

Establish a town dump and buy an emergency vehicle for the fire department. Ordinance 113 authorized the flouridation of our water and steps were taken on the Elm tree disease.

Every ordinance passed in this century of government (and there have been at least 150) not only settles a civic problem but sets up a program and standard that must be followed from year to year. Each ordinance demands follow-up attention from our governing body and it regulates our behavior as a town.

From the building of a new town hall, (started in 1970) to making laws for snowmobiles, have been met with wisdom and integrity. Ordinance 126, 1973, adopted a charter for the City of Laurens, Iowa. Thus the name of Laurens first called settlement, then village, then town, has now come into its own as the City of Laurens.

The full agenda of each meeting and the relatively few ordances passed attest to the awareness and efficiency with which our city government has been run. We have been most fortunate to be governed and guided through disaster and prosperity by men of vision and experience. They have laid the foundation which underguards our welfare and progrests for many years to come.

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