

## REGULAR MEETING

## LAURENS CITY COUNCIL

April 15, 1980 - 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Dominick, Councilmen Franks, Garrett, Craine, Gilmore, Noffz and Administrator Brown.

GUESTS: See attached list.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dominick. Mayor Dominick asked for a period of silence in memory of Mr. Billy Bolt, former Mayor. Mr. Garrett led in prayer.

Mayor Dominick read a letter addressed to Mrs. Billy Bolt expressing the Council's sympathy. A motion was made by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Franks, to include the letter as part of the minutes.

MOTION CARRIED: unanimously

Minutes were unanimously approved as written following a motion by Mr. Noffz and a second by Mr. Garrett.

Mayor Dominick introduced Mr. Nabors, who was representing the Laurens County Fair Association. The Fair Association representative requested the City Council review the Business License fee for the annual county fair. The representative noted that the profit from the fair was used for charitable donations and any money paid to the City for business license reduced their donation capabilities. Mayor Dominick accepted the request as information and referred it to the Ordinance Committee.

Gary Allen, Rehabilitation Director, requested an amendment in the loan limitation requirements for the Community Development Rehabilitation Program. The amendment was as follows:

The amount of any loan cannot exceed 90% of as-is appraisal value of property after rehabilitation.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAURENS

Adopting the Mayor-Council Form of Government for the City of Laurens Pursuant to Title 47, Chapter 1, Article 2.1, South Carolina Code of Laws

WHEREAS, Section 6 of Act 283 of 1975 requires each municipality to adopt by ordinance the form of government most nearly corresponding to the form in effect on March 7, 1974; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 47-26 of the South Carolina Code the governing body of the City of Laurens has determined that said City of Laurens has the form of government most nearly corresponding to the Mayor-Council form provided for in Article 4 of Chapter 1, Title 47, Section 47-60 et seq of the South Carolina Code of Laws: and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 47-26 of the South Carolina Code, a public meeting upon such form of government to be selected was held on 8 March, 1976, at the City Hall of the City of Laurens; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Laurens is composed of the Mayor and six (6) councilmen with elections at large for terms of four (4) years, with first general election to be of three (3) councilmen for two (2) years terms and three (3) councilmen for four (4) year terms, pursuant to Section 47-92; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Mayor-Council form as set forth in Article 4 of Title 47 would produce no change in the government of the City of Laurens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Laurens, in council duly assembled this 16th day of March, 1976, that the Mayor-Council form of Municipal Government, with a Mayor and six (6) councilmen with elections at large for terms of four (4) years, ~~with~~  
*as now constituted.*

first general election to be of three (3) councilmen for two (2) year terms  
and three (3) councilmen for four (4) year terms, pursuant to Section 47-92,  
as provided in Sections 47-60 through 47-63 of the Code of Laws of South  
Carolina is hereby adopted for the City of Laurens to be effective on  
March 16, 1976 or as soon thereafter as prescribed by State Law.

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Julian E. Atkinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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James Brownlee, City Clerk

Introduced 8 March, 1976

Final Reading 16 March, 1976

It was noted that the new policy allows the rehabilitation costs to be included in the value of the property. A motion was made by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Craine, to adopt the amended policy.

MOTION CARRIED: unanimously

Mayor Dominick read a request from Joe Cox, Building & Zoning Administrator, regarding the adoption of the Standard Electrical Code amendments. A motion was made by Mr. Noffz, seconded by Mr. Craine, to adopt the amendments.

MOTION CARRIED: unanimously

Mayor Dominick introduced Mr. David Smith. Mr. Smith informed the Council that he was concerned with the present method of electing City Council members within the City of Laurens. He noted that the present method allows a person to receive a majority of the votes from the Ward that they are representing, but still not be elected. Mr. Smith questioned the legality of a method that would allow such results. Mr. Smith requested the Council research the possibility of changing to a single member representation system. Mayor Dominick accepted Mr. Smith's request as information and referred it to the City Attorney for further consideration.

Councilman Franks, Chairman of the Fire Committee, read a resolution from the Fire Committee amending the method of determining outside fire contract charges. Mr. Franks noted that the new method utilized the assessed value of the property as a determinant in calculating the charge. The motion being from the fire committee to adopt the amended method of determining fire contract charges, a second was not required.

MOTION CARRIED: unanimously

Councilman Noffz, Chairman of the Recreation Committee, presented a motion from the Recreation Committee that a Recreation Director be employed to supervise all recreation activities for the City of Laurens. Mayor Dominick then opened

the floor for discussion. Representatives from the YMCA Board of Directors expressed some concern that the YMCA had not been informed of any problems with the way that the program was being administered by their staff persons. They noted that if there were problems, they would prefer the right to meet with members of the Recreation Committee and discuss the possibility of resolving the problems. After a very lengthy discussion between the guests and members of the Council, Chairman Bill Noffz requested a brief adjournment to discuss the agenda item with the Recreation Committee. After the meeting was called to order again, Mr. Noffz informed the Council that the Recreation Committee had decided to withdraw their initial motion. Mr. Noffz then asked the Chairman of the YMCA Board of Directors, Mike Campbell, to appoint three (3) members of his Board to meet with the Council's Recreation Committee to discuss any problems.

Councilman Noffz also presented a motion from the Recreation Committee that the City Administrator apply for Bureau of Outdoor Recreation funds to build two (2) multi-purpose buildings at the Jamie Pennell Park.

MOTION CARRIED: unanimously

Mayor Dominick presented a final draft of the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual for the City of Laurens employees. Mr. Noffz, seconded by Mr. Garrett, made a motion to adopt the manual as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: In Favor of the motion, Garrett, Craine, Gilmore, Noffz.

Opposed to the motion, Franks.

City Administrator Brown advised the Council that the roads in the Oakdale Subdivision was not constructed in accordance with acceptable standards and recommended that second reading on the annexation ordinance be delayed.

Mayor Dominick introduced Mrs. Billie Allen. Mrs. Allen requested the City Council consider an exchange of property with Mr. Milliken. Mrs. Allen explained that the property adjacent to the Octagon House was needed to complete the future plans of the Arts Council. She added that Mr. Milliken was not receptive to either donating or selling the land but may consider an exchange. A motion was made by Mr. Garrett, seconded by Mr. Noffz, to instruct the City Administrator to contact Laurens Mill officials to determine if an exchange of land would be considered. The City Administrator was also instructed to report to the Council his findings.

MOTION CARRIED: unanimously

City Administrator Brown explained to the Council that the Life of Virginia Insurance Company has requested the City Council consider adopting a policy governing the provision of life insurance for retired employees. The Administrator added that presently \$ 1,000 of life insurance is paid for all retiring employees. After much discussion regarding the extreme high cost for such insurance, Mr. Noffz, seconded by Mr. Garrett, made a motion to discontinue the practice of providing life insurance for retired employees.

MOTION CARRIED: unanimously

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

ATTEST: Steven J. Brown  
Steven J. Brown  
City Administrator

APPROVED: Bob Dominick  
Bob Dominick, MAYOR

DATE: 5-20-80