

1920

Page 30, 3rd book.
Sewers and assessments on agenda.

February 14 - American Legion conferred with building committee for purpose of building one-story additional for American Legion purposes.

Officers: G. W. Strickland - Mayor. A. D. Claussen - Clerk.
Councilmen: W. L. Bruett, J.N. Tjassem, L. B. Hakes, S. E. Swanson and J. F. Anderson. Mayors office moves from State Bank building to rooms over Norton block. Sewer bonds let.

Ordinance No. 54 - An ordinance regulating the parking of motor vehicles, repealing Section 7 of Ordinance 49.

Ordinance No. 55 - An ordinance regulating time for meeting of council, repealing Section 3 of Ordinance 8, 1st and 3rd Monday and other time and place as council may direct. Sewer - had about same deal as now - Hammer and Kruse demanding payment - town saying certain claims against contracts such as defects in sewer. Sidewalk, storm sewers also discussed. Page 63, 3rd book.

1921

January 17 - Resolution: All public meeting stopped because of presence of scarlet fever. Applied to public school, churches, lodges, theaters, club and any gatherings whatsoever. revoked.

Hovenden appointed health officer. G. W. Shrickland - Mayor
A. D. Claussen - Clerk. Councilmen: L. B. Hakes, J. F. Anderson, John Tjassem, H. J. Bruett and S. E. Swanson.

Still conflicts between Hammer and Kruse on sewer project 5 mills on old farm real estate and personalty of road tax. Sewer finally accepted, bills and claims be settled and bonds to be released.

1922

Workman's Compensation and Liability policy for employees of Travelers Insurance Company be accepted. Clerk paid \$125.00 per year. Resolution stating voting machine be used at March 27, 1922 election and all elections thereafter.

Election - John Tjassem, Mayor. A. D. Claussen, Clerk.
Councilmen: H. L. Bruett, W. J. Allen, C. A. Carlson, Paul Hakes, Clark Richardson. Dr. L. W. Loving, Health Physician. Mrs. L. Johnson, Park Commissioner. Resolution: fire hose was no longer to be loaned to private citizens - not there is case of fire. Renewed light contract with Norther Iowa Light and Power of Humboldt.

More hitching to be provided and other repaired. Page 122, Gilchrist appointed to appear before Railroad commission for Right-of-way for Northern Iowa Gas and Electric from Gilmore City to Pocahontas. Defects found in paving of 3rd Street - Bryant paving to make repairs as they were to maintain for 5 years. A. J. Ashby instructed to settle with O. J. Oleson for \$12.50 for breaking light in street.

1923

Page 129, 3rd Book. In year 1918, a controversy between Northern Iowa Gas and Electric and Town of Laurens, case over rates. Northern power claims town owed \$43,920.95 including interest. Town paid \$30,000.00 full settlement.

Hovenden - Health Physician. Mayor - John Tjossem. A. L. Claussen - Clerk. Councilmen: H. L. Bruett, Clark Richardson, C. A. Carlson, W. J. Allen and Paul Hakes.

Ordinance No. 56 - Ordinance repealing Section 7 of Ordinance 49 (parking of vehicles)

Ordinance No. 57 - An ordinance relating to fire cracker. Unlawful, subject to fine of \$25.00. Bank Commissioner established - purpose of levying millage. Peter Christensen issued Cigarette license.

1924

March 3, 1924 - Coats and hats fire company authorized.

Mayor - John Tjasse, Clerk - A. D. Claussen. Hovenden - Health officer
Councilmen: Clark Richardson, H. L. Bruett, C. A. Carlson, Paul Hakes and W. J. Allen.

April 7, Ordinance No. 58 - An ordinance establishing in town of Laurens, a fire department to be known as Laurens Volunteer Fire Department. cost of coats and hats - \$106.20 (Lyle says now boots cost \$50 - \$60 now)

Resolution saying positive and immediate need for town hall, foundation erected and material on hand. Sum of \$1,269.86 already on hand. Levy of 5 mills to put to vote, which would raise \$945.00. Election held July, 1924. Ballots to be prepared on yellow paper as provided by law. "Shall the town of Laurens erect a town hall at cost not to exceed \$5,000.00" 10 yes and 4 no.

June - Water softening plant proposed, no one appeared to object. Price of \$5,863.00, July 15 - resolution carried.

August 20, 1924 - Town of Laurens accepted bid of Ellis and Carlson for erection of town hall at price of \$4,359.75. Town to pay 4 cents per pound for all reinforcing rods that can be used. Sidewalks again on agenda. Western Electric Telephone System instructed to notify members of fire department of fires - no way liable so far as mechanical failure in handling fire calls.

1925

Ordinance No. 59 - Repealing parts of former Ordinance 9 and 18, in regard to water rates, rules and regulations.

Mayor - John Tjasse, Clerk - A. D. Claussen. Bruett, Hakes, Carlson Allen and Richardson - Councilmen. Hovenden - health officer
Sidewalks

October, 1925 - F. C. Gilchrist and 54 other electors petition asking authorizing purchase of another tank for use of water works at cost of \$5,000.00. (117 electors at last election) 54 being 25% Passed 30,000 capacity steel tank with copper having steel inside to be purchased at cost of \$4,200.00

Ordinance No. 60 - An ordinance repealing Section 2, Ordinance 59 establishing new water rates. Town council voted to hire Vivian Noble at \$12.00 per week as bookkeeper.

1926

Mayor - John Tjassem. Clerk - A. D. Claussen. Councilmen: Richardson, Allen, Bruett, Paul Hakes, and Carlson. Hovenden - health officer. Vivian Noble salary put at \$15.00 per week.

Ordinance No. 61 - An ordinance providing for issuance of \$5,000.00 water works bonds. Carlson and Ackland got bid for water works.

Bills of October, 1926: Mrs. F. K. Hawley - toilet paper for rest rooms
Mrs. A. Willey - looking after rest rooms \$6.75
\$9.00

Moved and seconded Mrs. Willey be paid \$10.00 per month for keeping in shape rest rooms under State Bank. Carried.

Central State Electric Co. Cedar Rapids now to supply all electricity.

Ordinance No. 62 - An ordinance granting to Central State Electric Co. the right for 25 years to erect, maintain and operate light and power plant - \$44,800.00.

1927

Water rates again on agenda.

Mr. Milo Johnson and Ross Rice appeared and asked council to repeal Pool hall ordinance, George Sloan also asked permit to run pool hall. Taxes raised and list posted.

John Tjassem - Mayor. A. D. Claussen - Clerk.
Councilmen: Bruett, Carlson, Hakes, Allen, E. S. Weart.

Fred C. Gilchrist, Jr. voted Mayor of town to fill vacancy by resignation of Tjassem. Walnut Street graded.

1928

J. W. Halloway and R. V. Rice granted permit to sell cigarettes.
F. C. Gilchrist, Jr. - Mayor. A. D. Claussen - Clerk.
Councilmen: E. S. Weart, H. L. Bruett, C. A. Carlson, R.M. Evans
S. J. Alexander

L. R. Murray awarded bid for hauling of salt at 50¢ per ton for 2 years.
Poll tax - \$4.00 per hour for 1928
Fire truck purchased for sum of \$3,000.00.
La France Brockway demonstrator fire truck.

Ordinance No. 64 - Repealing of Section 2 of Ordinance No. 46.

Ordinance No. 65 - An ordinance relating to grades in Walnut Street. Moved and seconded town purchase a used Bas6 Horn at price of \$100.00 for the band and pay same from emergency fund.

Ordinance No. 66 - Improvements on Walnut, East of 3rd street and west of East line of 1st Street.

Ordinance No. 67 - An ordinance establishing regulation to use of entrance of 3rd Street by motor vehicle - stop sign erected.

1929

Ordinance No. 68 - An ordinance repealing Sections of Ordinance 59 relating to water rates, taxes raised and objections made almost every year.

F. C. Gilchrist, Jr. - Mayor. A. D. Claussen - Clerk.
Alexander, Bruett, Carlson and Evans - Councilmen.
Weart.

Alexander resigned, W. H. Mackie appointed to fill vacancy.

A cypress wood tank for price of \$2,385.00 - Challenge C.
Tennis court put in park by Progressive Club - same to be kept by park commissioner.
Moved and seconded: Purchase from State Historical Society, two volumes on Municipal government for price of \$3.00

December 1929 - Town purchase lights and wire for decorations for 2 main business blocks to be paid out of Electric Light Fund \$135.30.

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