

Lawton City Council Minutes

February 3, 2009

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at the Lawton City Hall. Prior to calling meeting to order Mayor Jeff Nitzschke gave oath of office to newly elected Councilman Todd Roerig.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Nitzschke. Council members answering roll: Rick Schorg, Perry Ludwig, Don Grigg, Terry Masching and Todd Roerig. Others attending included City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Public Works Director Lowell Anderson, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Engineer Jerry Steffen and Record editor Kent Baker.

Mayor Nitzschke welcomed guests.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Masching to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Grigg had been in contact with Chris Countryman of EGR Insurance regarding possible changes with employee insurance. Discussion followed. Countryman will be invited to March meeting.

Council discussed why utilities at fire station were not being run through fire budget. Clerk stated city has always picked up approximate \$2,000 annual energy bill for gas and electric. Discussion also followed regarding water and sewer usage at fire station. Clerk stated minimum billing would be \$28 per month. Grigg moved that utility bills should be paid from fire budget retroactively to January 1, 2009, and should include gas, electric, water and sewer. The fire department budget should be increased appropriately to include extra expense. Motion seconded by Ludwig. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Mayor and Public Works Director Anderson have discussed needs for replacement city pickup. Council directed Anderson to get specifications sheet to prospective bidders and bring bids to March meeting.

Council directed Clerk to send notice of intent to proceed with curb replacement to contractor regarding southern portion of west side of 400 block of Elm Street.

Clerk presented proposed budget to Council for Fiscal Year 2010. With only minor changes, Grigg moved to approve and set Budget Public Hearing for 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2009, in the Lawton City Hall. Motion seconded by Masching. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Council discussed proposed Employee Handbook and opted to forego matter at this time.

Jerry Steffen spoke to Smith Construction regarding driveway replacement at 433 E Maple St. After hearing Steffen's report, Council agreed not to seek further reimbursement above what has already been paid by property owner.

Steffen also spoke to Council regarding replacement of 10 HP pump with 15 HP pump on new wells or the option of running both existing pumps simultaneously. After considerable discussion Council stated their intention to stay with plan agreed upon at meeting on June 3, 2008 whereby one pump will be upgraded to 15 HP and cost will be shared by Kuehl & Payer, Steffen Engineering and City of Lawton.

Rick Schorg volunteered and was appointed to the position of Fire Advisory Board representative for the City. A reminder from Attorney Metcalf stated that the FAB meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Law.

Mayor stated next Pre-Disaster Mitigation Meeting will be held in Climbing Hill on Feb. 18 at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Masching, second by Grigg to approve Consent Agenda consisting of January 6, 2009 minutes, January 2009 financial statements and January 2009 disbursements of \$22,357.69. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Grigg to approve **RESOLUTION # 2009-02, RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER \$80,000.00 FROM TIF FUND INTO GENERAL FUND**. Motion by Masching, second by Schorg to approve **RESOLUTION # 2009-03, RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER \$50,000.00 FROM TIF FUND INTO WATER FUND**. Both transfers were due to internal TIF loans. Motion to approve both resolutions carried on roll 5-0.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	4,270.77	TIF-West Creek	0.00
TIF	0.00	General	6,015.84
General	2,962.05	Road Use Tax	6,475.24
Road Use Tax	4,012.36	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	6,566.87	Water	4,011.23
Water	10,903.33	Sewer	2,686.54
Sewer	2,976.44	Garbage	2,863.99
Garbage	4,662.72	Fire Disbursements	304.85
Fire Revenue	0.00		
TOTAL REVENUE	36,354.54	JAN. DISBURSEMENTS	22,357.69

WARRANTS APPROVED

Virgil Bremer, water line repairs, FD	108.57
American Legion Post #718, flag	20.00
Central IA Dist., paper towels	42.50
Lawton Pronto, fuel	1126.15
International Inst. Of Muni. Clerks, dues	125.00
IMFOA, dues	30.00
Joe's Dept. Store, chain supplies	324.29
US 20 Association, dues	100.00
Patricia Washburn, expense statement	348.08
WITA, phone charges	244.96
Ziegler Cat, filters, elements	102.90
First Trust & Savings, box rent	17.00
American Fam. Ins., premium	1390.80
Colonial Research Chem., Dissolve	180.00
Customized Firefigter Training Inc.	65.00
Dakota Supply Group, water meters	694.67
Flewelling Sand & Gravel, icing sand	37.40
Iowa One Call, locates	11.80
Moville Record, publications	336.29
Town & Country Lawn Service, 2009	858.00
US Bank	630.59
Staples, toner, paper, binders, etc	301.36
Intuit, QuickBooks Pro 2009 payroll	239.00
Intuit, 1,000 laser checks	90.23
Joe's Dept. Store, NE sales tax	22.70
Display Sales, banding straps	93.60
MidAmerican Energy, December	2525.26
Bomgaars, supplies	82.87
Suburban Supply, backhoe	75.00
Tegra Corp., bulk road salt	194.75
Mangold Env. Testing, lab fees	210.00
IPERS	905.60
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	2346.66
Aflac, employee contrib	91.50
CHN Garbage	2863.99

SIGNED BY: _____
 Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk