

Lawton City Council Minutes

January 6, 2009

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Jeff Nitzschke. Council members answering roll: Rick Schorg and Don Grigg. Terry Masching joined meeting by speaker phone. Perry Ludwig absent at start of meeting. One seat vacant. Others attending included City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Public Works Director Lowell Anderson, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Engineer Jerry Steffen, Todd Roerig, Concord Township Trustee Ken Gard, Banner Township Trustee Chuck Hoelker and Fire Chief Nick Lahrs.

Mayor Nitzschke welcomed guests and called meeting to order.

Motion by Grigg, second by Schorg to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Grigg had been in contact with Chris Countryman of EGR Insurance regarding possible changes with employee insurance. Discussion followed. Matter tabled until February meeting.

Nick Lahrs introduced himself as newly elected Fire Chief. Motion by Grigg, second by Schorg to approve Lahrs as Fire Chief. Motion carried on roll 3-0. Mayor, Council, Trustees discussed hopes and plans for future of Fire Department with Lahrs at helm. "Open door" policy was stressed.

Perry Ludwig joined meeting at 5:20 pm. Masching left meeting by speaker phone at that time. Masching later joined meeting in person at 5:27 pm.

Lahrs presented Fire Department proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2010. Brief discussion was held regarding keeping budget at same level as in recent years. Lahrs also discussed failure to qualify for many grants due to close proximity to Sioux City and Sgt. Bluff. Motion by Ludwig, second by Grigg to approve Fire budget as presented. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Brief discussion held regarding paving reimbursement on driveway at 433 E Maple St. Over half of sum has already been reimbursed to city. Engineer Jerry Steffen will contact Smith Concrete Service, Inc. out of Storm Lake, Iowa, regarding situation and will report back at February meeting.

Special election will be held January 20, 2009, to fill vacant council seat left open by Tony Bengford. Three residents have filed nomination papers: Willard Brian McNaughton, Susan M. Radosti and Todd M. Roerig. Polls will be open at Friendship Center from noon until 8:00 p.m.

Attorney Metcalf clarified parking ordinance at Mayor's request. Owners will be notified if problem exists. If no action is taken, a municipal infraction will be issued.

Council was given draft of potential employee handbook. Although Attorney stated this is not required, he did explain pros and cons of having handbook. Council will peruse over next month to six weeks and make changes as they see fit. A decision will be made at that time to approve or deny handbook.

Public Works Director Anderson stated a new vacuum pump is needed for sewer. Council directed Anderson to get what was needed.

Clerk Washburn informed Council of \$1,000 grant acceptance from MidAmerican Energy Trees Please.

Regarding payment of US 20 Corridor dues, motion by Masching, second by Schorg to pay dues of \$100 for upcoming year. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Clerk informed Council of recent dog-at-large issue. Dog was transported to Siouxland Humane Society. Dog was unlicensed. Owner paid transportation fee and was notified of need to vaccinate for rabies and license through city. Owner has not followed through. Attorney will issue Municipal Infraction.

Motion by Grigg, second by Masching to contract with Town & Country Lawn Service for upcoming year with four-step program on two city parks and Spring and Fall treatments on water tower lot. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Motion by Schorg, second by Grigg to approve Consent Agenda consisting of Dec. 2, 2008 minutes, December, 2008, financial statements and December, 2008, disbursements of \$72,334.65. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Motion by Grigg, second by Schorg to approve **RESOLUTION # 2009-01, DESIGNATING RECORDS CUSTODIAN**. Only change was to delete former Fire Chief Kurt Miene and replace with current Chief Nick Lahrs as custodian of Fire Department records. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	1,033.12	TIF-West Creek	32,777.94
TIF	476.30	General	8,727.63
General	9,610.38	Road Use Tax	5,075.93
Road Use Tax	4,739.09	Local Option Sales Tax	11,011.72
Local Option Sales Tax	6,566.87	Water	5,600.41
Water	10,992.71	Sewer	2,980.38
Sewer	3,177.30	Garbage	5,779.98
Garbage	4,866.48	Fire Disbursements	380.66
Fire Revenue	11,556.70		
TOTAL REVENUE	53,018.95	DEC. DISBURSEMENTS	72,334.65

WARRANTS APPROVED

Banner Township, cemetery upkeep	1250.00
Bomgaars, battery	123.98
CHN Garbage, contract	2863.99
Menard's, pothole patch	86.90
Midwest Messenger, advertising	44.85
Robertson Imp. Co., supplies	9.43
Sign Pro, decal	25.00
Sioux City Journal, advertising	279.96
Steve Harris Construction, retainage	41740.44
Universal, Inc., garbage cans/park	83.56
West. IA Telephone	267.14
R. & J. Montemayor, deposit refund	50.14
EGR Ins., surety bond	100.00
Lawton Pronto, fuel	408.39
Lawton Ambulance, donation	1000.00
US Bank, USPS postage	42.00
WITCC, training	131.00
Lowell Anderson, cell phone reim	120.00
Brown Supply Co, fittings, plow blades	2665.16
MidAmerican Energy, November	1845.26
O'Reilly Automotive, truck parts	17.54
Ziegler Cat, couplings, elbow, misc	156.43
Iowa Rural Water Assn., 2009 dues	175.00
JP Cooke Co, 300 pet tags	61.48
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	2541.68
IPERS	908.76
Aflac, employee contrib	91.50
State of Iowa, withholding tax	1074.00
CHN Garbage, contract	2863.99
Menard's, washer fluid, misc	19.73
USPS, box rent	72.00
Ziegler Cat, coolant system repairs	316.38
State of Iowa, sales tax	2496.00

SIGNED BY: _____
 Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk