

1900

April 18, 1900 - Election.

Mayor - J. A. Henery. City Marshall - A. V. Sniggs.

Clerk - E. G. Cook. Str. Commissioner - R. N. McCombs.

April 18, 1900- Town instructed to furnish gasoline for 2 street lamps - one to be furnished by E. L. Norton and to be suspended on a wire over street in from of Nortons Barns and one lamp to be suspended over middle of street between State Bank and First National Bank. First water meters places at Mather Brothers, Norton and Carlson livery barns and the mill.

November 14, 1900- A petition signed by 218 names was presented to the Council to pass a curfew ordinance. Ordinance No. 25 - Curfew - Prohibiting children being upon streets, alleys or public grounds after certain hours of night. Any boy or girl under the age of 18 between hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. from October 1 to April 1 and 8 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. between April 1 and October 1 unless accompanied by their

parents, guardian or same person of lawful age appointed. He or she shall not loiter or make any noise as to disturb the peace and quiet of the town. Any boy or girl violating curfew shall be delivered into the hands of parents or guardians and fined 50¢. Second offense - taken before Mayor from street and fined \$1.00 or imprisonment not to exceed ten days. The hours of 7 and 8 were designated by ringing the town bell, seven or eight slow taps, consecutively. Passed November, 1900.

1901

January 26, 1901 - F. C. Gilchrist to be employed as attorney in incorporation case. Election - Mayor - J. A. Henery.
Clerk - E. G. Cook. Councilmen - E. D. Anderson and C. J. Bovee
Water works Superintendent - E. D. Anderson.

May 6, 1901 - Corporate Limits of town enlarged - First Street opened.
Page 327 - copy of oath of office of Night Watchman and Marshall,
Andrew Anderson.

April 10, 1902 - Election. Mayor - M. M. Noah. Treasurer -
J. J. Lynch. Councilmen - J. R. Hakes and A. E. Wells
Assessor - L. L. Cook. Str. Comm - E. D. Anderson.
Water Superintendent - E. D. Anderson.

New streets were being opened yearly.

November 5, 1902 - Water meters at the Higgins Livery Barn
and Sun Publishing Office.

December, 1902 - Noble Opera House was granted a one year license
for sum of \$18.00.

1903

January 21, 1903 - George Tuttle allowed 17¢ per hour for 17 hours
labor = \$5.10.

April 6 - Election. Mayor - M. M. Noah. Councilmen - M. F. Nilsson
and C. W. Evert (Evertt - removed from office) C. F. Krueel appointed
to fill office. Assessments were constantly being changed.

November 5, 1903 - Phillip Lottman was hired to run the "Town Pump"
at monthly salary of \$17.50 payable monthly.

Sidewalks and water tax were on minutes.

1904

February 10, 1904 - Petition for a city library submitted for a vote,
approved March 28, 1904.

April 4, 1904 - Election. Mayor - J. H. Hovendon
Councilmen - L. G. Smith, L. W. Wheeler, W. H. Bartley and
C. F. Kruel. Clerk - C. A. Carlson. Treasurer - J. J. Lynch
Assessor - L.L. Cook. Phillip Lottman - Night Watchman and City
Marshall - \$45.00 a month salary. Water Comm. - L. J. Smith
Str. Comm. - George Tuttle. Again petition to enlarge corporate
limits of town. M. J. Nelsson - Cemetary Commissioner.

Cemetary Commissioner recommended more hitching posts be added to
make total of 40.

June 22, 1904 - First Board of Libary Trustees

Rev. C. L. Beckstrom	F. W. Paige
Rev. J. Pleas	Mrs. L. W. Wheeler
Mrs. H. C. Gilchrist	Mrs. R. N. McCombs
Mrs. J. M. Bobcock	Mrs. W. A. McNee

June 22, 1904 - Ordinance No. 26 - An ordinance to prohibit the
sale or keeping for sale of fire crackers or cannon crackers.
Violators shall be fined not exceeding \$100.00 or thirty days in jail.

July 30, 1904 - A tax of 2 mills levied for year of 1904 for
library purposed.

August 3, 1904 - City Marshall was instructed to permit no more
public gatherings in Noble Opera House until a sufficient number of
exits be installed and approved by City.

Ordinance No. 27 - An ordinance establishing permanent grades, grade
lines and elevations upon, in and for the streets of the town of
Laurens, and repealing section 1 of Ordinance 21 thereof. This was
very long ordinance - 28 sections - approved August 17, 1904. Page 384

Ordinance No. 28 - An ordinance providing for the construction,
maintenance, and use of street improvements, sewers and sidewalks.
Approved August 24, 1904. Another long one = 13 sections

Ordinance No. 29 - An ordinance to regulate telegraph, telephone and
other electric wires and poles and to provide the places where and
the manner in which same shall be placed. September 21, 1904, page 409.

April 2, 1905 - Election. Mayor - J. H. Hovendon. Clerk - C. A. Carlson
Councilmen - J. R. Hakes, Nels Johnson, C. G. Reed, L. D. Beardsley
and Christ Oleson. Str. Comm. - George Tuttle. E. P. Lawry appointed
to fill vacancy of C. A. Carlson as clerk.

April 2, Election, 1906. Mayor - W. A. McNee. Clerk - E. P. Lawry
Treasurer - J. J. Lynch. Marshall - O. P. Trash. Assessor -
L. L. Cook. Councilmen - M. Nilsson, C. S. Allen, G. W. Strickland
and J. M. Carroll.

Lane Moore Lumber - property taxes raised
George Tuttle - 20 hours labor on pump - \$5.00

List of sidewalks in bad condition - were to be replaced Page 438, List
of names.

May 16, 1906 - Mr. Anderson on Main Street wanted hitching posts taken up as they were a deterrent to his property. Street and alley committee were to find place for more hitching posts.

May 22, 1906 - Sidewalk resolutions for permanent sidewalk - adopted May 22.

July 24, 1906 - Resolution. Swan Lake situated 1/2 miles to be preserved as lake, state has no power, people of Laurens unable to come to agreement, Executive Council of Des Moines asked to extend time for preserving waters of said lake until February 15, 1907.

July 24, 1906 - Town was to purchase 30 American, all galvanized water meters at cost of 5/8 in size - \$6.08 per meter, 3/4 in size - \$6.27 per meter. More permanent sidewalks to be constructed. Resolution July 31, 1906.

August 15, 1906 - Library Board.

Mrs. E. H. Southworth
Mrs. J. P. Shoemaker - 6 years each
Mr. R. N. Beam

September 22, 1906 - Standard Oil Company - 50 gallons gasoline = \$13.00 or 16.26¢ per gallon.

Sidewalks still topic of discussion.

October 26, 1906 - Page 449. New power jack and pumping head from Cascader, Vaughan Company of Waterloo, Iowa for sum of \$900.00 plus \$185.00, \$50.00 and \$35.00 to overhaul and put in foundation. Payment \$500.00 in cash, balance in town warrants drawing 6% interest and due in one or two years. To be completed December 1, 1906, if possible under favorable conditions.

Page 452, J. G. Hinn (had mill) entered into an agreement with town to pump water, not to waste, signed October 26, 1906.

Sidewalks still topic of discussion in 1906.

February 6, 1907 - First notice of M. & J. R. Hakes - Supplies \$20.52

February 20, 1907 - A communication was read from Andrew Carnegie. If the city agrees to maintain a free public library at cost of not less than \$250.00 per year and provide a suitable site, Mr. Carnegie will be glad to give \$2500. to erect a free public library building for Laurens. Action was deferred until Township of Swan Lake and Marshall could be induced to assist in providing maintenance.

April 1, 1907 - Election. Mayor - W. A. McNee, Clerk - E. P. Pawry Councilmen for 3 years - L. D. Beardsley, E. K. Mather. Dr. F. J. Van Meter was appointed Health Officer. Health physician to investigate conditions at the Laurens Hotel to see if he thought it advisable to fumigate same.

June 19, 1907 - Town of Laurens accepted offer and Mayor directed to procure offers for suitable sites for library building. Mr. Carnegie be informed by town clerk of acceptance of said proposition and of appreciation by the town and council of the philanthropy which accuated it.

October 10, 1907 - Norval Workman paid \$120.00 as complete settlement for injuries received in fall on defective sidewalk. F. C. Gilchrist attorney for town.

December 4, 1907 - Four lots in Block 18 be purchased for Library.

March 18, 1908 - F. C. Gilchrist appointed to fill vacancy of F. C. Paige. Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Block 18 be purchased for \$250.00 for purpose of erecting a library.

April 6, 1908 - Election. Mayor - J. G. Hinn. Clerk - E. P. Lawry. Treasurer - P. L. Allen. Councilmen - J. R. Hakes, G. W. Strickland, P. S. Allen and L. L. Cook.

Lane - Moore Lumber Co. were in constant discord with city over assessment. Raised Lane - More Lumber Co. to \$2,500.00 and L. D. Beardsley to \$1,700.00.

Page 477. 80 Quarantine cards were purchased from Pocahontas County Sun and new rules and regulations were set up as of April 15, 1908, concerning board of health rules. Very long - 29 new rules for Chapter I diseases. 11 Rules for Chapter II disinfection. Even pets had to be disinfected. Section III dealt with disinfectants - all very detailed.

April, 1908 - F. C. Gilchrist elected town attorney with seven votes, to be paid fee of \$50.00 per year.

Town Council formerly accepted proposition from Andrew Carnegie for \$3,500.00 (An increase from \$2500) and will maintain library at cost of \$350 per year.

May 6, 1908 - Isaac Le Rue's bill of \$22.00 for serving quarantine notices referred to county supervisor; bill of J. J. Van Meter for \$119.00 services as health officer approved.

June, 1908 - Moved by Strickland, seconded by Allen a consumer of city water may have a water meter placed in cellar to comply with regulations. M. O. Wiggins appointed Marshall at salary of \$45.00 per month. Ludwig Johnson and Lewis Ellis as deputy marshalls without salary. M. O. Wiggins resigned late - G. W. Ferguson appointed.

October, 1908 - Town take necessary procedures to vacate alley running East and West in Block Y Laurens and deed same to Methodist Church.

March, 1909 - B. S. Allen, sole owner of 4" water main which cost \$692.05 - when this amount paid became property of town of Laurens. Street lights object of discussion.

Election - Mayor - J. H. Hinn. Clerk - E. P. Lawry
Councilmen - C. S. Allen, L. D. Beardsley, J. R. Hakes, E. K. Mather and G. W. Strickland.

June, 1909 - A. L. Ryon given work of building the cement street and alley crossings at cost of 15¢ per square foot. for cement work 6" deep and 11¢ for cement work 4" deep.

August 2, 1909 - Sidewalks were to be constructed at certain places, if owners did not comply, then town of Laurens would proceed to build them and charge owner.

Section Line Road - sometimes called Procton Road.