

Lawton City Council Minutes

December 1, 2009

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Jeff Nitzschke. Council members answering roll: Terry Masching, Don Grigg, Rick Schorg, Perry Ludwig and Todd Roerig. Others attending included City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Public Works Director Lowell Anderson, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Engineer Jerry Steffen, Fire Chief Nick Lahrs, Reed Burson, Pat Rogers, Vince Koskovick and Dennis Gumm.

Mayor Nitzschke welcomed guests. Councilman Grigg stated appreciation from Ed Heutink for alley rock.

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

Vince Koskovich requested permission to sub-lease parking lot at ball fields on Eastland Ave. for period not to exceed six months for purpose of parking equipment while doing contract work for MidAmerican Energy. Motion by Masching, second by Grigg to sub-lease lot to Michel's Power at rate of \$300/month. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Pat Rogers explained "high risk classification" letter recently received from city's work comp carrier, IMWCA. Rogers will draft a letter to IMWCA regarding issues that have been dealt with and ask for relief from current classification.

Council gave second 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 second reading made by Ludwig, second by Schorg. Motion carried on roll 5-0. Letters will be sent to local contractors regarding upcoming changes.

Greg Anderson of Anderson Heating & Cooling gave two bids for replacement of furnace in fire station office. After brief discussion, Masching moved to purchase 95% High Efficiency furnace with installation as soon as possible. Grigg seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0 on roll.

Masching exited meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Nick Lahrs informed Council of his re-election to Fire Chief, and stated Kyle Hammond will serve as Assistant Chief. He stated the Fire Association will give \$18,500 toward purchase of new fire truck. This includes \$3,500 from recent pancake breakfast. Council expressed appreciation. Lahrs stated State guidelines require additional training. He requested a permanent training location for firemen. Council will discuss further. Lahrs also stated chassis for new truck will be completed Feb. 2, 2010. Initial payment will be expected at that time. Mayor requested fire department clean up area around outside of fire station. Lahrs stated items seem to keep showing up, and is aware of need for clean up.

Motion by Grigg, second by Ludwig to give two full-time city employees, Anderson and Washburn, 3% raise for calendar year 2010. On roll voting Aye: Grigg, Ludwig and Roerig. Voting Nay: Schorg. Absent: Masching. Motion carried 3-1.

Anderson discussed notice of increased premium on health insurance policy even though deductible was just raised. Additional companies will be contacted for better rates. Anderson also noted the DNR is requiring additional water testing from some municipalities. It is not believed this will not affect Lawton at this time. A local farmer has informed Anderson that he would consider taking leaves in the future for animal bedding purposes.

Washburn stated office will be closed Dec. 11 and Dec. 24. Council was informed of the status of a dog that bit a resident early in November.

Building permits have been approved for the following: 301 Cedar, wire fence; 112 W Maple, shed; 424 E Maple, shed and retaining wall.

Attorney spoke to Council regarding the TIF requirements of having a program to assist low to moderate income residents. Attorney was asked to get samples of programs that have been used. Clerk asked about extending TIF additional five years. Attorney will get details.

Copies of letter and photos Jerry Steffen sent to Smith Concrete Services regarding problems with Maple Street Paving Project were distributed to Council. Smith Concrete Services has not responded back yet.

Motion by Grigg, second by Roerig, to approve Consent Agenda consisting of November 3, 2009 minutes, November financial statements and November disbursements of \$41,180.70. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Council expressed thanks to Todd Roerig for his service with Council this past year.

With no further business Grigg moved to adjourn. Second by Schorg with all voting Aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:09 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	3,160.48	TIF-West Creek	10,245.50
TIF	9,785.89	General	4,192.93
General	14,829.66	Road Use Tax	3,270.67
Road Use Tax	5,506.64	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	18,135.56	Water	14,561.77
Water	11,784.54	Sewer	4,603.55
Sewer	3,099.38	Garbage	3,397.87
Garbage	4,828.82	Fire Disbursements	908.41
Fire Revenue	118.28		
TOTAL REVENUE	71,249.25	NOV. DISBURSEMENTS	41,180.70

WARRANTS APPROVED

Utility Equipment Co, supplies	624.47
Rick Schorg, reissue Ch # 14842	0.00
ACS, lab fees	93.50
Flewelling Sand & Gravel, bulk salt	146.25
Holiday Inn Airport, IMFOA 1½ nights	136.28
IDNR, Water Use permit	135.00
Menard's, supplies	228.47
Quality Pump & Control, wafer valves, gaskets	984.59
Rees Mack Sales & Service, Unit 5 service	488.73
Robertson Imp. Co, tractor repair	17.10
S&S Equipment, Inc., tractor repairs	503.49
Sioux City Iron, hardware	34.87
ACS Firehouse, subscription	105.00
City of Lawton, water/sewer/garbage	72.58
WITA, phone	277.48
MidAmerican Energy, October	1526.97
O'Reilly Automotive, supplies	12.49
Suburban Supply, backhoe	175.00
US Bank, QB backup	4.95
ACCO, liquid chlorine concentrate	324.80
First Trust & Savings, bond int. pmt.	21051.75
HAKA Lawton Pronto, fuel	381.91
Iowa Rural Water Assn, 2010 dues	175.00
Metcalf Law Office, legal fees	590.00
Share Corp, disinfectant wipes	98.53
Woodbury CO. Landfill	3397.87
Barkley Asphalt, hot mix	87.17
Bomgaars, charger, supplies	54.97
Central IA Dist., orange float, misc	214.75
Colonial Research Chem. Corp, Dissolve	180.00
IA Prison Industries, street sign	24.70
USEMCO, filters, bushings	256.80
Aflac, employee contrib.	91.50
IPERS	852.03
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	2014.06
US Postal Service, 200 stamps	88.00
Intuit, monthly backup	4.95
Staples, Nikon digital camera	131.61

SIGNED BY: _____
Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk