

~~Built them and charge owner.~~

Section Line Road - sometimes called Procton Road.

January, 1910 - Town clerk instructed to write to a number of towns for copies of ordinances dealing with sidewalks.

April 1910 - Election. Mayor - Hinn. Clerk - G. W. Harper. Councilmen - J. W. Morgan, J. B. bunker, J. J. Lynch, J. R. Hakes and C. S. Allen. Lars Egertson - Marshall - \$75.00 per month Dr. J. M. Carroll - Health Physician.

June 22, 1910 - Mayor appointed Bunker and Morgan to interview businessmen of Laurens to setting aside of two days in August for Field on Recreation days and same be made permanent and annual.

July 6, 1910 - Street sprinklers bought.

August, 1910 - Ordinance No. 33 - Standard Oil Co. to construct and maintain for 25 years to conduct a business and erect building in Laurens. Page 51 second book.

September, 1910 - Andrew Carnegie will donate sum of \$300.00 to complete library but town now to furnish \$380 on increase of \$30 to maintain it. Motion carried.

Sidewalks again main subject.

September 24, 1910 - Dr. Dehahuest, C. A. Wessmans quarantine for scarlet fever.

June 18, 1911- Laurens Telephone Company W. C. Ellis - petitioned town of Laurens for franchise of twenty years. Had already served town 2 years - now needed to improve services of public utility. Tabled.

June, 1911- Ordinance No. 34 - Vacating certain streets and alleys. Swan Frecin, Sam Bowen, J. A. L _____, V. A. Noble, H. L. Bruett, A. G. Gill, F. C. Gilchrist asked for a crossing on Third Street from Old Higgins property to what is known as Little John property. Said crossing to be constructed.

August 5, 1911 - No meeting. All members of council absent.

1912 - Ordinance No. 35 - Issuance of bonds in sum of \$15,000.00 for an electric Light and Power Plant.

March 25, 1912 - 2/3 of voters voted in favor of Light Plant. Snow and ice remaining on sidewalk for 10 hours or more ordered removed by Mayor and assessments made for removal.

April 12, 1912 - G. W. Strickland, Mayor E. P. Ludwig, Clerk Councilmen - Morgan, M. W. Shaner, Peterson, Hakes and Ellis F. C. Nilsson appointed Health Officer - Gilchrist - Solicitor.

April 6, 1912 - Consulting engineer, R. O. Grover of Ames advised the council his charge as consulting engineer was 3½% of cost of plant or if he furnished a resident engineer - 5%. Would give preliminary survey for \$50.00 that \$50.00 to be part of balance if he was retained.

April 17, 1912 - Report of Grover accepted - Humboldt Power Company submit proposition in writing.

May, 1912 - Speed signs to be erected at road entrances to Laurens, 15 miles per hour.

May 15, 1912 - Page 114- Poll tax, each and every able bodied male resident between ages of 21 and 45 - between first day of January and first day of November each year by himself or a satisfactory substitute, shall perform 2 days labor of 8 hours each upon streets, alleys, highways or public grounds or pay in money at least one and one-half dollars for each day labor. If delinquent, shall pay two dollars. All persons claiming to be exempt shall within 3 days furnish the mayor with an affidavit showing extent and nature of disability or if he fails to do so, shall be liable to perform duty or pay penalty.

September 3, 1912 - At a special meeting, the proposition made by Northern Iowa Power Company to install Electric light lines and equipment for sum of \$14,000 be accepted and contract be drawn. Motion carried. Unanimous vote. Seal of town placed on contract.

Sidewalks again topic of discussion.

October 8, 1912 - Special meeting called to consider terms of contract of Northern Iowa Power. The clerk was authorized to get bids and sale would take place October 16, 1912. On October 16, C. H. Coffin offered \$15,051 for 5% semi-annual interest and furnish bond bonds free of charge. His bid to be considered. Page 125, copy of contract.

November 25, 1912 - Ordinance No. 35 - Providing for issuance of \$15,000 of bonds, to be dated November 1, 1912, first due and payable May 1, 1918 and last May 1, 1932, bear interest at rate of 5½% per annum.

Ordinance No. 36 - An ordinance establishing office of town electrician duties, authority. Approved December, 1912.

1913

More on electric plant - snow and ice removal problem.

April 2, 1913 - Any person exceeding limit of 15 miles per hour with motorcycles, or automobile or not having lights lit $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after sundown will be dealt with according to the law.

March 1913 - Election. G. W. Strickland - Mayor. R. V. Neville, Clerk. Councilmen - J. A. Peterson, W. A. Ellis, M. W. Shaner, J. W. Morgan.

April 16, 1913 - Rates for electric current. Page 154

Residence - 15¢ first 20 kwt.
Commercial - 12¢ first 20 kwt.
Power - first 100 kwt. 7¢

Minimum rate per meter - \$1.00. No current figured unless a meter of one or more is used.

1913 - More sidewalk resolutions

June 19, 1913 - Building of C. S. Allen (Warehouse) to be checked for electrician office and storage room. A. J. Ashby first town electrician.

August, 1913 - Cemetary Ladies Aid were given privilege to dispose of building in cemetary and construct a new 12 x 12 cement building.

September, 1913 - Establishing office of town electrician.

Ordinance No. 37 - Dogs - prohibiting them from running at large unless muzzled.

Ordinance No. 38 - Speed of motor vehicle on public highway within town of Laurens - unlawful to drive more than 15 miles per hour. Guilty of misdemeanor, fined not to exceed \$100 and committed to town jail till fine is paid.

1914

Page 172. March 18, A. J. Ashby, Town Electrician. Mayor - Strickland. Clerk - R. V. Neville. Councilmen - Peterson, Shaner, Hakes, Morgan and Ellis. L. L. Cook - Assessor
Consolidated ind. school district of Laurens built water main.

Ordinance No. 39 = An ordinance vacating the alley in Block 12 in North Laurens and granting the right of the public and town therein to the Consolidated Independent School District of Laurens, in consideration of the sum of one dollar already paid into the Treasury of the town.

April - Complaint against J. T. Mather for allowing stallion to be brought in and indecently exhibited at his livery barn signed by other citizens. Discussed at their meeting and then Ordinance No. 40 - An ordinance to regulate building stalls and places and approaches thereto. Must be completely enclosed. No cracks or openings of any kind except doors and windows and these kept securely shut when such pen is being used. An approach shall be provided, this enclosed with side walls but need not have roof; walls have no cracks, 6ft from ground; must be 1000 ft. from any dwelling house; failure to comply result in fine or imprisonment; not less than \$5.00 or more than \$100.00. Each 24 years of violation shall be regarded as a distinct and separate violation and punished by like fine.

Water main and assessments on agenda. McNee now electrician. Water main also installed - East Myrtle Street opened and graded as street continuation - general fund-levy was 10 mills.

December - Dr. Webb - Arnved Hakes family (scarlet fever) quarantined

1915

A. J. Ashby, electrician, be allowed \$10 per month upon condition be act of water superintendent and collect water units four times a year and read meters.

Ordinance No. 41 - Page 197, book 2. Fire limits - To extend and define fire limits of town of Laurens.

Ordinance No. 42 - An ordinance to prohibit the building, erecting or maintaining of any livery or feed barn, stable, year or stall within five hundred feet of Third Street in Laurens.

Building of C. S. Allen rented for electrician.

March - Resolution - all property owners to trim their trees along sidewalks to height of not less than 10 feet.

Doctor Nilsson - Health Officer.
Olive Street from Hazlett to Sadie opened.
Electric fire going to be installed; lights installed in jail traffic posts placed at corners, Bank, Carrols and McAtees.

July 7, 1915 - Committ from Woman's Club met and discussed buying lots for town park.

October - Peterson, cemetary commissioner to buy 120-150 white cedar 2 foot treet to put around cemetary, cost of 10¢ per tree and freight.

November - Page 212. Laurens, own high tension line for transmission of electrical energy, extending from Rolfe to Laurens and with a branch into town of Pocahontas - Pocahontas to pay Laurens 4½ per kwt hour for first 25,000 hours. Shall be metered. Four bonds of water works paid off. New electric light and power rates set.

1916

Snow removal - Resolution assessing expensive of removal ranged from 16¢ to \$9.08. Laurens entered into contract to supply electrical energy to Havelock.

Ordinance No. 43 - An ordinance to provide for public parks-to set up park commissioner.

Election - G. W. Strickland, Mayor. R. V. Neville, Clerk.
Councilmen - W. J. Allen, J. A. Peterson, M. W. Shaner, J. W. Morgan and B. A. Hakes. John F. Anderson, R. N. McCombs - Park Commissioners.

Ordinance No. 44, May 17, 1916 - An ordinance vacating the alley in block 18 and granting same and rights of public and town therein to Board of Park Commissioners. A sidewalk resolution.

Ordinance No. 45, November - An ordinance in relation to License and to provide a substitute for section so repealed: Repealed Section 13 of Ordinance No. 6. Mayor announced there had been filed with him since regular meeting a petition concerning municipal water work signed by A. Morton and other mail electors and Mrs. A. J. Ashby and other femail electors to extend present water works system and maintain same for sum of \$8,000.00. A resolution was made and carried on November 21, 1916. Ballot for water works Section 3 Page 249, check this. A separate ballot box shall be provided for women and a separate made of their vote.

1917

Contract for electricity with town of Havelock satisfied and approved electric rate, sidewalk assessments, snow and ice assessments. Officers - Mayor - Stickland. Clerk - R. V. Neville. Councilmen: Allen, Shaner, Peterson and Morgan.

July 12, 1917 - Third Street to be paved and curbing constructed. Motion made and carried. C. H. Currie, engineer for paving, Thorpe brothers to dig a well; objections were made to paving of Third Street - meeting called at Opera House, citizens were heard. Resolution postponed to August 9. Resolution adopted "Ordering Street Improvements" Page 280.

September, 1917 - Ordinance No. 46 = An ordinance establishing curb lines and curb grade on certain streets and repealing Section 7 and 8 of Ordinance 27.

October 3, 1917 - Hakes moved C. H. Currie be employed to make complete plans for a sanitary sewage disposal for Town of Laurens.

December, 1917 - Ordinance No. 47 = An ordinance providing for issuance of water works bonds in sum of \$8,000.00. A. D. Claussen to fill office of clerk.

1918

Western Electric Telephone Company repe. - replace pole across tracks and run telephone wires below electric wires. Assessments made for curb and paving. Thorpe brothers considered default in digging well. They stated a drill was waiting to be shipped. Contract received. Street improvement bond issued.

Election - Mayor - J. N. Irnman. Clerk - A. D. Claussen
Councilmen - George Mc Atee, W. J. Allen, V. A. Noble,
J. A. Peterson and S. E. Swanson. East Street opened.

Ordinance No. 48 - An ordinance establishing a sewer district in Incorp. town of Laurens. Sewer resolution adopted.

Ordinance No. 49 - An ordinance respecting motor vehicle and regulating them and their use in town of Laurens. Must have number assigned it by Secretary of State. Traffic regulations set forth. No person under 15 to operate motor vehicle in town of Laurens. Sewer plans approved. May, 1918 - resolution passed. Bids opened July, 1918, Hammer and Kruse awarded contract. Then all bids were rejected. New resolution made June (White & Co. bid in July) Dr. Hovenden Assistant Health Officer. Dr. F. C. Nilsson enlisted in Army. Ward & Weighton awarded contract for disposal plant - \$6000.

September, 1918 - Ordinance No. 50 - An ordinance providing for the amending of Ordinance No. 47 "Water Works bonds" B. L. Allen owner of tract of land.

Ordinance No. 51 - An ordinance providing for amending of Section 1 of Ordinance No. 47.

Ordinance No. 52 - An ordinance providing for an annual tax for the issuance of bond in sum of \$7,000 for cost of purifying plant for sewer. October, 1918. Dr. Hovenden was to get in touch with State Board of Health for purpose of reopening our schools immediately.

Ordinance No. 53 - An ordinance to amend an ordinance adopted in October.

1919

Mayor - Irnman. Clerk - A. D. Claussen
Councilmen: J. A. Peterson, V. A. Noble, S. E. Swanson, W. J. Allen and George McAtee. L. L. Cook died. Mr. R. N. McCombs appointed assessor. Properties assessed, water mains laid, vote on water works bond sum of \$15,000 - passed and adopted May 7, 1919. Met with Mr. August Roewe May, 1919, in relation to buying west 60 feet of Outlet 14 Allen's Addition - could not agree on price.

August 14, 1919 - Road poll tax assessed again to all able bodied males of town as before.

More paving considered.