

Lawton City Council Minutes

June 20, 2006

The Lawton City Council met in Special session on Tuesday, June 20, 2006, at Lawton City Hall. Council members answering roll: Perry Ludwig, Rick Schorg, Tony Bengford and Terry Masching. Don Grigg was absent. Also in attendance were Clerk Patricia Washburn, City Maintenance Superintendent Lowell Anderson, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Jerry Steffen, Kent Baker, Marie Farrell, Todd Roerig, Shelley Doenhofer, Jeremy Husk, Rocky DeWitt, Gary Peters and Bill Krohn, et.al. Mayor Jeff Nitzschke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Building permits were approved for Marie Farrell, 301 Cedar St, privacy fence; Mike Frolkey, 413 Oak St, fence.

Councilman Masching left meeting at 5:05 pm.

Clerk Washburn read aloud portion of letter from Councilman Don Grigg that pertained to Maple Street Project as Grigg was unable to be present at meeting. Complete text of letter is on file at City Hall. Grigg stated his "opinion is to not proceed with this project at this time" due to bids coming in higher than expected, low interest from bidders and too late in the year. All council present agreed with Grigg. Engineer Steffen had contacted contractors that had not submitted bids asking for their reason in not submitting. Those contacted stated schedules were already full for the year. Going out for bids in January may bring in more bids, however they may not be lower.

Regarding questions from visitors, developers are responsible for 100% of the cost of original streets. The school will be approached for a voluntary assessment as Maple Street is their main bus route. Residential speed limit is 25 mph. Steffen commented one contractor stated it could be possible to do one lane at a time when construction begins.

After careful consideration, Schorg moved to pass **RESOLUTION #2006-10 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF MAPLE STREET PAVING PROJECT 2006**. In part, this resolution states the City had taken bids on the Maple Street paving project and had held a public hearing regarding plans, specifications, form of contract and cost estimate. This resolution also states that the "city hereby REJECTS all bids". Motion seconded by Ludwig. On roll voting AYE: Ludwig, Schorg and Bengford. Voting NAY: None. Absent: Grigg and Masching. Plans are to let bids again in January.

Masching returned to meeting at 5:50 p.m. Clerk Washburn read aloud portion of letter from Grigg that pertained to Employee Compensation. After consideration, Masching moved to approve 6% raise for City Maintenance Lowell Anderson and 4% raise for City Clerk Patricia Washburn. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Schorg moved to approve two weeks paid vacation for Washburn as she has been employed daily for over five years. Bengford seconded motion. Carried on roll 4-0.

Mayor discussed request by Grigg that the American Legion be allowed to put an Avenue of Flags in Veterans' Memorial Park on Patriotic holidays. Council approved.

Balance of \$100 left in MidAmerican Energy Tree grant after purchase and relocation of three Spruce trees will be spent on fertilizer and feed for trees.

Mayor clarified ANY animal at large will be taken to Siouland Humane Society as agreed to in contract and in accordance with City Code. Attorney is still investigating "dangerous animal" ordinance.

Clerk Washburn informed Council additional clean-up and touch-up painting is going to be done inside water tower base after fatal accident May 2, 2006. Murphy Construction will also clean spray foam from outside tower.

With no further business to come before the meeting, Ludwig moved to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Bengford seconded. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

SIGNED BY: _____
Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk