

Lawton City Council Minutes

August 4, 2009

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor pro-tem Don Grigg. Council members answering roll: Todd Roerig, Don Grigg, Rick Schorg, Terry Masching and Perry Ludwig. Others attending included City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Public Works Director Lowell Anderson, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Engineer Jerry Steffen, Ken Eyres, Nick Lahrs, Doug Boetger, Chuck Hoelker and Ken Gard.

Mayor pro tem Grigg welcomed guests.

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

Council discussed potential small wind energy systems. Council does not feel enough information is known about such systems, therefore approval will not be given on requests at this time.

Ambulance Chief Ken Eyres discussed matter of substantial premium increase due to work comp claim with Ambulance personnel. Eyres discussed matter with work comp carrier, IMWCA, and stated this claim will be closed. No change can be made for current premium, however change should take effect next year.

Fire Chief Nick Lahrs presented information on new fire truck from Toyne, Inc., of Breda, Iowa. After much discussion between Council, Banner and Concord Township trustees and the Fire Chief, motion was made by Masching, seconded by Schorg, to approve execution of purchase agreement and to authorize Fire Chief Nick Lahrs to sign such agreement presented by Toyne, Inc., dated 6-24-2009 in the amount of \$298,285. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Motion by Grigg, second by Schorg to hold Public Hearing September 1, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. for purpose of amending budget to authorize purchase of new fire truck. Motion carried on roll 5-0. Lahrs stated fall fundraiser money will also be used toward purchase of new truck.

Clerk presented Citizen Complaint Form to Council. After perusing, motion by Ludwig, second by Schorg to approve use of this form for all resident complaints. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Council directed Clerk to contact owner of property at 101 E Main St regarding debris and other items making area appear unsightly and potentially home to varmints.

Clerk informed Council of receipt of I-JOBS money to be used for street projects. Total expected is near \$6700 payable over two years. First installment of \$3,044 received and will be put toward street overlay project.

Public Works Director Anderson stated Barkley Asphalt expects to start overlay project within two weeks. New snowplow is also expected within two weeks.

Permits approved past month included: 107 Pine, deck; 423 Birch, shed; 92 Elm, driveway addition; 519 Pine, chain link fence; 402 E Maple, parking permit for RV/car trailer.

Clerk reported trees have been purchased and planted on city property in West Creek addition. Bench has also been installed near trees.

Insurance claim has been submitted to ICAP for lightning damage to sewer shed Sept. 28, 2008.

Council directed Clerk to submit bill to Chris Aakhus for concrete work in 400 block of Elm Street as agreed upon.

Mayor spoke with post office manager regarding entrance blocking vision. Manager has since removed outside structure.

Attorney updated Council on Sitzmann property. Quit Claim Deed has been drawn up and will be available at City Hall. Steffen reaffirmed property was not "diked" as claimed.

Motion by Schorg, second by Roerig, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of July 7, 2009 minutes, July 2009 financial statements, July disbursements of \$30,757.32, approval of **RESOLUTION #2009-09 REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF UNPAID UTILITY CHARGES over 60 days of \$36.56** against property at 102 West Birch St, and approval of **RESOLUTION #2009-10 REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF UNPAID UTILITY CHARGES over 60 days of \$54.44** against property at 307 E Oak St. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

With no further business meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND		DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND	
Interest Earned	3,970.43	TIF-West Creek	0.00
TIF	4,003.52	General	15,337.90
General	5,531.07	Road Use Tax	3,454.43
Road Use Tax	7,762.71	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	5,739.28	Water	5,674.21
Water	13,680.10	Sewer	2,868.55
Sewer	3,051.02	Garbage	3,000.99
Garbage	4,762.58	Fire Disbursements	421.24
Fire Revenue	12,765.66		
TOTAL REVENUE	61,266.37	JULY DISBURSEMENTS	30,757.32

WARRANTS APPROVED

State of IA, Sales Tax	2191.00
CHN Garbage, contract, lawn can	2963.99
City of Lawton, water, sewer, garb	45.04
Davy's & Jim's Feed Store, Pathway	90.80
Lawton Pronto, fuel, misc	305.45
Stan Houston Equip., shovel, blade	126.95
US Bank	178.56
QuickBooks backup	4.95
WalMart, batteries, Preen	28.92
Staples, office supplies	144.69
West. IA Tele. Assn.	282.31
FD Emergency Fund CD	9480.71
ACCO, chlorine	378.40
Iowa One Call, locates	25.20
Menard's, Roundup	47.82
MidAmerican Energy	1531.83
Moville Record, publications	793.65
Utility Equipment Co, supplies	127.84
Bomgaars, bushes, supplies	356.45
Quality Pump & Control, sewer repair labor	720.00
USA Blue Book, hour meters	84.94
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	2552.86
IPERS, July contrib	1013.97
Aflac, employee contrib	91.50

SIGNED BY: _____
Don Grigg, Mayor pro tem

ATTESTED BY: _____
Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk