

Lawton City Council Minutes

July 5, 2005

The Lawton City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 5th, 2005, at Lawton City Hall. Council members answering roll: Rick Schorg, Perry Ludwig, Don Grigg, Tony Bengford and Terry Masching. Mayor Jeff Nitzschke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed guests.

Building permit applications were approved for Bruce Jackson, 435 E Birch, sunroom; Terry Johnson, 92 Cedar, garage, shed & driveway; Kevin Mills, 318 Oak St., relocate fence. Permit application for 105 Cedar St was rescinded at property owner's request. Residents using alley between blocks 8 & 9 asked that sidewalk and curb in city ROW near alley be replaced to match new sidewalk being poured by residents. Council gave approval.

Debbie Richardson and Deb Willer spoke to Council regarding Lawton Light Jam fundraiser plans. Approval has been received by Dick Storm with Woodbury County to close county road running through town during event. Council gave approval for Clerk to contact CHN Garbage to get larger dumpster to be placed on west side of old bank lot for the weekend.

Pat Rogers of EGR Insurance informed Council of recommendations after PERSI survey. Council will investigate the matter and proceed accordingly.

Loyanne Jensen, a member of F.A.M.I.L.Y., shared information she has received after researching various vendors of playground equipment.

Jerry Steffen stated the city should be ready to proceed with new wells and water filtration plant. Council Member Schorg introduced **Resolution # 2005-07: RESOLUTION ORDERING CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WATER WELL AND FIXING A DATE FOR HEARING THEREON AND TAKING OF BIDS THEREFOR**, and moved that the same be adopted. Bengford seconded the motion with all members voting "aye", none voting "nay", motion carried. Resolution #2005-07 reads in part that it is necessary to construct a public water well for use by the City, and the City has caused to be prepared plans, specifications and form of contract, together with an estimate of cost. Before said plans may be adopted, it is necessary according to the Code of Iowa, to hold a public hearing and to advertise for bids. It is hereby determined that the construction of a Public Water Well for the City of Lawton consist of two eight-inch wells approximately 250 feet in depth with pumps, casings and other materials as deemed necessary. The bid security to accompany each bid in a separate envelope shall be five percent of the bid amount. Notice to bidders shall appear in the Movable Record July 14th and July 28th. Said bids are to be filed with the City Clerk prior to 5:00 pm on August 2, 2005. Bids shall be received and opened at a public meeting as provided in the public notice and the results of said bids shall be considered at the meeting of this Council on August 2, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. Complete text of Resolution #2005-07 is available for inspection at City hall.

Council Member Masching introduced **Resolution # 2005-08: RESOLUTION ORDERING CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FILTRATION FACILITY, AND FIXING A DATE FOR HEARING THEREON AND TAKING OF BIDS THEREFOR**, and moved that the same be adopted. Grigg seconded the motion with all members voting "aye", none voting "nay", motion carried. Resolution #2005-08 reads in part that it is necessary to construct a water filtration facility for the removal of iron and other minerals and the City has caused to be prepared plans, specifications and form of contract, together with an estimate of cost. Before said plans may be adopted, it is necessary according to the Code of Iowa, to hold a public hearing and to advertise for bids. It is hereby determined necessary to construct a Water Filtration Facility for the City of Lawton to remove iron and manganese from the municipal water supply. The bid security to accompany each bid in a separate envelope shall be five percent of the bid amount. Notice to bidders shall appear in the Movable Record July 14th and July 28th. Said bids are to be filed with the City Clerk prior to 5:00 pm on August 2, 2005. Bids shall be received and opened at a public meeting as provided in the public notice and the results of said bids shall be considered at the meeting of this Council on August 2, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. Complete text of Resolution #2005-08 is available for inspection at City hall.

City Maintenance Supervisor Anderson informed Council the lift station in West Creek Development has been powered up and is operating. He also informed Council one dwelling in the development was receiving water. Billing will commence with 3rd quarter usage to property owner. Complaints have been received regarding tall weeds and excess building supplies strewn around the new development. Mayor Nitzschke will contact developer.

Cingular has contacted city regarding co-location of antennae on top of water tower. As no representative was present at meeting, Council instructed Clerk to have representative at August meeting. A public hearing will be held if Council chooses to proceed with co-location option.

Regarding Woodbury County's 2005 General Development Plan draft, city attorney will contact county to assure area around edge of city is classified correctly.

Attorney determined city ordinance does not require subdivision notification within two miles of city limits. Item # 8 on Agenda was not acted upon due to this determination.

Clerk informed Council a certified, "5-day return mail" letter had been sent according to city ordinance to property owner at 306 Cedar regarding weeds, junk vehicles and other debris. The letter had been returned unopened. Mayor Nitzschke will contact property owner to discuss matter. Clerk also informed Council that J & J Motors of Movable had been contacted regarding the towing of a white

Cavalier that had been tagged, but not moved. J & J Motors have removed the vehicle. Several other vehicles and campers were discussed regarding possible safety issues. Letters will be sent to owners.

The Mayor called attention to the need to consider increases to the Mayor and Council member salaries beginning January 1, 2006. A general discussion followed. Thereafter, Councilman Schorg introduced and caused to be read the following proposed ordinance: **AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND ADOPTING CHANGES IN SALARY FOR MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR.** In part, this ordinance amendment will change City Code Chapter 2-4-2 to allow Mayor salary of \$900 on June 30th and \$900 on December 31st of each year rather than the current \$800 on June 30th and \$800 on December 31st. There will be no change to Council meeting pay. Ludwig seconded motion. First Reading of ordinance amendment passed on roll 5-0.

Anderson discussed repairs needed in park due to traffic during construction of neighboring building. Bid will be acquired and submitted to Western Iowa Telephone Association for approval prior to work being done. Anderson also informed Council of plans to remove cement and plumbing from old water tower lot in 300 block of East Maple.

Regional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan meeting will be held at Climbing Hill on July 11, 2005.

Clerk informed Council several pet owners have licensed their pets under the new ordinance. Most comments have been favorable. Clerk also discussed possibility of investigating other options with regards to quarterly newsletter. Council gave approval.

Clerk requested permission to merge city checking account and fire department checking account. Money received for fire department budget will be kept in, and spent from, a separate Fund, however all money will pass through one single checking account. Attorney stated there should only be one checking account.

County bridge Mayor Nitzschke checked on is no longer available.

Clerk informed Council of change on Consent Agenda. No June financial statement was available for meeting. Schorg moved to accept Consent Agenda as presented with amendment. Ludwig seconded. Consent Agenda included approving minutes of June 7, 2005 and approving disbursements of \$40,341.36. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

With no further business, Schorg moved to adjourn meeting at 7:36 pm. Ludwig seconded, 5-0, carried.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	1,304.74		
General	3,247.51	General	15,393.44
Local Option Sales Tax	4,395.26	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Road Use Tax	5,069.31	Road Use Tax	5,214.01
Water	202.01	Water	11,021.22
Sewer	59.49	Sewer	2,465.26
Garbage	120.62	Garbage	3,812.43
Special Assessment	421.26	Special Assessment	2,435.00
TOTAL REVENUE	14,820.20	JUNE DISBURSEMENTS	40,341.36
Fire Revenue	0.00	Fire Disbursements	10592.39

WARRANTS APPROVED

ICAP, ball field ins.	229.00
IMWCA, work comp, city share	2206.00
Western Iowa Telephone	140.75
Lowell B Anderson, salary	454.92
Heath Horsley, wages	175.46
Jack Howard, wages	222.34
ACCO, chlorine, etc	457.05
Loy Anne Jensen, reimburse flowers	102.28
Lawton Pronto, fuel	239.45
Metcalf, Thompson & Phipps, 2 meets	140.00
Sioux City Iron Co., shop supplies	10.64
Sioux City Ready Mix, concrete	358.88
Western Iowa Telephone, TT desk phone	10.00
Woodbury Co. Area Solid Waste, 2nd Qtr.	1655.38
Woodbury County Library, FY 05-06	9601.00
Moville Ready Mix, curb repair	399.01

Suburban Supply, labor, backhoe	957.07
Lowell Anderson, salary	454.93
Heath Horsley, wages	121.63
Jack Howard, wages	129.63
Lowell Anderson, meeting pay	189.18
Anthony Bengford, meeting pay	232.38
Don Grigg, meeting pay	226.26
Perry Ludwig, meeting pay	226.26
Terry Masching, meeting pay	232.38
Jeff Nitzschke, mayoral pay	738.80
Rick Schorg, meeting pay	226.26
Patricia Washburn, meeting pay	217.19
Iowa One Call, 30 locates	27.00
MidAmerican Energy, May	1311.49
Siouxland Dist. Health Dept, lab fee	10.00
US Bank	400.61
US Post Office, stamps	74.00
ISU Conference, Clerk Academy	183.00
KatoLight Corp, heat sensor	24.42
Menard's, supplies	119.19
Lowell Anderson, salary	454.93
Heath Horsley, wages	187.43
Jack Howard, wages	197.43
American Family Ins., Anderson	555.30
Lowell Anderson, reim. Cell phone	120.00
JP Cooke Co., pet license misc.	40.85
US Postmaster, box rent	66.00
Lowell Anderson, salary	454.92
Heath Horsley, wages	209.34
Jack Howard, wages	199.41
Patricia Washburn, salary	1255.08
EFTPS, 941 payroll liabilities	1841.70
IPERS, payroll liabilities	658.85
State of Iowa, state withholding	659.00
State of Iowa, sales tax	1164.99
Barkley Asphalt, hot mix	565.79
Bomgaars, mowing supplies	45.55
CHN Garbage	2140.25
Central Iowa Dist., Barren	97.09
Colonial Research Chem. Corp, Total Kill	139.28
Iowa League of Cities, dues '05-'06	385.00
Kuehl & Payer, water treatment services	3168.00
Share Corp, herbicide	125.71
Stan Houston Equip. Co., 2 diamond HS blades	187.40
Steffen Engineering, drill 3 test wells	3000.00
Suburban Supply, forks	175.00
Wolf Creek Graphics, 325 newsletters	78.83
Tri-State Electronic Service, Inc., PC Repair	65.00

SIGNED BY: _____
Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk