPOINTMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED**

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## ***2024 Pocahontas County Fair 4-H and FFA Livestock Entries Due***

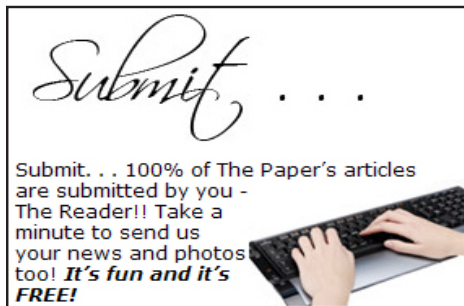
All 4-H and FFA members that will exhibit animals at the 2024 Pocahontas County Fair must make entry no later than Friday, June 28 in <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/19811>.

4-H members will use the green 4-H tab to make entry and FFA members will need to use the bottom box and create an account if you were not an exhibitor last year.

FFA members will need to pay their entry fee no later than June 28 to the ISU Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County Office, please make checks payable to the Pocahontas County Fair.

Due to the generous support of PRO Cooperative 4-H member's fees have been paid, but you must make entry!

If you have any questions or need help with this process, please email Ashlie at: [ashliej@iastate.edu](mailto:ashliej@iastate.edu) or call: 712-335-3103. Our office hours are Monday – Thursday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m.-noon.



## ***Iowa State Extension and Outreach Hosts “Fresh Eats” Program on June 26 at the Laurens Public Library***

Iowa State Extension and Outreach Pocahontas County is excited to announce a special program, “Fresh Eats,” at the Laurens Public Library on Wednesday, June 26, from 6:30-8 PM. This event is designed to help community members make the most of their garden produce by discussing various methods of harvesting, storing, and utilizing fresh ingredients.

“Fresh Eats” will cover various topics, including the best techniques for harvesting your garden produce and effective storage methods to ensure your items stay fresh. Whether you are interested in canning, freezing, cooking, or even donating your extra produce, this program will provide valuable insights and practical tips.

Participants will also have the opportunity to taste-test a simple recipe that can be easily recreated at home. Attendees are encouraged to bring their favorite fresh recipes to share with the group, making this event a collaborative and enriching experience for all.

Erica Svuba, Program Coordinator at the Iowa State Extension and Outreach. "It's a great way for people to learn new skills, share their own knowledge, and

enjoy the delicious benefits of their hard work in the garden."

Do not miss this opportunity to enhance your gardening and culinary skills. Join us at the Laurens Public Library on June 26 for an evening of learning, sharing, and tasting fresh, home-grown produce.

For more information, please contact Erica at the Extension Office at 335-3103 or Glenda at the Library at 841-4612.

## ***Come & Go Bridal Shower***

Join us for a Come & Go Bridal Shower honoring Heidi Tufte and Brett Snyder, son of Teresa & Kelly Snyder on Saturday, June 29th from 10:30 am to noon at the home of Joann Kinnetz, 11581 440th St., Laurens.

Registered at Target and Amazon.

## ***80th Birthday Celebration for Deanna (Dee) Ingalls***

There will be an 80th Birthday Celebration for Deanna (Dee) Ingalls at the Marathon Community Center from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday June 30th.

No presents please, your presence is appreciated!

# Laurens Chamber & Community Boosters

## Sizzlin' **SUMMER CELEBRATION** JULY 12TH, 13TH, & 14TH

**Friday**

- 7:00 AM: Sidewalk Sales - Downtown Laurens
- 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM: First Christian Church Clothes Closet Open
- 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM: Historical Museum Open
- 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM: Kid's Korner Meal at Fire Station
- 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM: Children's Stories & Activities by Body of Christ Church at City Shelter House
- 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM: Give It Up To God Prayer Table by Bethany Lutheran Church at City Park
- 6:15 PM: Introduction of Grand Marshal at Fire Station
- 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM: Duck Races - North End of 3rd St.
- 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM: The Perfect Blend selling Glow Sticks at Sportsman's Park

**Saturday**

- Dusk (~10:00 PM): Fireworks at Sportsman's Park
- 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM: Mini Triathlon at City Park
- 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM: First Christian Church Clothes Closet Open
- 9:15 AM – 10:00 AM: Line up for the Parade along North side of Railroad Tracks
- 10:00 AM: Parade
- 10:00 AM: Breakfast Burritos & Bloody Mary Buffet at Silver Dollar Saloon
- 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM: Balloons by Zounds at Pocahontas Mutual Insurance
- 10:30 AM – 6:30 PM: The Perfect Blend Open
- 11:00 AM: Downtown Shops Open/Vendor Sales Setup - Downtown Laurens
- 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Burgers & Hot Dogs by Laurens Methodist Men at City Park Shelter House
- 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM: Pie & Ice Cream by Laurens Methodist Women at the United Methodist Church
- 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Kids Water Fights at Laurens Fire Station
- 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Touch-A-Truck – Downtown Laurens
- 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Chalk Drawing Contest at Woodley Insurance
- 1:00 PM: Chalk Drawing Contest Judging
- 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Community State Bank Treasure Hunt – South of Fire Station
- 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM: Historical Museum Open with Kids Activities
- 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM: Inflatables by Laurens Industrial Foundation at City Park
- 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM: Cotton Candy for Sale - South End of 3rd St.
- 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM: Sample Party at Heart 'n Home
- 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM: Escape Rooms by Escape Room Parties at 138 S. 3rd St.
- 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM: BBQ Beef by Hy-Vee Pharmacy and The Perfect Blend at The Perfect Blend
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Ice Cream Truck at William & Wesley
- 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Walking Tacos by Laurens Care Center at Memory Lane
- 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM: Free Swimming at Laurens Swimming Pool
- 2:15 PM: Crispito Eating Contest by Pocahontas Comm. Hospital at 3rd & Main St.
- Register at 1:45
- 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Foam Party - South End of 3rd St.
- 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM: Bags Tournament - North End of 3rd St.
- 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Show and Shine Car Show - All Vehicles Welcome at 102 S. 3rd St.
- 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM: Pork Chop Sandwiches by the VFW at 3rd & Main St.
- 8:00 PM – 12:00 AM: Live Music by BLACKTOP at 3rd & Walnut St.

**Sunday**

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM: The Perfect Blend Open
- 12:00 PM: Free Will Ham Ball Dinner at United Methodist Church
- 1:00 PM: Blackwood Quartet Concert at United Methodist Church
- 1:00 PM: 2 Person Best Ball Tournament at Laurens Golf & Country Club

Check us out on Facebook!

*This Week at  
Bethany Lutheran*

**Pastor David E. Klappenbach**

**Thursday: June 27, 2024**  
2:30-5:30 PM ~ Blood Drive at UMC

**Sunday: June 30, 2024**  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:30 AM ~ Worship  
10:30 AM ~ Coffee Fellowship  
6:00 PM ~ Bethany Prayer Group

**Monday: July 1, 2024**  
7:00 PM ~ Hand Bell Rehearsal

**Tuesday: July 2, 2024**  
8:30 AM ~ Prayer Group  
9:30 AM ~ Tuesday coffee at Bethany

**Saturday: July 6, 2024**  
8:00 AM ~ Men's Group

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



*This Week at  
Laurens United  
Methodist Church*

**Pastor Deb Parkison**

**Thursday, June 27:**  
Blood Drive at UMC @ 2:30-5:30 PM

**Sunday, June 30:**  
Fellowship Coffee @ 9:30 AM  
Worship Service 10:30 AM



*This Week at First  
Christian*

**Pastor Rev. Rita Cordell**

**Thursday, June 27th**  
2-5 p.m. - Clothes closet open

**Sunday, June 30th**  
9:30 a.m. - Worship followed by  
coffee



*Resurrection  
of Our Lord  
Catholic Church*

**Pocahontas, IA -- Priest:  
Father Paul Nguyen**

**MASS TIMES:**  
Daily Mass as scheduled in the  
weekly bulletin  
Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at  
10:30 AM  
**Confessions:** Saturday 4:15 pm at  
Resurrection

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## *Yard & Garden: Strawberry Care*

Few can resist the allure of fresh strawberries — they're an early summer treat for many. Luckily, cultivating these delectable fruits is relatively easy. With full sun, well-drained soil and just a little bit of attention, you can reap the rewards of a tasty harvest. In this article, horticulturists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach answer questions about strawberry care in the home garden.

**When should strawberries be harvested?** Harvest strawberries when the fruit are uniformly red (fully ripe). Strawberry cultivars can differ on what shade of red indicates they are fully ripe. A substantial white ring inside of the berry usually indicates when a berry is not fully ripe. Taste each cultivar to see what color indicates the optimal flavor for you.

Pick the berries with the caps and stems attached to retain firmness and quality. Pinch off the stem about 1/4 inch above the cap. Don't pull them off. Pulling them off can create a wound, which can decrease the berry shelf-life.

Strawberries should be picked about every other day in warm weather and every three to four days in cool weather. The harvest period for some June-bearing varieties may last three to four weeks. Strawberries can be stored in the refrigerator for up to five to seven days. Ideal storage conditions are 32 degrees Fahrenheit and 90% to 95% relative humidity.

**How often do I water my strawberries?** Strawberry plants need 1 inch of water per week for adequate growth. Water the strawberry plant once a week during dry weather. Water in the morning to allow for the foliage to quickly dry. The use of drip irrigation systems or soaker hoses is also beneficial for keeping

the foliage dry and reducing issues with diseases.

**How do I control weeds in my strawberry patch?** Controlling weeds is important to maintain healthy, productive strawberry plants. Weeds compete for water, nutrients and sunlight, while also increasing the risk of diseases by allowing moisture to stay on the leaves and fruit.

For home gardeners, hand-weeding and frequent shallow cultivation is effective, taking special care to avoid damaging the strawberry plant's shallow root system. Utilize the mulch that covered the plants in the winter as a mulch between the rows. This also helps reduce the amount of mud created when harvesting strawberries when the soil is wet.

**When should I fertilize my June-bearing strawberries?** Established plantings of June-bearing strawberries should not be fertilized in spring. Spring fertilization stimulates foliar growth, produces softer berries, and increases disease problems. Lush, vegetative growth may make picking difficult. Also, soft berries are more likely to be attacked by fruit rots.

Fertilizer should be applied to June-bearing strawberries during the renovation process immediately after the last harvest of the season. Apply an all-purpose fertilizer at a rate of a half-pound of actual nitrogen per 100 feet of row.

**Some of the strawberries in my garden are covered with a gray, velvety growth. What is it and how can it be controlled?** The gray, velvety growth on your berries may be gray mold. It is also known as Botrytis fruit rot. This fungal disease thrives in humid conditions and poor air circulation. It often affects berries touching the soil or other infected ones.

Cultural practices can help minimize damage. Avoid spring fertilization for June-bearing strawberries to prevent excessive foliage growth, which creates a favorable environment for gray mold.

Weed control and mulching with straw keep berries dry and off the ground. Irrigate in the morning during dry spells to promote quick drying. Harvest ripe berries frequently, handling them gently to prevent bruising, and refrigerate immediately. Remove and discard any berries showing signs of gray mold promptly. While fungicides are an option for commercial growers, focusing on cultural practices is the best approach for home gardeners to combat Botrytis fruit rot.

**There are small, black, yellow-spotted beetles feeding on my strawberries. What should I do?** The small, black beetles are likely sap beetles. They are also known as picnic beetles or picnic bugs. Sap beetles commonly feed on overripe or damaged fruits and vegetables in the garden. Sanitation is the best management strategy for sap beetles in home gardens. Keep the strawberry patch as clean as possible through timely picking and removal of damaged, diseased, and overripe fruit. Insecticides are not a viable option for gardeners as few insecticides are labeled for use on strawberries in home gardens.

**My strawberries aren't as sweet as normal. Why?** Weather significantly impacts the flavor of fruits and vegetables. For strawberries, warm, sunny days and cool nights during fruit development produce the most flavorful berries. Cool, cloudy weather in May and June reduces sugar content, resulting in less sweet berries. Extremely hot weather can lead to slightly bitter-tasting berries.

**My strawberries are small and dark maroon color, but don't taste ripe. Why?** Leather rot, a common fungal disease in wet conditions, causes fruit rots in strawberries. Berries infected before they are ripe may not size up and are maroon. Despite a dark color they are low in sugar and off-flavor. Minimize soil contact and remove infected fruit to control leather rot.

## ***Northwest Iowa Research Farm Field Day and Windbreak Workshop Is July 2 Full day of agronomic topics planned in Sutherland***

The annual field day at Iowa State University's Northwest Research and Demonstration Farm will be held Tuesday, July 2, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the farm, 6320 500th St., Sutherland. An optional Windbreak Management Workshop will follow lunch at 1 p.m.

The field day will focus on challenges and opportunities in the crop markets, a recap of navigating nitrogen during the wet spring, soybean cyst nematode management tips and other timely agronomic topics.

"Farmers and agronomists can plan for a full day of learning at the research farm," said Leah Ten Napel, field agronomist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. "We believe the day will provide a great deal of education and networking time for everyone in attendance."

Registration opens at 9 a.m., with the program beginning at 9:30 a.m. with "Markets in 2024: Opportunities and Challenges," led by Chad Hart, crop marketing specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

Following Hart, in-field learning will address:

- "Navigating Nitrogen," led by

Richard Roth, nitrogen specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach

- "Soybean Cyst Nematode Management," led by Greg Tylka, Morrill Professor with Iowa State, and director of the Iowa Soybean Research Center
- "Timely Agronomic Topics for the 2024 Growing Season," led by Gentry Sorenson and Leah Ten Napel, field agronomists with ISU Extension and Outreach

One NM, one IPM and two CM CCA credits will be available for the morning field day. At the completion of the morning field day, a complimentary noon lunch will be served.

Following lunch at 1 p.m., an optional windbreak management workshop will begin. The workshop

will be led by DNR district forester Sarah Bell and O'Brien County district conservationist Andrew Koehlmoos. One and one-half CM CCA credits will be available for the afternoon workshop.

Attendance at the morning and/or afternoon field day is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

Complimentary morning refreshments are sponsored by Security State Bank, with lunch sponsored by O'Brien County Ag Supply, J&K Insurance, C-S Agrow and 5th Gen Ag.

For more information, contact Gentry Sorenson at 641-430-6715 or [gentrys@iastate.edu](mailto:gentrys@iastate.edu) or Leah Ten Napel at 712-541-3493 or [lre@iastate.edu](mailto:lre@iastate.edu)





# City Council Minutes

June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The Laurens City Council met in regular session at the Municipal Building at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Mayor Rod Johnson called the meeting to order. Present were Council members Hannah Zylstra, John Jamison, Loren Booth, Aaron Christenson, Jean Swanson, City Manager Hilary Reed, Public Works Director Julian Johnsen, Deputy Clerk Joan Hoben, and Chief Aschenbrenner.

Zylstra moved to approve the consent agenda, consisting of the minutes from the June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, meeting, the list of claims, and a Class C Liquor License for Rally Point pending fire inspection. Christenson seconded. All ayes: motion carried.

## CLAIMS 06-17-24

|                                 |                            |          |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| A&M SERVICES, INC               | MOPS, RAGS, RUGS           | 90.14    |
| ACCO                            | WATER PLANT CHEMICALS      | 7,201.00 |
| AFLAC                           | MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE    | 204.38   |
| ALLAINT ENERGY                  | MONTHLY GAS BILL           | 266.88   |
| AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES         | BOOKS                      | 227.25   |
| FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE          | MONTHLY EYE CARE INSURANCE | 218.53   |
| BADGER METER                    | TECH SUPPORT               | 55.12    |
| BAKER & TAYLOR                  | BOOKS                      | 1,035.15 |
| CENGAGE                         | LARGE PRINT BOOKS          | 191.93   |
| CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT        | LP CLOSEOUT BOOKS          | 77.00    |
| CHRIS JOHNSON                   | SPRAYING PARK TREES        | 1,876.00 |
| CITY OF MOVILLE                 | NUISANCE ABATEMENTS        | 1,127.59 |
| CMBA ARCHITECTS                 | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES      | 2,490.02 |
| CONNECTIONS, INC.               | MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE    | 30.51    |
| DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP             | SUPPLIES FOR MEMORY LANE   | 1,034.84 |
| DELTA DENTAL                    | MONTHLY DENTAL INSURANCE   | 718.02   |
| EMILY HARROLD                   | RECERTIFIED LIFEGUARD      | 75.00    |
| FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB       | WASTEWATER TESTING         | 1,496.00 |
| HEART 'N HOME                   | BLOMGREN FLOWERS           | 88.00    |
| HEMPHILL LAW OFFICE             | PROFESSIONAL SERVICES      | 685.12   |
| IRS                             | FED/FICA TAX               | 8,898.91 |
| IOWA DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY     | OCT23-DECEM 23             | 600.00   |
| IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES           | MEMBERSHIP DUES            | 1,107.00 |
| JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL            | PAYLOADER PARTS            | 609.85   |
| KEEP IOWA BEAUTIFUL             | MEMBERSHIP DUES            | 1,920.00 |
| LMPC                            | MONTHLY PHONE & INTERNET   | 114.20   |
| LMU                             | MONTHLY UTILITIES          | 303.88   |
| LAURENS PLUMBING                | MONTHLY UTILITIES          | 1,191.86 |
| LAURENS SPORTSMAN'S CLUB        | 3 MEMBERSHIPS              | 120.00   |
| LAURENS SUN                     | LEGALS                     | 151.64   |
| MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION SEV.      | ANNUAL RENEWALS            | 689.04   |
| THE MESSENGER                   | LEGAL ADS                  | 186.20   |
| METERING & TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS | METERS                     | 1,414.02 |
| NORTHERN LIGHTS FOOD SERVICE    | POOL CONCESSIONS           | 231.51   |
| PEPSI BEVERAGE COMPANY          | POOL POP                   | 463.36   |
| PETTY CASH                      | POSTAGE                    | 96.47    |
| POCAHONTAS CO SOLID WASTE       | LANDFILL FEES              | 6,459.10 |
| POCAHONTAS EQUIPMENT            | CHAINSAW                   | 49.99    |
| PRINCIPAL LIFE GROUP            | MONTHLY GROUP INSURANCE    | 764.65   |
| PRO COOPERATIVE                 | MONTHLY CITY FUEL          | 2,308.08 |
| R&D INDUSTRIES, INC.            | TECH SUPPORT               | 193.00   |
| RB LUMBER COMPANY               | TREATED BOARDS             | 167.59   |

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|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| RSM US LLP                   | TECH SUPPORT             | 945.00                  |
| SAMSON DEVELOPMENT           | APPLIANCE PICKUP         | 40.00                   |
| SHAMROCK RECYCLE, INC.       | CURBSIDE RECYCLING       | 1,895.20                |
| UNITYPOINT CLINIC OCCUPATION | RANDOM TESTING           | 42.00                   |
| VECTOR/CHAD CLEVELAND        | MEMBERSHIP DUES          | 252.50                  |
| VERIZON WIRELESS             | CITY CELL PHONES         | 324.19                  |
| WELLMARK                     | MONTHLY HEALTH INSURANCE | 8,935.02                |
| WEX BANKS                    | POLICE MONTHLY FUEL      | 1,011.80                |
| WOODLEY INSURANCE            | ANNUAL INSURANCE         | 1,950.00                |
| ZIEGLER, INC.                | EQUIPMENT REPAIRS        | <u>1,562.80</u>         |
|                              | TOTAL                    | <u><u>64,187.34</u></u> |

|  |                       |           |                         |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
|  | PAYROLL               | 6/3/2024  |                         |
|  | 001 GENERAL           |           | 7,077.11                |
|  | PAYROLL               | 6/10/2024 |                         |
|  | 001 GENERAL           |           | 13,276.26               |
|  | 210 ROAD USE TAX      |           | 1,715.66                |
|  | 600 WATER             |           | 3,045.34                |
|  | 610 SEWER             |           | 2,765.25                |
|  | 670 GARBAGE           |           | <u>2,180.91</u>         |
|  | TOTAL                 |           | <u>22,983.42</u>        |
|  | PAYROLL TOTAL         |           | <u><u>30,060.53</u></u> |
|  | TOTAL PAID            |           | 94,247.87               |
|  | TOTAL PAID BY FUND    |           |                         |
|  | 001 GENERAL           |           | 45,051.96               |
|  | 110 ROAD USE TAX      |           | 5,210.15                |
|  | 112 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS |           | 5,242.72                |
|  | 174 POOL RESTRICTED   |           | 180.00                  |
|  | 175 POCKET PARK       |           | 104.80                  |
|  | 600 WATER             |           | 16590.85                |
|  | 610 SEWER             |           | 8158.27                 |
|  | 670 GARBAGE           |           | <u>13,709.12</u>        |
|  | TOTAL BY FUND         |           | <u><u>94,247.87</u></u> |

Discussion was held on a Sidewalk Removal Permit Request for Tim Grund at 529 E. Olive. After discussion, Zylstra moved to table upon discussing with the neighbors. Jamison seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Booth moved to approve the Board of Adjustment's Variance recommendation for the seven feet of the required set back for 116 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Swanson seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

Booth moved to approve Resolution 10-24-Dan Pomeroy Retirement Recognition. Jamison seconded. Roll call vote: Ayes: Zylstra, Jamison, Booth, Christenson, Swanson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

No decisions were made on the Laurens Pool Project.

Jamison moved to adjourn at 5:39 p.m. Zylstra seconded. All ayes; motion carried.

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Rod Johnson, Mayor

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Hilary Reed, City Clerk