

Lawton City Council Minutes

January 4, 2011

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, January 4, 2011, at the Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Jeff Nitzschke. Council members answering roll: Reed Burson, Don Grigg and Rick Schorg. Perry Ludwig and Terry Masching were absent. Others attending included City Clerk Patricia Washburn, Public Works employee Mark Vault, Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Engineer Jerry Steffen, DSG representative Dan Sinclair and Kent Baker.

Mayor Nitzschke welcomed all in attendance.

Motion by Grigg, second by Burson to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Dan Sinclair gave presentation to Council on radio read water meters stating outside readers will not be available much longer. City has Badger meters installed, some quite old. Old meters and those with high water usage should be replaced, others can be upgraded. New system will assist with leak detection and data profiling. Current outside readers have been in existence since 1959. With only three councilmen present, Schorg moved to table decision on upgrading to new system until all council members are present. Second by Burson. Motion carried 3-0.

Regarding extension of water lines to residents within Hillside Waterworks Association, Vault stated water was turned on December 28. There have been no complaints from anyone south of Hwy. 20 regarding pressure or water quality. Steffen stated pressure at the assisted living facility still measured 75 psi after water was turned on to additional homes.

Discussion followed regarding disposition of old Christmas decorations and previously used informational sign. Council directed Clerk to get photos of items and advertise. Sealed bids will be taken at March meeting.

Current snow emergency ordinance was discussed regarding changing status from 6" to 2" to declare emergency. Ordinance states Mayor and pro tem both have authority to call snow emergency at any time regardless of amount on ground. Council will leave ordinance as is, but will look at enforcing more.

Vault reported everything seems to be going fine for Public Works Department.

Clerk reported donation from F.A.M.I.L.Y. Group of \$4,542.44. This group has disbanded due to lack of membership. F.A.M.I.L.Y. has asked their donation be used for repair or replacement of park equipment. Schorg stated discussion among members also indicated they would like City to continue with lighting contest at Christmastime. Council expressed appreciation to group for all they have done for the community in the past.

Mayor spoke with Fire Chief about items on outside of fire station building. With Chief Eyres' approval, City removed items and took to landfill.

Motion to approve consent agenda consisting of minutes from December 8, 2010 and December disbursements of \$43,944.36 was made by Grigg, second by Schorg. Motion carried on roll 3-0.

Councilman Grigg mentioned parking at Tara Way Park still has snow on it. Erin's Cove needs to be cleared also. Vault stated areas will be cleaned.

With no further business to come before the meeting, meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	803.27	TIF-West Creek	-
TIF	703.28	General	16,454.01
General	12,488.51	Road Use Tax	3,689.31
Road Use Tax	5,098.69	Local Option Sales Tax	-
Local Option Sales Tax	6,800.81	Water	19,774.04
Water	11,435.69	Sewer	2,430.17
Sewer	3,106.51	Garbage	650.98
Garbage	4,758.52	Fire Disbursements	945.85
Fire Revenue	-		
TOTAL REVENUE	45,195.28	DEC. DISBURSEMENTS	43,944.36

WARRANTS APPROVED

Intuit, monthly backup	4.95
QuickBooks, 2011 update	179.96
Carbonite Online Backup, 3 yrs	129.95
ACS Firehouse Solutions, 1 yr sub	105.00
City of Lawton, utilities	48.10
EGR Ins., surety bond	100.00
Lawton Pronto, fuel, misc	414.19
L-B After Prom, softener salt	110.00
MidWest Wheel, radial cable chains	109.01
Plummer Electric Service, sign wiring	619.33
Tri-State Communications, reprogram radios	54.00
Tri-State Electronic, pc repair	80.00
Triple D Contracting, 3 loads sand	420.00
Utility Equip. Co., Hillside water ext.	7045.33
WITA, telephone	279.94
Jeff Nitzschke, mayoral pay	1371.25
Lowell Anderson, meeting pay	122.99
Reed Burson, meeting pay	193.93
Donald Grigg, meeting pay	193.93
Perry Ludwig, meeting pay	193.93
Terrence Masching, meeting pay	164.58
Rick Schorg, meeting pay	161.61
Patricia Washburn, meeting pay	184.48
QuickBooks, 2011 payroll update	374.00
Staples, ink	107.70
Ace Sign Displays, Inc., final pmt, sign	7030.50
Lowell Anderson, reim. Cell ph	120.00
Batteries Plus, walkie battery	28.50
Dakota Supply Group, 3" meter	1868.44
Ed M Feld, Edison bulb	6.95
Flewelling Sand & Gravel, natural rock	84.00
Hach, testing materials	419.23
Iowa One Call, locates	19.80
MidAmerican Energy, November	1924.53
Soo Land Bobcat, coupler	132.52
Mark Vaul, reim. Mileage	36.00
Wellmark BC/BS	1291.50
WalMart.com, desk phone	26.58
Anderson Heating & Cooling, FD overhead heaters	317.76
IIMC, Washburn dues	135.00
Metcalf Law Office, legal fees	197.00
Sign Pro, decals	100.00
Siouxland Concrete, 32" cone	192.00
US Postmaster, FD box rent	76.00
Aflac, employee contribs	80.50
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	3338.44
IPERS	1403.13
State of Iowa, Withholding	1535.00
State of Iowa, Sales Tax	2271.00
Employee wages	8541.82
DECEMBER DISBURSEMENTS	43944.36

SIGNED BY: _____
Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk