

May 31, 1890 - The Town Trustees of the Incorporated Town of Laurens as per their election May 31, 1890, met June 12, 1890. Meeting called to order by Mayor B. E. Allen. W. A. McNee, M. Hakes, J. P. Shoemaker, R. C. Hall, G. L. Johnson, G. H. Bunton. Absent D. J. Allen. The Mayor appointed M. Hakes and W. A. McNee to visit Sioux Rapids for the purpose of examining their city ordinances and methods and to get a list of books necessary for conducting business. B. E. Allen - Mayor, W. A. McNee, Recorder.

June 16, 1890 - On a motion and second, D. J. Allen's position was declared vacant as he was not here at the time of election nor on the day of taking the oath as required by law. Rules were set up at this meeting. The rule of procedure and order of business shall be strictly adhered to by the town council unless they shall be temporarily suspended by unanimous consent.

1. The town council shall meet regularly on first and third Wednesday evenings in each month except in March and April.
2. The Mayor on any three trustees may call special meeting.
3. The Mayor shall preside. In case of absence, the trustees shall appoint some member chairman pro tem.
4. A majority shall constitute a quorum. A member absent may be fined not to exceed five dollars for each and every such offense.
5. Upon appearance of quorum, the council may proceed to the business of them.
6. The following standing committee were set up:
Committee on finance, claims, ordinances, streets,
fire department, conduct of town officers.

On June 18th D. J. Allen was sworn in to fill vacancy. People appointed to committee (Page 12 - Book 1)

June 30, 1890 - Ordinance No. 1 (Enacting Clause) "Be it enacted by the Town Council of the Incorporated Town of Laurens." This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Pocahontas County Sun. Next in order, an ordinance establishing a seal for the incorporated Town of Laurens. Ordinance No. 2 - Be it enacted by the Town Council of the Incorporated Town of Laurens that they purchase a seal having in center the words, "Seal of the Incorporated Town of Laurens". The Mayor shall have custody and cause same to be affixed to all deeds, contracts, licenses, permits, orders drawn on town treasury and such other instruments as the laws of the State and ordinances of town may require the same to be affixed. Ordinance No. 3 - Official bonds. Ordinance No. 4 - General provisions. Ordinance No. 5 - Denouncing officers (any officer guilty of gross negligence or carelessness in performance of duty may be expelled or removed from office. Ordinance No. 6 - Licenses. Section 8 = No license shall be issued for less than \$1.00 and further sum of 25¢ as recorder fee. Section 11 = Jugglers shall pay not less than the sum of five dollars for each day exhibition. Section 20 = Each drayman for each vehicle and one horse shall pay for each license, the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) and for each two horse teams and vehicle, ten dollars per year and no license is issued for less than one year. Section 22 = If any one so licensed suffers fighting, carousing, tumultuous noises or gambling on said premises or its appurtenances or open house, shop or place on the first day of the week called Sunday, he shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor. Passed July 2, 1890.

July 7, 1890 - Ordinance No. 7 - Nuisances - Dealt with offall, filth, noisome substance, dogs and lot of parcel of land with stagnant water. Ordinance No. 8 - Election of town officers. One Mayor, one recorder, six trustees to be elected by people. Five constitute quorum for transaction of business. Duties set forth for Mayor, Recorder, Street Commissioner, Marshall and Town Assessor. Elected annually. Page 55-56 of Book 1.

July 10, 1890 - Ordinance No. 9 - Misdemeanors. Section 4 = Whoever shall indecently exhibit or cause to be exhibited any stallion, jackass or bull shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor. Section 6 = Whoever shall keep a bawdy house, house of ill-fome shall be guilty of misdemeanor. Section 7 = Whoever shall ride or drive any beast of burden quicker than or beyond a moderate gart, unless in case of emergency, or cause accident, or use animal in inhuman way or abuse it, is guilty of misdemeanor. Section 8 = Whoever shall drive any team or vehicle across any sidewalk in this town, except at some regular crossing or place provided for same is guilty of misdemeanor. Section 14 = Every person found in town being a vagrant, street beggar, gambler or common prostitute shall upon conviction be declared guilty of misdemeanor. Section 17 = Any person or persons who shall build a chimney contrary to the ordinances of this town, or who shall use one so built, or who shall build one so that the pipe shall go in at the bottom of it, or who shall use one so built is guilty of misdemeanor. Section 18 = Whoever shall willfully or carelessly throw any stick or shoot an arrow whereby any person will be hurt or window broken or property damaged, guilty of misdemeanor. Section 19 = No horse or cows, or poultry or domestic fowl or animals of any kind are to run at large to damage or cause annoyance of another is guilty of misdemeanor. Section 20 = Firearms. Section 21 = Dealing with minors. Section 23 = Whoever shall set on fire hay, straw, chips or other combustible material with 30 feet of any building, guilty of misdemeanor. Ordinance No. 10 - passed July 14, 1890. An ordinance to prohibit stock from running at large. No swine, stallion, horse, mule, jackass, bull, ox, steer, cow, calf, heifer, or other domestic animals shall be allowed to run at large within the limits of the town at any time.

July 16, 1890 - L. E. Lang elected First Marshall, J. Clifton elected Street Commissioner. G. J. Johnson took seven ballots to receive majority. At next meeting on July 23, L. E. Lang failed to qualify for marshall - office declared vacant, Jesse Clifton declared elected. Ordinance No. 11 - Providing for building of sidewalks and grading and improving streets. Ordinance No. 12 - No person shall abstruct any of the streets, alleys, sidewalks on public ground of town.

July 30, 1890 - Sidewalk petition passed.

August 6, 1890 - North West Stamp Works - bill allowed \$2.00.

December 3, 1890 - Ordinance No. 13 - Dogs must have collar with name, may not run at large, must be registered before first Monday in April. Anyone guilty of allowing dog to run at large contrary to provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of misdemeanor and fined not less than one dollar nor more than one hundred dollars and shall stand committed to the jail of Laurens, Iowa, in Pocahontas County, Iowa, until said cash fine is paid. Ordinance No. 14 - passed December 3. Railroads. That no locomotion shall travel any railroad track in this town at a greater speed than 6 miles per hour and at all times when any such engine shall be moving in the vicinity of any streets or highways, the bell shall be rung.

December 30, 1890 - Ordinance No. 15 - Fires. Dealing with chimney, stove pipes, stoves. Marshall to examine every 6 months all chimneys, stoves, stovepipe, furnace. Ordinance No. 16 - Finances, Page 121, Book 1. This ended year of 1890. The Town Marshall had collected and turned over to Treasurer \$5.00 in fines. Amount collected from licenses - \$63.50. Warrants paid - \$23.35 = amount collected paid tax \$25.50 leaving balance of \$70.65 on hand in Treasury.

Clerks salary set at \$35.00 for year post. Second general election March 2, 1891 = 88 votes cast. Mayor - B. E. Allen. Recorder - W. A. McNee. Treasurer - Dan Davis. Street Commissioner - Dan Pew.

At this time trustees were set up to run 1 year, 2 years, 3 years. H. A. Krueel elected Marshall.

May, 1891 - Eight mill incorporated tax levied for year 1891.

June 23, For Fourth of July - \$3.00 license fee charged for each stand and \$2.00 for each shooting gallery. Licenses were to be issued to responsible parties only, parties coming from other towns to be charged more than people living in Laurens

Matter of transferring license of Robert - Dwigans to S. H. Spickler for running pool hall.

A special meeting called February 1, 1892, to organize a Board of Health. J. M. Carroll appointed physician for Board of Health.

Sidewalks reappear in minutes. Committee appointed to look up suitable location for calaboose.

Third General Election - March 14, 1892 = 105 votes cast
Mayor - L. E. Lange, Recorder - W. A. McNee. Treasurer - F. L. Stout
Street Commissioner - Joe Clanton (Clauson) Trustees - M. A. Hakes,
J. P. Shoemaker. Assessor - J. L. Hopkins. Marshall - Henry Krueel.

June 15, 1892 - A bill for 2 pairs of handcuffs for \$7.00 presented. Bill allowed. Levy for 1892 - 8 mills.

1893

February 8 - Purpose of meeting for consideration and adopting rules of State Board of Health. Rules adopted one through seven published in Pocahontas County Sun.

March Election = 131 ballots. Mayor - L. E. Lange. Recorder - W. A. McNee. Treasurer - F. L. Staut. Street Commissioner - William Clanton. Trustees - C. F. Krueel and G. L. Johnson.

Judge and clerks each paid \$4.00 - Bill for election \$23.80

Henry Krueel refused to serve as Marshall. Coleman appointed

June 7 - L. C. Thornhon to be notified to repair sidewalk in front of his livery barn.

August 2 - Tax of 6 mills levied for 1893. Hall rent of \$2.00 to Krueel Brothers for spring election allowed. \$50.00 donated to Pocahontas County Cyclone sufferers.

July 18 - Moved and passed, billiard hall be closed and no license permitted.

1894

March 5 Election - 151 votes cast Hall rent - \$5.25
Mayor - L. E. Lange. Recorder - F. E. Brown. Treasurer - W. A. McNee. Assessor - L. L. Cook. Street Comm. - D. W. Larimer. Trustees - W. C. Coswell, B. L. Allen. D. W. Larimer - Marshall.

Bill of W. A. Krueel for Marshall's star \$1.00, allowed. Several times a small amount appears for feeding tramps.

April - Board of Equalization appeared before said board - President of First National Bank asked for reconsideration of tax on moneys and credits as returned by assessor claiming said assessment illegal - another reference to B. L. Allen, maybe somebody else could look this up. Page 178. Page 180-181 - more on bank.

September - Committee of three appointed to investigate matter of purchasing a lot to be purchased for town 140 x 150 for use of town. Also prices were to be gotten for a well.

October 17 - \$100.00 allowed for purchase of lot for use of town for town well. Burke and Scott bid for drilling the well.

F. O. Nichols vs. The Inc. Town of Laurens - This was a sidewalk suit (Boardwalk accident).

1895

March 4, 1895 Election - 57 votes cast
Mayor - L. E. Lange. Recorder - F. E. Brown. Treasurer -
W. A. McNee. Trustees - E. D. Anderson, C. J. Bovee
Street Comm. - R. E. Hall

Town will pay Burke and Scott \$360.25 for well - \$35.00 for
pumping. \$13.00 allowed for iron pump to C. H. Hutchins

March 11 - Water works. On March 11th submitted to voters of
Town of Laurens the proposition to issue bonds for the erection
of a system of water works, the cost of same not to exceed 5 percent
of the assessed valuation of property in Incorporated Town of
Laurens

There seemed to be a conflict as to assessment. Mr. F. H. Helsell
appeared as representative of shareholders of the First National
Bank filing their objections to assessments of 1894.

May 16 - Special election held for bond issued for water works.
88 votes cast, 83 voted yes and 5 voted no.

50 gallons a minute pumped - steel tower 80 feet high, 1,600
bulk tank of wood. Four chairs bought for council - cost \$2.00.
water works bonds of \$4,500.00 to \$5,000.00. Moved and carried.
Levy of 10 mills.

Mrs. Peirce was notified to remove barn from alley and keep cows
off the street. A bill of \$50.00 to U.S. Supply Co. for drawing
plans and specifications for water works read and allowed.

August - Challenger Wind Mill Company bid of \$5,075.00 for water
tower accepted.

Ordinance No. 17 - September 18, 1895, Page 206. Town of Laurens
authorized and directed to issue bonds in amount of \$4,500 for
purpose of procuring money to erect water works.

December - Aurelia Stribling asked \$1,000.00 damages for injury
sustained due to defective streets and sidewalks, claim rejected

1896 Election = 32 votes cast. Mayor - M. M. Noah. Recorder -
J. R. Hakes. Treasurer - W. A. McNee. Assessor L. L. Coon.
Trustees - G. L. Johnson and C. F. Kruel. St. Comm. R. C. Hall.

Fire Department - May 6, 1896 - Hose and hose cart ordered to be
shipped at once. Five dollars and 78¢ and \$6.55 to pay freight
on hose and cart.

July 15, 1896 - Johnson and Kruel were appointed to have hose
house built.

January 3, 1896 - Kruel and Caswell appointed to divide road between Swan Lake Township and Incorporated Town of Laurens. Order carried out. Beginning at SW corner, Sec. 22 -Whence north 80 rods on Sec. Line between 21 and 22. Beginning at SE corner of Incorporated Town of Laurens whence west 1/2 Sec. Line 80 rods.

December 16, 1896 - A committee was selected to select grounds for grave yard. Land was purchased for \$1,161.60. Lots were priced at \$20.00 per lot, \$15.00 per lot and \$10.00 and \$5.00 per lot depending upon location. Blocks 8, 9, 10 in Section D be patters field. E. D. Anderson was elected to buy a book in which to keep records and make a plat of graveyard.

December 19, 1896 - Special Meeting. Contract for land signed. Graveyard be known as Laurens Cemetary.

Wages paid in 1897 - \$1.25 per day for work on well.

March 8, 1897 Election - 20 votes cast.

Recorder - H. W. Ludwig. Treasurer - W. A. McNee. Str. Comm - R. C. Hall. Trustees - W. E. Coswell and J. R. Tool. Mayor - M. M. Noah.

Question of assessments arose in minutes concerning rates often.

April 2, 1897 - Page 231. Ordinance No. 18 - Dealt with water works, water rates, rules and regulations and panalties for consumers, plumbers and others using water works. Section 1 (A) There shall be appointed on first regular meeting in month of March, one man who shall be superintendent of the system, and before embarking on his duties shall give a bond in sum of \$500 for faithrul discharge of his duties. Section (B) Duties of Superintendent: To see that all systems of water works executed, assessments made, duly calluted and paid over to city. Was to make a full and detailed report to Council with statement of all expenditures. Section (C) Said Superintendent shall have charge of all building, machinery, pipes, hydrants and everything connected with said water works and be on duty to have care of and see to running and operation of pumps and machinery. Section 2 - That the rule and regulation and water rits be carried out. If any person, company or corporation violates the rules, the city council may shut off water and person not let on again except by order of superintendent upon payment of shutting off and turning it on. Section 3 - Application and Permits. (A) Owner or tenant must apply upon printed blank at the water works office. Applicant must state fully the purpose for which the water is required. Should additional water be required, person must make new application. (B) Applicant must agree to rules and regulations. (C) Other rules regarding special connection and so forth were set up. Section 4 - Water Leases and . (A) Water due and payable quarterly, February, May, August and November of each year. If not paid within ten days, water will be turned off. (B) All leases are for one year new consumers charged pro-rate from first day of month upon water turned on. (C) No rebate will be allowed for partial use of water from wells or cistern. (D) Lease may be transferred by parties wishing to vacate premises but city will not refund for any unexpired lease under any circumstances. (E) No claims may be made against the city

in case of breaking of pipe, interruption of supply due to breakdown of machinery or frozen pipes.

Section 5 - Inspection of Premises, Section 6 - Service Pipes and Fixtures, Section 7 - Hand Hose, Section 8 - Private Fire Hydrants, Section 9 - Plumbers, Section 10 - Rules for Plumbing Section 11 - Rates.

Page 246 - very funny! Per annum - these are but a few

Dwellings - 1 private family - \$6.00
each additional family in house - \$3.00
Store - \$6.00
Private Bath Tubs - \$2.00
Barber Shop - \$5.00
Bath tubs in barber shop, 1 tub - \$5.00
Each additional tub - \$2.00
Churches - free
Private stable including washing carriages
for 3 animals or less - \$2.00
Each additional horse or cow - 50¢
Urinals, public with constant flow - \$5.00
Urinals, in hotels and boarding houses - \$4.00
Urinals, in manufacturing establishments - \$3.00
Urinals, in stores, banks and offices - \$2.00
Urinals, in private houses - \$1.00

Wash basin, stationary, first basin in private family free, all others - \$1.00. Water closets, per bowl - \$2.00
Water closets; public, per bowl - \$5.00. Work shops of ten persons or less - \$3.00, each additional person 25¢

Any person dissatisfied with fixed rates could install a meter at their own expense.

Ordinance 18 - passed April 21, 1897, published April 27, 1897.

Ordinance No. 19 - Concerning Preservation of Waterworks.

Section 1 - Any person defacing, injuring or meddling with fire hydrants or any other machines be fined not less than one or more than one hundred dollars. Section 2 - Any person hitching a horse to fire hydrant subject to fine of not less than one or more than \$10.00. Section 3 - Any person not duly licensed who connects with city water works be fined not less than \$3.00 or more than \$100.00. Section 4 - This ordinance shall take effect as soon as passage and publication in Sun. Passed April 21, 1897, published April 27, 1897.

May 5, 1897 - M. M. Noah appointed Superintendent of Water works.

August 18, 1897 - Street Commissioner instructd to set 36 hitching posts - 12 South of Crowders Building on Main Street - 12 North of the Anderson Building on Main Street and 12 North of the Nichols Building on Main Street.

December, 1897 - Town Council to buy a fire alarm.

November 2, 1898 - Laurens Hose Co. be allowed to move fire bill from Hose house to water tower.

March 9, 1898 - Fire district from Procton Road (Now Section Line Road) North Laurens to Olive Street, S. Laurens and either way 150 feet was drafted.

March 16, 1898 - Ordinance No. 20 - Fire Limits and Boundaries. Buildings must be fireproof. Fire limits set - boundaries. Anyone disregarding rules set up to be punished by fine not to exceed \$100.00 or 30 days imprisonment in county jail.

April 4, 1898 - Election. Mayor - M. M. Noah. Recorder - H.W. Ludwig. Treasurer - W. A. McNee. Assessor - L. L. Cook. Trustees - E. D. Anderson and C. J. Bovee. J. R. Tool was elected Street Commissioner and also water works superintendent.

April 27, 1898 - Ordinance No. 21 - To establish a grade line upon 3rd Street, blocks 2 and 3. This ordinance was repealed by Ordinance No. 27 which came in 1904.

Ordinance No. 22 - An ordinance to establish a curb line upon west side of 3rd Street which line between Walnut and Main Street passed April 29, 1898 and published May 5, 1898.

Ordinance No. 23 - An ordinance vacating a part of Walnut Street and granting the _____ to the First National Bank. Adopted April 29, 1898. Page 272.

November 2, 1898 - Moved and seconded that Ellis and Hall have contract for house at \$250.00.

April 1, 1899 - J. R. Hakes, W. E. Crowder and F. C. Krueel elected as Council men for a term of 3 years. Apparently Mayor and other officers remained the same. Assessment of E. J. Carroll on Drug Store Building be raised \$2,000.00 and assessment of L. C. Thorton on Implement building now occupied by H. L. Bruet be raised \$1,500.00.

R. N. McCombs appointed as Street Commissioner for 1 year. E. D. Anderson water superintendent for 1 year.

September 5, 1899 - Tax levy for Inc. Town of Laurens. Water works - 5 mills. Incorporation - 10 mills.

Ordinance No. 24 - An ordinance for the protection of public health and to prevent spread of contagious disease. Any case of Asiatic Cholera, small pox, diptheria, Membraneous Croup, Scarlet Fever, Typhoid Fever, measles or whooping cough be reported to Mayor. Any doctor failing or refusing within 24 hours after first visit shall be fined not less than 10 or more than \$25.00 for each and every day to neglect to give such notice. If no doctor in attendance, head of family responsible and same fines imposed. Section II - A danger card placed upon premises. Premises to be disinfected after. Section III - Quarantine sign - sign 18 inches square having large letters, "Quarantine" - name of disease and words "no person shall be permitted to enter or leave premises except as provided by law"

Scarlet Fever - 35 days	Small Pox - 40 days
Diptheria - 35 days	Cholera - 21 days

Head of family could attend to his regular business if:

1. Changed clothing before leaving his home for place of business.
2. Wash hands, face, head and beard with a 2 percent carbolic acid solution before leaving his house.
3. While in house cannot act as nurse and live in same room with sick person.
4. Not attend any public meeting.
5. Priviledge not granted to school teachers in any person whose business brings him in contact with children.

If the disease was Scarlet Fever, or Small Pox, the paper on walls and ceiling be removed and completely burned. If it was Diptheria or Typhoid Fever or Measles, paper shall be thoroughly dusted and brushed. There was lots more to this ordinance concerning school regulations, selling of milk and then if a person died - "Body could not be removed from sick room until wrapped in cloth saturated with solution of corrosine sublimate and tightly enclosed in coffin, body buried immediately without attendance of any other person than is necessary for interrment. If dead from Small Pox, immediately wrapped in cloth saturated with strongest disinfectant, buried deep and under no circumstances, or any lapse of time be disinterred".

No public funeral shall be held for person who died from either of diseases mentioned. Under this ordinance also was a Nuisance Clause which dealt with privy vault, cesspool or reservoir, except it is watertight shall not be within 50 feet of any water used for drinking or cooking. All privy vaults, cesspools and reservoirs must be cleaned out once a year and disinfected twice each month.

Dr. J. M. Carroll took oath of office as health physician.

December 7, 1899 - Resolved that the Town of Laurens be quarantined from any person going to or returning from Sioux Rapids or Marathon until the small pox has been checked in the said towns.