

MINUTES
LAURENS CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 20, 1982

PRESENT: Mayor Dominick, Council members Cox, Franks, Garrett, Gilmore, Henderson, Stewart, and Administrator Willett.

The minutes of the regular meeting on March 16, 1982, were read and approved.

Mayor Dominick recognized the Laurens County Advertiser for receiving 1st Place General Excellence by the South Carolina Press Association. On a motion by Mr. Henderson and seconded by Mr. Stewart, Council unanimously commended the Advertiser for the fine job they do.

Mr. John Todd, Festival Coordinator, was called on to bring the Council up-to-date on the progress of the festival. Mr. Todd informed the Council that the festival has been tentatively scheduled for May 11-14, 1983, that a Planning Committee has been actively meeting and working, and that a logo for the festival has been selected. Festival activities are to include several athletic events, a tour of homes, arts and crafts, a theater production, and other activities to be determined later. A fund raising event is to be held as well as a booklet to be published detailing the festival. Council congratulated Mr. Todd for his enthusiasm and work and expressed excitement about the coming event.

Mayor Dominick called on Mr. Dwight Patterson to discuss a proposal by the Laurens Library. Mr. Patterson asked the Council to set aside \$7000 in the upcoming budget for books for the Children's Library. Mrs. Haynes and Mrs. Balle also expressed the need for the monies so that additional books could be purchased.

Mr. Robbie Armstrong of the City Recreation Department/YMCA gave the monthly report. Mr. Armstrong outlined the summer programming schedule for recreation activities.

Mrs. Cox, Chairperson of the Recreation Committee, gave the Council a report from the Recreation Committee which contained six proposals. The proposals are attached to these minutes. Mrs. Cox made a motion that these proposals be adopted. A discussion was held as to whether or not the City should buy equipment this late in the budget year. Also, discussion was held on whether or not the \$30,000.00 received from the sale of the Armory was set aside for recreational purposes. Council voted 5-2 against the motion with Mrs. Cox and Mr. Garrett voting in favor. On a motion by Mr. Garrett and seconded by Mrs. Cox, Council voted unanimously to accept proposals 1-5 and delete number 6 for further study.

Mayor Dominick called on Mr. Gilmore, who made a motion that the Council approve on first reading the new Zoning Ordinance. On a second by Mr. Franks, Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on first reading.

Mr. Wade Burns, Architect for the Revitalization Program, discussed with Council the status of the program. The City would own the exterior skin of the buildings on the Public Square until the debt was retired. Each property owner will receive a contract, set of specifications, and a drawing detailing the building and the work to be done along with the approximate cost of repairs. These buildings will be included in the Redevelopment Tax District which enables them to receive tax incentives and low cost loans.

Mr. Gilmore made a motion that Mr. Dan Deason and Mr. Tommy Dickerson be appointed to 4 year terms on the Mechanical Board. On a second by Mr. Henderson, Council unanimously approved the appointments.

Further, Mr. Gilmore made a motion that Mr. Albert Stephens be appointed to a 4 year term on the Board of Adjustments. On a second by Mr. Franks, Council unanimously approved the appointment.

Mr. Franks made a motion to appoint Mr. Charles Strickland to replace Mr. Robert Putman on the Safety Committee. On a second by Mr. Henderson, Council unanimously approved the appointment.

RECREATION COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

1. There be no charge levied for the use of the tennis courts.
2. That persons be allowed to reserve three of the five tennis courts at Jamie Pennell Park. That the two remaining courts be used for walk ons. (subject to change)
3. That the YMCA investigate the possibility of using CETA personnel to run the Concession Stand.
4. That the Concession Stand be built at the front of the Conference Station.
5. That YMCA personnel also maintain the Conference Station.
6. That the City of Laurens should consider purchasing additional recreation equipment for the parks in the amount of \$5000.00.

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Mayor Dominick called on Laurens County Council Chairman Gene Madden. Mr. Madden expressed confidence that the gasoline tax settlement was eminent. Mr. Madden also asked Council to consider letting the County use some office space to house employees of the Probation Office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED: _____

Bob Dominick
Bob Dominick, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Paul M. Willett
Paul Willett, City Administrator

DATE: _____

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