

Lawton City Council Minutes

July 3, 2007

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Jeff Nitzschke. Council members answering roll: Rick Schorg, Don Grigg, Perry Ludwig, and Tony Bengford. Terry Masching. arrived at 5:10. Others attending included City Clerk Patricia Washburn, City Maintenance Lowell Anderson, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Jerry Steffen, Mark Johnson, Spencer Griffith, Richard Monk, Richard Moore, Richard Burkhart, Chris Countryman and Jeanine Chartier.

Mayor Nitzschke welcomed guests.

Mark Johnson of American Family presented new insurance option for employee since current plan is generally outdated. Council will consider.

Council discussed Cedar Street widening project. Many complaints have been heard regarding high curb in front of Post Office. Spencer Griffith, with Concrete Complete, has been working on the project. He stated he was limited to the area and drainage as 300 block of Cedar is very level. Council questioned whether curb could be "stepped". City engineer Jerry Steffen suggested shooting elevations to see what could be done to improve bad situation. Steffen, Griffith and Mayor will investigate options. When asked about new curb in front of bank, Griffith stated it will only have 6" curb.

Chris Countryman of EGR Insurance presented insurance options for employee. Council will consider.

Regarding drainage ditch running from corner of Pine and Larimer Streets through corner of Cedar and Birch Streets, Steffen brought information on reinforcement mat materials to be put in bottom of ditch. Council discussed if this was city problem as ditch was present when owners bought property. City could try to shape ditch to ease cutting from running water. City Engineer and Mayor will re-evaluate.

Richard Burkhart presented preliminary plat and grading plan for 219 Ash Street. Plat allows for four duplexes with driveways coming off Zita Court cul-de-sac. Building permits for each duplex will include \$15 for basic building permit, \$245 sewer connection fee for each side and \$175 water connection fee for each side. City will install 6" water main from Ash Street to property line. Steffen stated abstract shows city has 20' easement for sewer line through center of property. Motion to approve preliminary plat and grading plan made by Grigg, seconded by Schorg. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Attorney Metcalf spoke to Council about whether to modify current Char-Mac Urban Renewal District to include West Creek Development, or whether to develop a "stand-alone" district for West Creek. Metcalf recommended having West Creek stand alone. Council will consider at August meeting.

Jeanine Chartier gave verbal presentation and proposed layout of Char-Mac Country Estate project to Council. Chartier declined to provide additional written form of presentation and requests at this time. Chartier stated she would like to begin building this fall. After hearing requests, Council responded with numerous questions and concerns to Chartier. Upon recommendation of Attorney, Council feels City must have minimum tax assessment agreement regarding expansion project. When asked by Attorney if property would be taxed residential or commercial, Chartier stated it will be taxed commercial.

Clerk reported new playground equipment has been ordered for Tara Way Park. It is to be shipped after August 1 and supervisors will be on hand August 14 & 15 to assist in assembly. Council felt weekend would work better to get volunteers and instructed Clerk to inquire about a weekend in September instead. Additional pea gravel will be needed. A vendor in Lake View was recommended. Council discussed purchasing free-standing swings for park. Councilman Grigg stated desire to purchase one set.

Since work is not complete on 300 block of Cedar Street widening project, Grigg moved to pay Concrete Complete partial payment of \$12,000. Motion seconded by Masching, carried on roll 5-0.

Council instructed Clerk to advertise taking of sealed bids for wooden playground equipment from Tara Way Park. Clerk will advertise in Movable Record, on City website and post several locations in city. Details may be obtained by contacting City Hall or downloading bid forms.

Public Works Director Anderson stated he had spoken with Roger Milligan from county regarding chip sealing streets. Council instructed Anderson to begin work as soon as possible.

Anderson spoke to Council regarding health insurance options. No decision was made regarding changes.

Councilman Masching left meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk reported on email received from Ruth Rathe regarding concerns with new curb by Post Office.

F.A.M.I.L.Y. has donated \$1,500.00 toward purchase of new playground equipment in Tara Way Park.

Building permit for Tim LeVan, 305 Tara Way, cement slab and fence extension was approved. Permit for privacy fence for Jim and Monica Petersen, 432 E Main St, was also presented at meeting and approved.

No report on School/City brochures. Clerk was unable to attend June 13 meeting and has not been notified of upcoming dates.

City Hall will be closed July 9 and July 25-27 for upcoming meetings.

Bengford asked Attorney to copy updated Fire Agreement to City and to Bengford when sent to Chuck Corbett.

Steffen stated Maple Street project may begin toward end of July. Residents will be notified as soon as City receives official word. Residents will be responsible for making arrangements for temporary mail delivery.

Bengford moved to approve Consent Agenda consisting of June 5 and June 18, 2007 minutes, disbursements of \$62,695.14, approval of Maxine's Restaurant & Lounge Liquor License, and June financial statements. Ludwig seconded motion. Motion carried on roll 4-0. Masching absent.

Councilman Grigg questioned wording of parking ordinance. Council intended ordinance to also include small trailers. Attorney will amend ordinance to include Council's intentions.

Grigg has been in contact with TWR Lighting, Inc. and Electric Innovations regarding installation of red light on top of water tower. Grigg would like to donate light. Council approved.

Bengford brought up need to develop comprehensive plan for city.

With no further business to come before the meeting, Schorg made motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Grigg. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	2,457.12	General	38,486.28
General	4,818.26	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	5,584.06	Road Use Tax	3,974.57
Road Use Tax	5,040.53	Water	5,516.66
Water	10,776.11	Sewer	2,798.46
Sewer	2,941.60	Garbage	5,834.82
Garbage	4,567.61	Fire Disbursements	6,084.35
Fire Revenue	0.00		
TOTAL REVENUE	36,185.29	JUNE DISBURSEMENTS	62,695.14

WARRANTS APPROVED

Lowell Anderson, salary	494.31
Jack Howard, wages	285.29
Flewelling Sand & Gravel, rock, concrete	217.61
Kyle Hamman, reim. Vehic. Repairs	12.99
Iowa League of Cities, dues	422.00
Loyanne Jensen, reim. Flowers	54.68
L & M Electronics, pager warranty	80.00
Western IA Telephone, May	273.68
Lowell Anderson, salary	494.32
Jack Howard, wages	240.68
Miracle Recreation, Tara Way Park equipment	23547.72
Iowa One Call, locates	31.50
Lawton Pronto, fuel	328.11
MidAmerican Energy, May	1622.15
Moville Record, publications Jan.-Mar.	915.68
Lowell Anderson, salary	494.32
Jack Howard, wages	274.01
Lowell Anderson, reim. Cell phone	120.00
Barkley Asphalt, hot mix	244.42
Ed. M Feld, truck charger	550.00
Mangold Env. Testing, lab fees	28.00
Metcalf, Thompson & Phipps, legal fees	782.50
US Bank, stamps	61.80
US Postmaster, box rent	70.00
Utility Equipment Co, PVC pipe storm sewer	373.20
WITCC, training	60.00
Woodbury Co. Landfill, 2nd Qtr. Assess.	3397.87
Lowell Anderson, salary	494.31
Jack Howard, wages	281.87
Lowell Anderson, meeting pay	248.22

Anthony Bengford, meeting pay	398.37
Donald Grigg, meeting pay	387.87
Perry Ludwig, meeting pay	355.55
Terrence Masching, meeting pay	365.17
Jeff Nitzschke, mayoral pay	831.15
Rick Schorg, meeting pay	226.26
Patricia Washburn, meeting pay	341.29
Patricia Washburn, expenses Mar.-Jun.	323.28
Lowell Anderson, salary	494.31
Jack Howard, wages	289.96
Patricia Washburn, salary	1708.89
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	2434.88
IPERS, contribution	864.41
Aflac, employee contrib	91.50
IA State Withholding	828.00
Barco, barricades, flags	221.27
CHN Garbage, contract	2408.95
Earl May Nursery, 6 shade trees	1080.00
Ed M Feld, bunker gear, boots	1895.00
Stan Houston Equip, generator	1540.00
Woodbury County Library, part payment	3937.00
Ed M Feld, fittings, hydrant wye	1171.89
Little Jon's, rescue equipment	1800.00
IA State Sales Tax	2030.00
Barkley Asphalt, hot mix	71.54
Bomgaars, shrubs	27.36
Metcalf, Thompson & Phipps, legal fees	70.00

SIGNED BY: _____
 Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk