

Lawton City Council Minutes

May 5, 2009

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Jeff Nitzschke. Council members answering roll: Perry Ludwig, Don Grigg, Todd Roerig and Rick Schorg. Councilman Terry Masching arrived later. Others attending included City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Public Works Director Lowell Anderson, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Engineer Jerry Steffen, Fire Chief Nick Lahrs and resident Doug Lee.

Mayor Nitzschke welcomed guests.

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

Doug Lee notified Council he would be removing and replacing retaining wall on west side of residence at 402 E Main St. Linden Street will be closed during renovation. Neighbors have been notified. City will provide barricades if necessary.

Question regarding bridge maintenance at 111 West Birch Street. Engineer Steffen stated he has inspected bridge and feels it is safe, however winter freezing has caused portion of southern face to break off. Due to location, this would be property owner's responsibility to repair if she so chose.

Masching arrived at 5:05.

City Hall door has experienced some damage due to winds and rain. Motion by Ludwig, second by Masching to replace both City Hall and Friendship Center front doors. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Council will advertise for bids on 1990 pickup. Fire Chief Nick Lahrs stated Department could use second pickup if bids came in lower than city hoped for.

Clerk stated amendment would need to be made to current city budget to grant authority to pay principal and interest on street bonds issued on 2008 Paving Projects. Bonds were not in place at time budget was set last March. Motion by Schorg, second by Grigg to set date of May 26 for Public Hearing on proposed Amendment of Current City Budget. Public hearing set for 5:00 pm. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Public Works Director Anderson stated bid for snow plow blade came in from Northern Truck Equipment Corp. Motion by Masching, second by Schorg to order 10' straight blade at cost of \$6,330.00 plus freight of approximately \$525.00. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Anderson and Mayor Nitzschke shared map of city with marked areas of concern showing street breakup and damage. Area will be measured and Anderson will attempt to get price quote before Special Meeting May 26.

Curb in front of homes on west side of 400 block of Elm Street from Main Street north to driveway at 415 Elm will be marked. Chris Aakhus has been notified of intent to finish project, and will be asked to perform his share of project as stated in May 1, 2007, council minutes.

Anderson stated need to begin training new W/WW operator. Council will consider at later time.

Concrete pile west of water treatment plant has been cleaned up and hauled away.

Clerk discussed two incidents of paint ballers doing damage in city.

Building permits were approved for the following: 305 E Main St., privacy fence & deck; 163 West Creek Dr., concrete patio; 208 E Birch St., storage shed & privacy fence; 110 E Maple, deck & stairs to garage storage; 134 West Creek Dr., concrete slab for dog kennel.

Clerk will be attending Election School on May 14. Changes have been made to manner of election for city offices. City Hall will be closed that afternoon.

Engineer Steffen stated water pumps should be replaced this month. Schorg mentioned article in latest CityScape magazine regarding stimulus money for water and wastewater treatments.

Fire Chief Lahrs had contacted county DES Coordinator, Gary Brown, regarding possible county funding for emergency sirens. Brown stated very little was available.

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding fire budget and upcoming expenditures with regards to utilities and usage of metered water at fire station.

Councilman Schorg exited meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Councilman Roerig stated resident had expressed concern about white substance being washed down curb from home at 438 E Birch. Mayor stated he felt it was water-based paint.

Motion by Grigg, second by Ludwig to approve Consent Agenda consisting of April 7, 2009 minutes, April 2009 financial statements and disbursements of \$39,186.34. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Motion by Ludwig, second by Roerig, to approve **RESOLUTION #2009-05 REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF UNPAID UTILITY CHARGES over 60 days of \$43.24** against property at 102 West Birch St. Motion carried on roll 4-0. Water has been disconnected, however sewer and garbage remain billable on this account.

Anderson stated change in insurance has not been finalized yet.

Grigg mentioned need for storage for Legion flags and inquired if City would have space available. Council will consider.

Clerk stated Cory and Heather Loreth donated young spruce tree to city. It has been transplanted to near water treatment facility.

With no further business, motion by Grigg, second by Ludwig to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	4,012.72	TIF-West Creek	0.00
TIF	22,237.86	General	11,514.67
General	55,454.47	Road Use Tax	2,347.58
Road Use Tax	4,416.13	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	5,649.16	Water	11,237.62
Water	11,156.82	Sewer	10,136.54
Sewer	3,028.94	Garbage	3,277.84
Garbage	5,132.03	Fire Disbursements	672.09
Fire Revenue	299.71		
TOTAL REVENUE	111,387.84	APR. DISBURSEMENTS	39,186.34

WARRANTS APPROVED

Acco, liquid chlorine	346.80	
American Family Ins., Anderson	1390.80	
CHN Garbage, service contract	2827.84	
City of Lawton, water, sewer, garbage	43.00	
Fireguard, Inc., Hi. Press. Hydro. Test	106.37	
HAKA, fuel	222.71	
Menard's, shop supplies	102.45	
WITA, phone	246.72	
Woodbury County Office of Elections	749.39	
CHN Garbage, lawn can	150.00	
Colonial Research Chem. Corp, Dissolve	180.00	
Moville Record, 5 publications	367.21	
US Bank, office supplies	257.73	
Walgreens, Mayor/Council photos		4.54
USPS, stamps		46.82
Staples, paper, toner, misc. supplies		196.47
QuickBooks backup, 2 months		9.90
Patricia Washburn, 1st qtr expense stmt	134.75	
Barry Motor Co, '09 Ford pickup	20645.00	
MidAmerican Energy, March	1618.32	
Utility Equip. Co, 2" meter	720.29	
Aflac	91.50	
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	1913.54	
IPERS	777.90	
ACS, lab fees	93.50	
Bomgaars, shop supplies	32.82	
CHN Garbage, 2 lawn cans	300.00	
Ed M Feld, SCBA testing	112.00	
Holiday Inn Airport, IMFOA DM lodging	150.00	
IDNR/Operator Certif, Anderson cert	60.00	
Menard's, shop supplies	74.31	
Day's Door Company, shop door repairs	93.00	

SIGNED BY: _____
Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk