

# **Lawton City Council Minutes**

**October 6, 2009**

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor pro tem Don Grigg. Council members answering roll: Don Grigg, Rick Schorg, Perry Ludwig, Todd Roerig and Terry Masching. Others attending included City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Public Works Director Lowell Anderson, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Engineer Jerry Steffen, Chris Howrey, Reed Burson and Nick Lahrs.

Mayor Jeff Nitzschke joined meeting at 5:03 pm. Mayor Nitzschke welcomed guests.

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

Chris Howrey was present to discuss Special Events Permit Application for Lawton Community Presbyterian Church Free Family Activity Night. After reviewing application, motion by Schorg, seconded by Masching to approve closing small section of Birch Street near empty lot east of church during evening hours on October 17, 2009. Motion carried on roll 5-0. Clerk will provide committee with labels for neighbor notification.

Employee Health Insurance Consideration was tabled until next month due to lack of information.

No action taken on amendments to building permit and fencing ordinances as attorney did not bring.

After brief discussion regarding installation of lock boxes on heaters in Fire Station, motion made by Masching, second by Schorg, to have city purchase. Motion carried on roll 5-0. Ludwig volunteered to see what was needed and get needed supplies.

Item # 6 was taken off agenda at Engineer Steffen's request.

Steffen stated he has been in contact with Jerry Smith of Smith Concrete Services, Inc. and Smith stated he will repair east end of Maple Street near Tara Way. Surface is such that water and debris catch rather than flow downhill. Smith will also repair or replace driveway at 424 E Maple Street. Driveway settled shortly after project was completed. Council directed Steffen to make sure Smith follows through with repairs. This has been ongoing request and needs to be settled.

Council granted Anderson authority to purchase material and erect small dog kennel to house dogs until they can be delivered to Humane Society.

Building permits have been approved for the following: 207 & 211 E Maple Street, concrete slab & sidewalks; 401 Ash, sidewalk replacement.

Clerk has applied for MidAmerican Energy Tree Grant. Regarding grant received from MidAmerican Energy for landscaping around city sign on Hwy 20, Mayor will discuss plans with property owner. Project will likely be done in spring. Clerk also reported claim for lightening damage on sewer plant in September of 2008 has been received.

On motion by Grigg, second by Ludwig, followed with roll call vote of 5-0, Council gave authority to City Clerk to obtain Debit Card from local First Trust & Savings Bank. Clerk is also authorized to open second checking account in amount of \$5,000 to be used solely with new Debit Card. Current credit card used by City was acquired using Clerk's social security number. New debit card will be acquired using City's Federal Tax ID number. Limits on debit card will be \$2,500/day, also \$2,500/3-day period. No fees are to be associated with this card. Clerk expressed thanks on this change.

Attorney stated order of appraisal for Sitzmann property had not yet been done. Attorney also stated he will forward copy of Development Agreement to Steve King of West Creek Development.

Fire Chief Nick Lahrs reported new fire truck chassis should be in Feb. 2, 2010 with truck delivery expected about March or April of 2010.

Due to change in ownership on property at 102 West Birch, Clerk asked Council to remove Item #4 from Consent Agenda. Motion by Schorg, second by Roerig, to approve amended Consent Agenda consisting of September 1, 2009 minutes, September 2009 financial statements and September disbursements of \$108,550.15, Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Council candidate Reed Burson was in attendance and was introduced.

With no further business meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.

**REVENUES BY FUND**

**DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND**

Interest Earned	874.90	TIF-West Creek	20.00
TIF	398.56	General	16,818.56
General	17,622.81	Road Use Tax	6,078.35
Road Use Tax	5,016.64	Local Option Sales Tax	70,000.00
Local Option Sales Tax	5,689.22	Water	7,763.80
Water	14,610.86	Sewer	3,794.52
Sewer	3,195.22	Garbage	2,913.99
Garbage	4,764.97	Fire Disbursements	1,160.93
Fire Revenue	88.50		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>52,261.68</b>	<b>SEP. DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>108,550.15</b>

**WARRANTS APPROVED**

Spencer Griffith, Jr., deposit refund	35.41
ACCO, 55 gal Carusol	1018.35
Barco Muni. Prods, paint, supplies	107.92
Barkley Asphalt, Inc. overlay project	85206.85
CHN Garbage	2863.99
Electronic Engineering, two chargers	87.00
Fireguard Incorp, SCBA flow testing	768.50
USBank	228.00
QuickBooks Backup	4.95
Staples, paper, toner	206.02
USPS, stamps	17.03
City of Lawton, utilities	47.85
Lawton Pronto, fuel	430.39
MidAmerican Energy	1539.32
Tri-State Electronic Service, comp. backup	159.00
West. IA Tele. Assn., August	279.40
Bomgaars, supplies	67.41
IMFOA, Fall conf., Pat	50.00
Maguire Iron, tower cleaning	1380.00
Martin's Flag Co, 3 Iowa flags	83.15
Menard's, supplies	18.33
Metcalf Law Office, legals	220.00
Quality Pump & Control, lightning damage	1587.00
Shane's Glass & More, window replacement	22.63
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	2058.26
IPERS, emp. Contrib	867.93
Aflac, employee contrib	91.50
State of Iowa, withholding tax	1112.00
State of Iowa, sales tax	2528.00

SIGNED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk