

Lawton City Council Minutes

May 4, 2004

The Lawton City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at the Lawton City Clerk's office. Council members answering roll: Don Grigg, Perry Ludwig, Terry Masching, Tony Bengford and Rick Schorg. Mayor Jeff Nitzschke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Norman and Annette Custer complained of bad water at their residence each time fire department filled trucks. A sample was brought to Council. They stated problem did clear up after mains were flushed. Mayor reminded those present the problem is at the source, it is not a problem with the mains. Council has made arrangements to dig new test wells in hopes of retrieving water with less iron and manganese. Preliminary work has also begun on a filtration plant.

Jolie Corder, Executive Director of New Perspectives, Inc., and Kelly Boyle, Board member of NPI discussed plans for a Poker run fund raiser to be held Saturday, May 8, 2004. Poker Run will begin and end in Lawton and will include eight stops. Registration is from 10:00 am-noon with a BBQ at 6:30 pm. Ludwig made motion to allow 100 block of Main Street to be closed for part of the afternoon and evening, and to allow use of picnic tables from park on Tara Way. NPI will be responsible for moving all tables. Area residents will be notified of Poker Run plans including outdoor music not to play past 10:00 pm. Motion seconded by Schorg. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Deb Willer presented plans for Centennial street closings to include: 100 block of Maple, Thursday noon through Sunday morning; 400 block of Cedar, Friday noon through Sunday noon; 300 block of Cedar, Friday 6:00 p.m.-Sunday noon; Parade route Saturday, 9:00 am-1:00 pm; 200 & 300 blocks of Maple as well as 300 block of Pine, Saturday 9:00 am-5:30 pm. Council understands this will be an inconvenience for residents living along those streets, but asks their cooperation as this is a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence for our town.

Richard Uhl spoke to Council regarding concerns with having 300 block of Cedar street widened, thus narrowing sidewalk along either side of that block. Uhl owns property in that section of town and is concerned with traffic on a narrower sidewalk.

A building permit was issued to Jimmy Petersen for a home at 432 E Main St. Todd Roerig presented an amendment to his permit #20030507 regarding an additional small cement slab. Council gave approval to amendment.

Chris Aakhus, Steve King and Jerry Steffen informed Council of proposed preliminary plat and grading plans for West Creek Development. Council reiterated need for 36' wide, 6" thick concrete streets per ordinance. Development Corporation noted a lift station will be necessary for large portion of development. Regarding allowing variance for extended cul-de-sac greater than 500', Council considered and gave preliminary approval due to lack of possible future development at north end of proposed cul-de-sac. Council also gave preliminary approval to Development Corporation to begin erecting homes as soon as dirt work has been completed. Clerk reminded those present of need for building permit approval first.

A hearing to approve the Budget Amendment for FY 2003-2004 was opened at 6:40 pm. No written or verbal communication had been received regarding the amendment. Mayor Nitzschke closed hearing at 6:43 pm. Grigg moved to adopt **Resolution # 2004-08, Resolution Amending the Current Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2004** as presented. Ludwig seconded. On roll, 5-0, carried.

Lowell Anderson reported on costs he had regarding street repairs. He will begin repairs as soon as the contractor is available. He also reported the water tower had been cleaned by Dennis Uhl with very favorable results. Uhl noted some corrosion was occurring above the water line on the inside of the tank. Water mains were flushed Monday and Tuesday this week. The 1994 truck had gone in for repairs of a computer module. It is back and in service again. Jack Howard has been called back to assist Anderson on a part-time basis as needed.

Alternate locations for the F.A.M.I.L.Y. can cage were discussed. It is currently located in 300 block of Cedar next to Quality Upholstery. Property owner has asked that it be relocated. Council gave approval to move it to city-owned property on southwest corner of intersection at Ash & Main.

Clerk was asked to send notice to abate to property owner at 207 Elm regarding lawn in violation of city ordinance Sec. 3-11, WEEDS. Complete text of ordinance available for inspection at City Hall.

Clerk reported receiving scholarship to attend Year 3 of Municipal Clerk's Institute to be held in Ames this summer. Hits on new city webpage have been coming from around the world, the Netherlands, Italy and Norway. Clerk noted that Western Iowa Telephone referenced City's new website in their monthly newsletter. New digital camera has been purchased. Several photos on the website are from the new digital. A new printer is also on site, but has not been installed as of yet.

Jean Parrish, with the Siouxland Community Health Center, brought the Mobile Unit to Lawton Monday for free blood pressure checks. Eight residents took advantage of the service. Parrish plans to return next month and possibly take appointments for exams in addition to offering the free blood pressure checks. The Mobile Unit will also be on-site during the Lawton Centennial and will be used in conjunction with the Lawton Ambulance.

Community-wide Flower Planting Day will be Saturday, May 15th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Residents are encouraged to meet at Lawton Memorial Park to help with flower planting. Flowers will also be given away to residents wishing to have some at home.

Attorney Metcalf reported annexation of Peterson property is progressing. Documents will be forwarded to State this week.

Council asked Steffen to get cost estimate of cutting sidewalk along both sides of Cedar Street in the 300 block in order to widen Cedar Street.

Residents are encouraged to recycle. Garbage hauling fees recently increased, and landfill fees will increase effective July 1, 2004. Currently residents are billed only for "Garbage" however city pays for Garbage and Landfill Fees according to the number of homes/residents within city limits. Clerk will keep Council apprised of balance in Garbage Fund. Anderson and Grigg attended composting workshop held in Sergeant Bluff. Grigg noted from the workshop it is illegal in the state of Iowa to burn recyclable materials.

Masching moved to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include approval of April 6, 2004 minutes, approval of disbursements in the amount of \$22,717.29, and approval of April, 2004 financial statements. Ludwig seconded. On roll, 5-0, carried.

Grigg made motion to adjourn at 7:45 pm, seconded by Ludwig, carried on roll 3-0.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	2,637.53	TIF	
TIF	4,095.76	General	13,749.49
General	46,253.16	Local Option Sales Tax	
Local Option Sales Tax	4,564.83	Road Use Tax	2,422.88
Road Use Tax	4,332.67	Water	2,744.03
Water	13,762.90	Sewer	1,761.54
Sewer	7,142.13	Garbage	2,039.35
Garbage	7,077.02	Grants	47,788.50
Grants	43,010.00		
Fire Funds	4,778.50		
TOTAL REVENUE	137,654.50	APRIL DISBURSEMENTS	70,505.79

WARRANTS APPROVED

Western Iowa Telephone	192.20
Lowell Anderson, salary	441.28
Don Grigg, mileage reimbursement	35.25
ICAP, premium	9136.00
Lawton Pronto, fuel	149.62
Mangold Environmental Testing	26.00
ACE Engine & Parts, mower parts	33.73
Lowell Anderson, salary	441.28
Ron Washburn, electrical supplies	71.18
ACCO, chlorine, carboy	460.05
MidAmerican Energy	1325.26
netINS, domain name 3 years	44.85
Sign Pro, four signs	869.60
Triple D Contracting, haul trees & concrete	724.36
US Bank	755.50
Norton AntiVirus	
ISU, MCI Clerk's School	
HACH Company, water supplies	
Staples, QuickBooks Pro 2004	
Staples, Returned Firewall	
US Post Office, stamps	
Lowell Anderson, salary	441.28
O'Reilly Automotive, fuel filter	21.55
Triple D Contracting, grading South of shop	730.00
Lowell Anderson, salary	441.28
Jack Howard, salary	145.58
Barkley Asphalt, premix, pail tack	145.79
Bomgaars, shop supplies	23.33
Hydro Metering Technology, meter	144.61
Triple D Contracting, haul concrete	170.00
Woodbury Co. Solid Waste, tires, misc.	53.50
Lowell Anderson, salary	441.28
Jack Howard, salary	224.32
Patricia Washburn, salary	1258.23
EFTPS, payroll taxes	1250.32
IPERS, payroll taxes	480.71
CHN Garbage, inc. fuel surcharge	2039.35
APRIL TOTALS	22717.29

SIGNED BY: _____ Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____ Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk