

# Lawton City Council Minutes

**December 5, 2006**

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, December 5, 2006, at Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Jeff Nitzschke. Council members answering roll: Terry Masching, Rick Schorg, Tony Bengford, Perry Ludwig, and Don Grigg. Others attending included: City Maintenance Supt. Lowell Anderson; City Clerk Patricia Washburn; City Attorney Glenn Metcalf; City Engineer Jerry Steffen; Woodbury County Economic Development Director Rob Marqusee.

Rob Marqusee was present to discuss possible Equestrian Center location options with City of Lawton. Marqusee stated Woodbury County Fair board declined opportunity to have Center built on fairgrounds in Merville. Tri-State Equestrian Group is now searching for 30-40 acres along Hwy 20 suitable for Center. Tri-State Equestrian Group would provide donation of \$2.4 million. Balance of cost would be raised through grants, etc. sought by Woodbury County. City would be asked to provide water and sewer to site. County would manage and maintain site. Marqusee stated Center would be anchor for rural development within the area. Council took no action. Marqusee will provide City with Concept Overview.

Mark Richardson was present to complain of neighbor's barking dog. Two councilmen verified hearing dog. Letter was sent last month and owner acknowledged receipt of letter. Problem still exists. Council instructed Clerk to send second notice along with copy of Ordinance. Richardson was asked to document disturbances. Failure by owner to remedy problem will result in attorney issuing municipal infraction.

Jerry Steffen spoke to Council regarding the FEMA Map Modernization Project, a.k.a. Flood Map. Steffen reported most Flood Maps were done in the '70's. Lawton's is very outdated. He requested Clerk contact County Assessor to get digital contour map and aerial photograph of the Lawton corporate boundaries. Steffen could then make changes necessary to update Flood Map.

Steffen also talked to electrician regarding problems with West Creek lift station. Indicator light is constantly lit indicating moisture is getting past seal.

SIMPCO plans to set up traffic counters on Wednesday, December 6. Four will be in service. Counters will tally traffic on Tara Way north of Maple Street intersection and again at entrance to High School. Counters will also be placed on Maple and Birch Streets near Tara Way. Counters will be in place for one week. Dates of service were chosen to correlate with both home and away activities to give a more accurate count of vehicular usage. Council instructed Steffen to present bids, plans and specifications for Maple Street replacement at January meeting. Bids could then be let for February meeting.

Councilman Grigg informed Council he will purchase four additional "Welcome to Lawton" banners and brackets to replace and add to eight already in service. Motion made by Masching, seconded by Ludwig for city to purchase two additional banners as minimum of six must be ordered. Motion carried on roll 5-0. Four Eagle banners and two four-season banners will be ordered.

Grigg also questioned putting light on top of water tower. Height of tower does not require light, however Steffen will check on availability.

City Maintenance Supt. Anderson reported on gang vandalism during October. Street signs have been replaced and blocks have been painted to cover graffiti.

Anderson presented Council with stats regarding cost of water to city. During October, it cost approximately \$1.27 per thousand gallons of water for gas, electric, chemicals, testing supplies, wages, etc. Cost passed on to consumer is \$2.55 per thousand gallons.

Clerk reported no building permits had been presented for approval in November.

Correspondence included request from Jamie Sparr for financial donation to assist with travels to perform in Capital One Bowl in Orlando, Florida on New Year's Day. Council denied request. Letter was received from Siouxland Humane Society stating no changes are in effect for contract year 2007. The Junior League of Sioux City is seeking applicants regarding the Mildred Anderson Grant. This is a community grant up to \$750 awarded for charitable purposes. Council instructed Clerk to apply for grant to be used toward purchase of new playground equipment at Tara Way Park.

City Hall will be closed December 29-January 2. After discussion, Grigg made motion to move January Council meeting to Thursday, January 4. Ludwig seconded. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Mayor discussed curb and gutter placement at property located at 407 Elm. Owner felt city should install. Council concurred with Mayor that this is owner's responsibility.

Mayor will attend L-B school board meeting Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss possible option of turning old water wells over to school. If school does not want wells, city will cap. If school wants to take possession, city will disconnect from city water main. Wells are currently not being used by city at all.

Councilmen Schorg and Masching left meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Open House for water filtration plant will be planned in January. Date to be determined.

Clerk informed Council of delinquent water bill at 111 West Creek Drive. Water has been disconnected. Notice will be sent to owner regarding possible tax assessment.

Attorney Metcalf had nothing to report on fire protection agreement or on trailer parking ordinance amendment. Attorney stated invoices should be sent to townships as in past regarding fire agreement.

Consent Agenda consisted of minutes from November 7, 2006, disbursements of \$71,545.81 and November 2006 financial statements. Motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by Ludwig, seconded by Grigg. Motion carried on roll 3-0. Schorg and Masching absent.

With no further business to come before the meeting, meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

**REVENUES BY FUND**

Interest Earned	6,553.96
General (inc. TIF error)	38,013.44
Local Option Sales Tax	12,729.84
Road Use Tax	4,085.89
Water	10,929.57
Sewer	2,996.40
Garbage	4,551.21
Fire Revenue	
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>79,860.31</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND**

General	2,337.50
Local Option Sales Tax	2,643.75
Road Use Tax	15,470.43
Water	45,728.07
Sewer	2,592.64
Garbage	2,408.95
Fire Disbursements	364.47
<b>NOV. DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>71,545.81</b>

**WARRANTS APPROVED**

Lowell Anderson, salary	491.31	
Jack Howard, wages	252.20	
Alliance Concrete, around wells	296.25	
Christiansen Const., final pay request	26439.01	
Western Iowa Telephone	269.17	
Lowell Anderson, salary	491.32	
Jack Howard, wages	226.94	
Iowa One Call, locates	26.10	
ISU, fire training	50.00	
Lawton Pronto, fuel, misc.	367.77	
MidAmerican Energy	1415.95	
Rees Mack Sales & Service, service	188.57	
Triple D Contracting, haul broken concrete	347.50	
US Bank	273.91	
Staples, toner cartridges, paper, etc		128.61
US Post Office, stamps		39.00
Iowa League of Cities, budget workshop		30.00
Menard's, supplies		76.30
IMWCA, Work Comp audit adjustment	320.00	
Lowell Anderson, salary	491.32	
Jack Howard, wages	153.31	
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Jack Howard, wages	226.94	
Patricia Washburn, salary	1670.88	
Aflac, employee contributions	91.50	
IPERS	592.88	
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	1691.46	
Utility Equip. Co., supplies	166.25	
First Trust & Savings Bank, bond & loan pmts	19215.27	
Bomgaars, keys, etc.	9.15	
CHN Garbage	2408.95	
HTM Sales, lift station repairs, parts	517.61	
Suburban Supply, labor, backhoe	200.00	
Triple D Contracting, haul broken concrete	130.00	
Grainger, cable ties	32.98	
Ziegler, final payment on Cat loader	12000.00	

SIGNED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk