

Lawton City Council Minutes

November 3, 2009

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Jeff Nitzschke. Council members answering roll: Todd Roerig, Perry Ludwig, Terry Masching and Don Grigg. Others attending included City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Public Works Director Lowell Anderson, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Engineer Jerry Steffen, Reed Burson, Tony Bengford, and Ken Eyres.

Mayor Nitzschke welcomed guests. Councilman Rick Schorg joined meeting at 5:05 pm.

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

MidAmerican Energy representative, Tony Bengford, presented City with \$250.00 grant to be used for purchase of Christmas lights. Council expressed appreciation to Mr. Bengford.

Ambulance Chief, Ken Eyres, discussed crucial lack of volunteers to serve on rural ambulance squads in Woodbury County. County is looking for assistance with this shortage. Next county-wide meeting will be held in Climbing Hill on Nov. 25th at 7:00 p.m. Eyres encouraged everyone to attend.

Regarding employee health insurance, Anderson informed Council he has raised his deductible in order to keep premium from rising.

Council gave first reading approval to ordinance changes regarding building permits and fences. In short, fences placed on the property line will require signatures of adjoining property owners. Building permit guidelines will be listed more clearly and will include a penalty clause for failure to obtain building permit prior to any work being done. Motion to approve first reading made by Schorg, second by Roerig. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Item #5 was removed from agenda.

Council directed Jerry Steffen to send written correspondence to Smith Concrete Service regarding street and driveway repairs with verification of when repairs will be made. Clerk asked Steffen to submit copy of letter to City for files. Steffen stated it will be taken care of.

Councilman Grigg discussed alley concerns in 400 block between Main and Oak Streets. Mayor responded City has tried to build better base in that alley but due to slope on east end, rock and gravel continue to wash away.

Public Works Director Anderson shared photos taken before and after annual repairs at sewer lift station. After considerable discussion, Council feels change is needed. Steffen was asked to get information for consideration. Anderson also reported recent rainfall added nearly one million gallons of liquid to lagoons. Due to this rainfall an extra discharge will have to be done.

Anderson stated snow removal equipment is in place and ready to roll.

Clerk Washburn reported one building permit had been approved, 328 E Main St, concrete pad. After discussion of need to replace digital camera, Ludwig moved to purchase new camera. Masching seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk informed Council of donation of \$1,025.97 from Friendship Center Board. The Board has disbanded and has divided resources between City, Fire Department and Ambulance. Thank you letter was signed by Mayor and Council and will be sent to Board. WITA Capital Credit checks will be sent to City for next ten years with disbursements to City, Fire Department and Ambulance in same manner as this donation.

Council commended city workers for keeping streets clear of leaves and branches that had dropped. Mayor discussed possible need for speed limit sign for northbound traffic in 400 block of Cedar Street to remind drivers to slow down.

Motion by Masching, second by Grigg, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of October 6, 2009 minutes, October financial statements, October disbursements of \$30,093.87, approval of Annual Financial Report for FY 2009 and acknowledgement and acceptance of financial donation from Friendship Center Board. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

City Attorney Metcalf called attention to the need to discuss the matter of Sitzmann versus the City of Lawton. He advised that this was a matter suitable for consideration in closed session and requested the Council to consider moving to closed session. Councilman Roerig moved for Council to meet in closed session. Being advised upon the matter, Grigg seconded motion pursuant to Iowa Code §21.5(1)(c). Upon roll call vote: Ayes - Roerig, Schorg, Ludwig, Masching, Grigg. Nays – none. Mayor Jeff Nitzschke declared that the affirmative vote was two-thirds of the duly-elected councilmen and therefore carried. Council went into closed session at 6:24 p.m.

Council returned to open session at 6:59 p.m..

With no further business meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	3,296.21	TIF-West Creek	0.00
TIF	17,765.25	General	7,342.97
General	60,600.40	Road Use Tax	9,642.76
Road Use Tax	6,706.95	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	5,689.22	Water	3,193.74
Water	13,371.94	Sewer	3,477.83
Sewer	3,111.76	Garbage	6,037.52
Garbage	4,770.13	Fire Disbursements	422.49
Fire Revenue	805.05		
TOTAL REVENUE	116,116.91	OCT. DISBURSEMENTS	30,117.31

WARRANTS APPROVED

CHN Garbage	2863.99
Tegra Corp, 12 ton bulk road salt	1080.00
Patricia Washburn, 3rd Qtr exp.	118.80
Lowell Anderson, salary	573.40
Jack Howard, wages	335.21
Barco, safety shirts, paint	149.59
City of Lawton, utilities	49.63
Menard's, supplies	105.15
Motorola, pager clip repair	16.93
O'Reilly Auto., supplies	71.33
Robertson Imp., tractor repairs, parts	68.77
Share Corp., Natraklene	147.06
Siouxland Humane Society, 1dog, 1cat	74.00
Stan Houston, tar	105.00
WITA, phone bill	277.92
Lowell Anderson, salary	573.39
Jack Howard, wages	160.55
Karin Rhodes, deposit refund	100.00
American Family Ins. Anderson	1366.30
Lawton Pronto, fuel	504.27
IMWCA, work comp audit	156.00
Iowa One Call, locates	23.50
MidAmerican Energy, September	1425.30
US Bank, 4-in-1 printer/scanner/fax/copier	425.63
Lowell Anderson, salary	573.40
Jack Howard, wages	260.27
Stamp Fulfillment Services, 2000 envelopes	1060.60
Bomgaars, supplies	69.81
Lawson Products, tools	59.45
Menard's, supplies	65.08
Metcalf Law Office, legal fees	90.00
Moville Record, publications	633.63
Northern Truck Equip. Corp, snow blade	6426.00
Lowell Anderson, salary	573.41
Jack Howard, wages	325.61
Lawton Ambulance, Friend. Cent. Donation	7.37
Lowell Anderson, salary	573.39
Jack Howard, wages	351.97
Patricia Washburn, salary	2045.20
Aflac, employee contribs.	91.50
IPERS, payroll contribs	965.93
EFTPS, payroll Fed, Med, SS	2285.54
CHN Garbage	2863.99
Perkins, Des Moines, IMFOA	11.00
Culvers, Des Moines, IMFOA	6.35
Arby's, Mo. Valley, IMFOA	6.09

SIGNED BY: _____
 Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk