

Lawton City Council Minutes

April 4, 2006

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, April 4, 2006, at Lawton City Hall. Council members answering roll: Rick Schorg, Perry Ludwig, Terry Masching, Tony Bengford, and Don Grigg. Also present: Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Clerk Washburn, W/WW Supt. Anderson, Pat Rogers, Rollie Clark and Gary Peters.

Building permit applications were approved for Lowell Anderson, 215 Cedar, deck and garage; Graeme Corbett, 119 West Creek Dr., wooden privacy fence. Clerk informed Corbett fence must not protrude past house toward street in order to not block view for vehicular traffic.

Regarding sidewalk concerns in front of house at 219 E Maple, Mayor will speak to property owner about repairs. Property owner is liable for any injury sustained with faulty sidewalk.

Pat Rogers with EGR Insurance, Inc. reviewed insurance coverage for the city. Council chose to remain with \$2,000,000 coverage. New water treatment plant will be added upon completion.

Neal Kuehl was not present to discuss Water Treatment Plant Progress. Grigg moved to approve Pay Request # 6 from Christiansen Construction Co. in the amount of \$47,498.24 after receipt of signed, hard-copy Pay Requests from Christiansen. Schorg seconded. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Rollie Clark with CHN Garbage presented Council with garbage contract. Council approved Mayor signing contract as presented. Contract is on file at City Hall. June 19, 2006 will be the annual City-Wide Clean-Up.

Motion made by Schorg, seconded by Masching to enter into agreement with Iowa Department of Transportation regarding the maintenance and repair of primary roads within Lawton. Complete text of agreement is on file at City Hall. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Discussion was held regarding construction and repairs of 400 block of Maple Street. Possible payment scenarios were also discussed. Masching made motion to go forward with asking Steffen Engineering to provide bids, plans, specifications and form of contract for this project. Motion seconded by Schorg. Carried on roll 5-0.

Clerk discussed need for .pdf file format availability at City Hall. Several options have been looked at. Council gave approval to download free version called CutePDF if it appears to work properly.

Bengford reported on MidAmerican Energy progress with Cedar Street light replacement project. Several lights have been installed. Should be online later in week. Several residents have asked for old light poles. MidAmerican Energy will relinquish poles to city to be distributed.

No formal decision was made regarding purchase of trees with MidAmerican Energy Tree Grant.

Clerk displayed possible invoice change after July 1, 2006. With monthly billing, a single-page newsletter may be possible printed on back side of invoice. This would result in considerable savings to city for printing and paper.

Clerk reported electricity was turned on at ball park April 3, 2006. Larger, 3-yard dumpster is to be delivered yet this week. Complaint has come in regarding garbage and a sofa being dumped at the ball park next to old playground equipment.

City Hall will be closed April 19-21 as Clerk will be in Des Moines for ABD Training Workshop and Spring IMFOA Conference.

Cingular Wireless has begun work on their utility shed site on water tower lot.

Attorney Metcalf reported City would be closing on water revenue bonds on/about April 21, 2006.

Attorney also reported there has been no change regarding progress on home at 215 E Oak.

W/WW Superintendent Anderson was given approval to search for additional part-time summer help.

The Consent Agenda consisted of Minutes from March 7 and March 21, 2006, disbursements of \$46,869.42, March 2006 financial statements and the Liquor License renewal for TJ's Sports Bar & Lounge. Agenda was amended to remove Liquor License renewal as no renewal application had been received. Motion to approve Consent Agenda as amended was made by Masching, seconded by Ludwig. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Schorg moved to approve 2nd Reading of **Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 6-5-8 UTILITIES – BILLING CHARGES for Water (Incorporated)**. In part, this proposed ordinance will allow for charges consisting of \$20.00 per month for the first 1,000 gallons of water used. Each additional

1,000 gallons of water used will be billed at \$2.55. Ludwig seconded motion. Carried on roll 5-0. Complete text of this proposed ordinance amendment is on file for inspection at City Hall.

Masching moved to approve 2nd Reading of **Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 6-5-9 UTILITIES – BILLING CHARGES for Water (Unincorporated)**. In part, this proposed ordinance will allow for charges consisting of \$20.00 per month for the first 1,000 gallons of water used. Each additional 1,000 gallons of water used will be billed at \$2.55. In addition, an “Annual Fee” of \$30 shall be charged to any resident outside of the incorporated area of the city receiving water on a monthly basis. Grigg seconded motion. Carried on roll 5-0. Complete text of this proposed ordinance amendment is on file for inspection at City Hall.

Ludwig moved to approve 2nd Reading of **Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 6-5-10 UTILITIES – BILLING CHARGES for Garbage**. In part, this proposed ordinance will allow for charges consisting of \$11.00 per month per garbage can. As the Woodbury County Area Landfill Agency has increased their per-capita charge from \$9.50 up to \$19.50, this proposed ordinance also allows for charging an additional \$4.00 per month for a “Landfill Fee” for each garbage can a resident or business uses. Bengford seconded motion. Carried on roll 5-0. Complete text of this proposed ordinance amendment is on file for inspection at City Hall.

Grigg moved to approve 2nd Reading of **Special Ordinance No. 2006.01 Adopting Regulations for the PROTECTION OF PUBLIC WATER WELLS**. This ordinance explains terms of “Deep Public Well”. It also uses DNR guidelines for distance requirements. This Ordinance, in its entirety, may be examined at City Hall. Motion to approve was seconded by Bengford. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

With no further business to come before the meeting, motion by Schorg, seconded by Bengford to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Carried 5-0.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	1,807.39		
General	6,128.57	General	2,538.86
Local Option Sales Tax	4,484.19	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Road Use Tax	6,141.11	Road Use Tax	3,973.75
Water	400.12	Water	19,125.83
Sewer	341.00	Sewer	2,819.42
Garbage	120.00	Garbage	5,959.88
Special Assessment	448.20	Special Assessment	8,128.00
Fire Revenue		Fire Disbursements	4,323.68
TOTAL REVENUE	19,870.58	MARCH DISBURSEMENTS	46,869.42

WARRANTS APPROVED

CHN Garbage	2140.25
Central IA Dist., orange float	114.00
Digital Communication Pros, scanner	530.00
Ed M Feld, name patch	40.00
Moville True Value, supplies	163.18
O'Reilly Automotive, lights	25.47
Sioxuland Dist. Health Dept., TB tests	180.00
Tegra Corp., salt	93.50
WITCC, fire training	720.00
Western IA Telephone	234.11
Woodbury Co. Treas., pothole patch	47.50
Lowell Anderson, salary	474.02
Jack Howard, wages	153.30
Christiansen Construction Co., water plant	11777.86
Ed M Feld, flood bulbs	24.00
Kyle Hamman, reim. Fire physical	24.40
Iowa State Univ., books	134.00
Kuehl & Payer, water treat. Planning	3214.44
Lawton Pronto, fuel, misc.	475.17
S&S Equipment, sander chain	15.73
WITCC, fire training	60.00

Lowell Anderson, expense statement	125.66
Lowell Anderson, salary	474.02
Jack Howard, wages	161.16
Barco Muni. Prod., posts	215.28
Linweld, oxygen, acetylene	47.80
Triple D, hauling & delivery	246.55
US Bank, February	517.44
USPS, envelopes, stamps	486.75
Staples, flash drive	7.94
Nogg Chem., mop & wax	22.75
Woodbury Co. Solid Waste, Assess., appl.	1660.38
Colonial Research Chem. Corp., supplies	150.01
IMFOA, Spring Conf. registration	75.00
IAMU, CCR Workshop	10.00
Lowell Anderson, salary	474.02
Jack Howard, wages	104.68
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Jack Howard, wages	208.78
American Family Ins., Lowell	680.50
Bomgaars, chain saw chains	37.98
ICAP, city, fire, ambulance	10364.00
MidAmerican Energy, February	1907.95
Siouxland Dist. Health Dept., lab fee	10.00
Triple D, hauling	140.00
CHN Garbage	2140.25
Aflac, employee deduct.	91.50
IPERS, payroll liabilities	582.52
EFTPS, Fed, Med., SS	1597.00
State of Iowa, Withholding	605.00
State of Iowa, Sales Tax	1169.00
Lowell Anderson, salary	474.02
Jack Howard, wages	276.22
Patricia Washburn, salary	1207.75

SIGNED BY: _____
Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk