

REGULAR MEETING LAURENS CITY COUNCIL  
April 19, 1977

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p. m. by Mayor Atkinson.

Present: Mayor Atkinson, Councilmen Craine, Garrett, Gilmore, Dominick, Neal, and Noffz.

Councilman Garrett opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of March meeting read and approved.

Mr. D. W. Stevenson appeared before Council to discuss the proposed ordinance regulating parking at the City Housing Project on Spring St. Councilman Garrett made the motion to defer action on the Second Reading of the proposed ordinance until corrective action can be taken on Mr. Stevenson's recommendations. Seconded by Councilman Dominick, passed unam.

The Second Reading of Ordinance to create and define the offense of shoplifting, codified on Section 10-26 and amending Section 1-10 of the City Code.

Councilman Noffz moved to approve Second Reading of these Ordinances. Seconded by Councilman Dominick, passed unam.

Mr. Joe B. Cox appeared before Council requesting adoption of Standard Building Code-1976-with Revisions; Standard Plumbing Code-1975-with Revision; Standard Mechanical Code-1976-with Revisions; Standard Gas Code-1976-with Revisions; Standard Housing Code-1976-with Revisions; Standard Excavation Code-1975-with Revisions; Standard Swimming Pool Code-1974-with Revisions; and National Electric Code-1975- with Revisions. Councilman Noffz moved for adoption of these revisions, seconded by Councilman Gilmore, passed unam.

Mr. Joe Cox requested that Mr. D. D. Harris and Mr. Horace Gray be re-appointed to the Board of Adjustments to serve a three year term. Mr. Noffz moved for approval of this request, Seconded by Councilman Gilmore, passed unam.

Mayor Atkinson addressed the Council concerning the loss of Mr. Fred Taylor as a member of the Civil Service Commission and as an honored citizen of our community. Councilman Dominick made the motion that the Council and Mayor write a letter to Mrs. Taylor and the family expressing our deepest sympathy and our sorrow on the loss of one of the most honored citizens of Laurens.

Seconded by Councilman Craine.  
Passed unam.

Mr. Tom Hardy appeared before the Council to discuss our efforts to obtain additional funds for the Community Development Program.

Mr. Hardy brought to the Council's attention the delay in completion of the Library Parking lot. Due to inclement weather, it was decided to give the contractor additional time to complete this project. Mr. Noffz moved

that we give the contractor a thirty (30) day extension beginning April 14, ending May 14.  
Seconded by Mr. Gilmore, passed unam.

Mr. Hardy presented a study of the Apartment Complexes in the City.  
(attached)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

APPROVED

Bob Dominick Mayor Pro/tem  
Dr. J. E. Atkinson, Mayor

ATTEST

James L. Brownlee  
James L. Brownlee, Clerk & Treasurer

Date May 17, 1977

AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND DEFINING THE OFFENSE OF SHOPLIFTING  
AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUNISH THEREOF.

The Council of the City of Laurens hereby ordains that  
a new Section of the Code of Ordinances is hereby enacted and  
shall be codified as Section 10-26 and shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Any person who shall willfully take possession of any  
goods, wares or merchandise offered for sale by any store or other  
mercantile establishment that do not exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50)  
in value with the intention of coverting such goods, wares, or  
merchandise to his own use without paying the purchase price  
thereof, shall be guilty of the offense of shoplifting.

SECTION 2. Any person willfully concealing unpurchased goods or  
merchandise of any store or other mercantile establishment either  
on the premises or outside the premises of such store, shall be  
prima facie presumed to have so concealed such articles with the  
intention of converting it to his own use without paying the  
purchase price thereof within the meaning of Section 1, and the  
finding of such unpurchased goods or merchandise concealed upon  
such person or among the belongings or such person shall be prima  
facie evidence of willful concealment. If such person conceals  
or causes to be concealed such unpurchased goods or merchandise  
upon the person or among the belongings of another, the finding  
of such unpurchased goods or merchandise shall also be prima facie  
evidence of willful concealment on the part of the person so con-  
cealing such goods.

SECTION 3. In any action brought by reason of having been delayed  
by a merchant or merchant's employee or agent on or near the  
premises of the mercantile establishment for the purpose of in-  
vestigation concerning the ownership fo any merchandise it shall  
be a defense to such action if: (1) the persons was delayed in a  
reasonable manner and for a reasonable time to permit such in-  
vestigation, and (2) reasonable cause existed to believe that the  
person delayed had committed the crime of shoplifting.

SECTION 4. Any person who is convicted for the offense herein  
created shall be punished by a fine of not more than Two Hundred  
(\$200) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days.

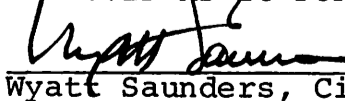
DONE AND RATIFIED by the City Council of the City of Laurens,  
in Council duly assembled, and the corporate seal of the City of  
Laurens fixed this 19 day of April, 1977.

  
Julian E. Aktinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
James L. Brownlee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Wyatt Saunders, City Attorney

FIRST READING: March 15, 1977

SECOND READING: April 19, 1977

AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND DESIGNATING THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF AND PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES THEREOF.

The Council of the City of Lawrence hereby enacts that a new section of the Code of Ordinances is hereby enacted and shall be codified as Section 10-22 and shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Any person who shall willfully take possession of goods, wares or merchandise offered for sale by any store or other mercantile establishment that do not exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50) in value with the intention of converting such goods, wares, or merchandise to his own use without paying the purchase price thereof, shall be guilty of the offense of shoplifting.

SECTION 2. Any person willfully concealing merchandise offered for sale in any store or other mercantile establishment upon the premises or outside the premises of such store, which he has taken possession to have concealed such articles with the intention of converting it to his own use without paying the purchase price thereof within the meaning of Section 1, and the taking of such merchandise goods or merchandise concealed upon such person or upon the premises of such person shall be prima facie evidence of willful concealment. It shall be a defense to the charge of such person or upon the premises of another, the taking of such merchandise goods or merchandise shall also be prima facie evidence of willful concealment on the part of the person so charged.

SECTION 3. Any person who is convicted for the offense herein provided shall be punished by a fine of not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50) or imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days.

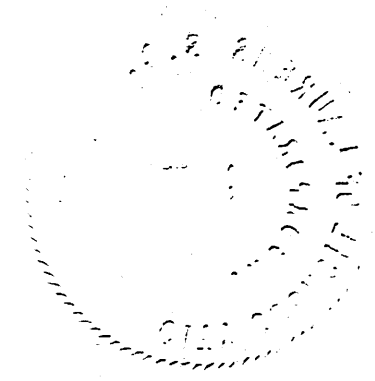
SECTION 4. Any person who is convicted for the offense herein provided shall be punished by a fine of not more than Fifty Dollars (\$50) or imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Lawrence, Kansas this 17th day of August, 1937.

WILLIAM R. SIMMONS, Mayor

JAMES H. HARRIS, City Clerk

WALTER HARRIS, City Attorney



AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAURENS AMENDING SECTION 1-10 OF THE CITY CODE

The Council of the City of Laurens hereby ordains:

That Section 1-10 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Laurens, South Carolina, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Whenever in this Code or in any ordinance or resolution of the city any act is prohibited or is made or declared to be unlawful or an offense, or whenever in such Code, ordinance or resolution, the doing of any act is required or the failure to do any act is declared to be unlawful, where no specific penalty is provided therefor, the violation of any such provision of this Code or any ordinance shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred (\$200) dollars or imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty (30) days. Each day any violation of any provision of this Code or of any ordinance shall continue shall constitute a separate offense

In addition to the penalty hereinabove provided, any condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any of the provisions of this Code or any such ordinance or resolution shall be deemed a public nuisance and may be, by the city, abated as provided by law, and each day that such condition continues shall be regarded as a new and separate offense.

DONE AND RATIFIED by the City Council of the City of Laurens, South Carolina, in council duly assembled and the corporate seal of the City of Laurens affixed this 19 day of April, 1977.

  
Julian E. Atkinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
James L. Brownlee, City Clerk and Treasurer

FIRST READING: March 13, 1977

FINAL READING: April 19, 1977

The above increase in fines is permitted by Section 47-32, 1962 South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Wyatt Saunders, City Attorney

Know all men by these presents, that the undersigned, the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same appears in the files of the State of Texas.

That the original of the same is on file in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas.

Witness my hand and the seal of the State of Texas at Austin, this 15th day of February, 1907.

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that the undersigned, the State of Texas, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original of the same as the same appears in the files of the State of Texas. That the original of the same is on file in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas.

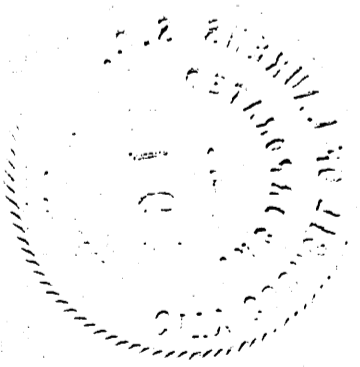
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the State of Texas at Austin, this 15th day of February, 1907.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE, STATE OF TEXAS.

ATTEST: My hand and the seal of the State of Texas at Austin, this 15th day of February, 1907.

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The City of Laurens has been advised by the S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control that portions of the old landfill has not been covered properly. They also state that portions along the river has been washed out and that this must be corrected by riprapping in order to prevent trash and debris from washing down stream during heavy rains. This will take a considerable amount of work and the City does not have the equipment or manpower to correct this situation. Therefore, since we have approximately \$26,000.00 of Anti-Recession Fiscal Assistance Funds on hand, we the undersigned Mayor and Council do hereby approve the expenditure of these funds to help eliminate the above mentioned problem.

J. Atkinson Mayor

M. Allen Neal

Alfred R. Gilmore

Bob Dornwald

Bill Noffs

Luther Crain

Ernie Harriet

ATTEST James L. Dornwald  
Clerk

The first of these is the fact that the
 Government has been unable to obtain
 any reliable information as to the
 extent of the damage done to the
 property of the Government by the
 actions of the persons mentioned in
 the foregoing. It is therefore
 suggested that the Government should
 make a special investigation of the
 actions of the persons mentioned in
 the foregoing, and that the results
 of such investigation should be
 reported to the Committee on the
 operations of the Government.

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