

Lawton City Council Minutes

April 7, 2009

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor pro tem Donald Grigg. Council members answering roll: Rick Schorg, Todd Roerig, Perry Ludwig and Don Grigg. Councilman Terry Masching was absent. Others attending included City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Public Works Director Lowell Anderson, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Engineer Jerry Steffen, Fire Chief Nick Lahrs and Banner Township trustee Chuck Hoelker.

Mayor pro tem Grigg welcomed guests.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Schorg to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Clerk updated Council on status of lawn and leaf cans. CHN will bring cans to city yet this week. Those requesting service will be required to pre-pay \$150.00 for six months of weekly service.

City has received notice of potential changes for Mueller Pallets regarding their business. PW Director Anderson has been in contact with manager and he states business will be handled as usual. Mueller Pallets is company that grinds tree pile.

Mayor Nitzschke arrived at 5:05 and took over conducting of meeting.

At Jerry Steffen's suggestion, Council directed Anderson to contact Woodbury County about possible use for products in concrete pile located west of water filtration plant.

Council and Anderson discussed mowing of Banner Township Cemetery with trustee Chuck Hoelker. Anderson currently has private contract with Banner Township. City has paid half of mowing contract in past years. If mowing was handled through city, city equipment and personnel would be used and mowing would take place as necessary on city time. This would allow cemetery to be mowed as before, but would not require Anderson to use personal time to mow. Council proposed Banner would continue to pay \$1,250.00 per year toward reimbursement of wages. Hoelker will discuss proposal with Banner Clerk.

Water tower cleaning service contract from Maguire Iron, Inc. was discussed. After discussion, motion by Grigg, second by Ludwig to enter into 10-year contract with Maguire Iron, Inc. at rate of \$1,380 fall of 2009 and \$1,850 for remainder of contract. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Fire Advisory Board (FAB) member Schorg reported to Council regarding FAB meeting of April 6. Schorg gave kudos to fire department for hard work past several months. Fire Chief Lahrs is working on plan to get new truck(s) outfitted without having unnecessary extras. Lahrs discussed minor concerns with Council and expressed thanks for willingness to work on new truck project. Approach in front of station is concern with bringing trucks in and out. City engineer will look at.

Clerk informed Council of donation for Friendship Center from Banner Boosters 4-H club of mop, dust mop, additional mop head, garbage bags, bathroom tissue and paper towels. This 4-H Club will also tend to flowers in Veterans' Memorial Park as a service project for the club. Council expressed appreciation to club for donation.

Steffen stated water wells should be serviced within next two weeks. Steffen also stated Smith Concrete Service will make necessary repairs to driveway at 424 E Maple, as well as reevaluate far east end of Maple Street near Tara Way. Rain on newly poured concrete has taken finish off concrete.

Public Works Director Anderson stated tiles on kitchen floor in Friendship Center have turned loose and need repair. Council directed Anderson to replace with tile.

Anderson and Mayor Nitzschke will tour community to make list of streets in need of repair with either concrete or asphalt.

Water meter for Fire Department will cost about \$625.00. Council directed Anderson to purchase and install at city expense.

Overhead door opener at City Shop is not working. Council authorized Anderson to replace it.

Vehicular traffic is cutting across property at west end of Birch Street to get to West Creek Drive. Council feels need to block area as this was not intended to be used for road. Manner of blocking will be discussed after Council has chance to view area.

Building permits were approved for the following: 115 Cedar St., home addition; 307 Tara Way, fence; 2115 Hwy 20, home addition.

Council was notified of potential lien to be put on property owner's taxes for unpaid utility bill at 102 W Birch St.

Clerk Washburn will be attending IMFOA Spring Conference April 15-17. City Hall will be closed April 10 and morning of April 13. Council granted Clerk permission for additional vacation days to be taken this summer rather than normal limit of five per occurrence.

Correspondence was read from Eric Teager regarding posts on north end of Pine Street. Also from James Robinson regarding vehicles parking on West Birch Street.

Kent Baker of the Menville Record had requested permission to set newspaper box outside door of City Hall for residents to purchase copies of the Record. Council agreed with stipulation box be set on concrete slab next to flag box.

Motion by Grigg, second by Ludwig to approve Consent Agenda consisting of March 3, 2009 minutes, March 2009 financial statements and March 2009 disbursements of \$36,091.80. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

With no further business, motion by Grigg, second by Ludwig to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	1,014.20	TIF-West Creek	0.00
TIF	2,595.61	General	12,996.03
General	5,747.70	Road Use Tax	3,753.44
Road Use Tax	5,495.98	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	5,649.16	Water	5,482.72
Water	10,797.77	Sewer	3,059.69
Sewer	3,137.65	Garbage	6,314.86
Garbage	4,735.53	Fire Disbursements	4,485.06
Fire Revenue	0.00		
TOTAL REVENUE	39,173.60	MAR. DISBURSEMENTS	36,091.80

WARRANTS APPROVED

CHN Garbage	2863.99
Sally McMahon, TB testing	57.00
Menard's, shop supplies	38.59
Menville J&J, maintenance	142.56
Siouxland Humane Society, animal cont.	148.00
WITCC, firefighter training	980.00
WITA, phone bill	248.36
Ziegler Cat, supplies	32.13
HAKA, reissued # 14682	694.11
Acco, supplies	681.75
Ed M Feld Equip., training foam	90.00
Grainer, sewer repairs	524.58
HAKA, fuel	295.43
O'Reilly Automotive, battery, misc	101.31
US Bank, postage	121.00
City of Lawton, FD utilities	86.00
ICAP, Prop. & Liability ins	12287.50
IMFOA, Spring Conf. registration	100.00
MidAmerican Energy, February	1987.43
Woodbury Co. Landfill, 1st Qtr Assmt	3397.87
IA Assn. of Muni. Utilities, cont. edu.	10.00
Nitzschke Const., Toolcat & broom rental	180.00
EFTPS, Fed., Med., SS	1884.44
IPERS	755.32
Aflac, employee contrib.	91.50
State of IA, withholding	988.00
Courtney Jorgensen, dep. Refund	28.43
State of IA, sales tax	2081.00

SIGNED BY: _____
Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk