

Lawton City Council Minutes

June 1, 2004

The Lawton City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at the Lawton City Clerk's office. Council members answering roll: Don Grigg, Terry Masching and Perry Ludwig. Tony Bengford was absent. Mayor Jeff Nitzschke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

A concerned resident spoke regarding the need for a severe weather siren. Council and Mayor addressed the issue by stating a weather radio would be activated before any other alerts. It was suggested that citizens should acquire a weather radio for complete, up-to-date, information.

Councilman Rick Schorg arrived at 5:15 pm.

Building permits were issued to Matt Habeger, 322 Elm, fence; Tim LeVan, 305 Tara Way, shed; Louie Sager, 319 E. Oak, cement slabs; Todd Sassman, 423 E Main, 2-season room; Terry Sharp, 207 Tara Way, shed; Martin Shorman, 510 N. Pine, dwelling.

Todd Roerig informed Council of additional street closings needed during the Centennial. Roerig will provide cones needed.

Downtown Revitalization Project was tabled as Jerry Steffen did not have further information for Council.

According to Lowell Anderson, street repairs should begin within a week. He and the city maintenance crew have been patching holes around town. Anderson also stated Heath Horsley has been called back to work part-time through summer months.

A local 4-H club has expressed interest in creating a Centennial flag and carrying it through the Centennial parade. Plans were to also purchase two shorter flag poles and erect them in the park on either side of the American flag pole. One pole would hold the State flag, the other would hold the Centennial flag. Council raised concerns over the elements harming the Centennial flag. As this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have a Centennial flag, Council suggested it be housed in a glass-covered frame and hung indoors. That would help to preserve it for several years. Clerk will contact 4-H leader with Council comments.

Refurbishing ceiling in Friendship Center was discussed. No action will be taken at this time.

MHRD recently awarded City of Lawton with grant of \$7500 to purchase 2-sided, illuminated informational sign which will be placed in the Lawton Memorial Park. Further discussion was tabled until July 6 meeting. Clerk will attempt to get scale models from area contractors.

West Creek developers were present to discuss possible options with city regarding new development. Council will weigh benefits and disadvantages of a possible TIF district in development area. No decisions were made regarding West Creek Development.

Attorney will write lease between city and Steve King for additional parking during Centennial.

Several locations were discussed regarding junk vehicles and general cleanup of property. Letters have been sent to some property owners. Others will be contacted shortly.

Clerk notified Council tipping fees for garbage haulers will increase July 1. Due to this our garbage hauler will be increasing his charges to us. Small cans will increase 30 cents, large cans will increase 50 cents. Fund balance will be monitored closely to avoid residential increases if possible.

Since annexation of property located south of Hwy 20 is not complete, regular annual fees will apply as they have in the past.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 718 hung yellow ribbons around street lights in the downtown area honoring all veterans, servicemen and servicewomen.

Clerk reported nearly all 1000 newsletters printed last quarter are gone. Newsletters this quarter should include pictures and articles from the Centennial, and will probably be 6 pages again. Council approved clerk ordering 1500 newsletters for distribution in July.

Council also approved hiring Brian Johnson as part-time assistant in the clerk's office. Federal minimum wage will be paid with Johnson working approximately 5 hours per week.

The concern over motorized scooters and electrified bicycles was brought before the council. Many complaints have come in over the use of these vehicles on sidewalks. Youth that ride on the scooters have been observed not obeying traffic laws, riding towards oncoming traffic in the oncoming traffic lane, not stopping at stop signs, not yielding to pedestrians, etc. Counsel advised city that these may only be used legally on private property. He also stated that if a youngster is cited, they will not receive a license at age 16. Council instructed clerk to publish article in newsletter regarding concerns.

Motion made by Masching, seconded by Grigg to increase salaries for fiscal year 2004-2005 by 4% for Lowell Anderson, City Water/Wastewater Supervisor, and 4% for Patricia Washburn, City Clerk. This will bring their salaries to \$33,019.93 and \$19,656.00 respectively. On roll, motion carried 4-0.

Motion to accept Consent Agenda with the following revisions was made by Schorg, seconded by Masching. Revisions include deleting item 3.b. Approve Cigarette Permit Application for TJ's Sports Bar and Grill. Also, the May Balance report was unavailable due to lack of time. This will be sent or emailed to Council. Consent agenda included approval of May 4 minutes, May 18 minutes, disbursements of \$42,087.42, approval of cigarette permit application from Lawton Pronto, and **Resolution #2004-09 Approving Closing of Certain Streets in Lawton During Centennial Celebration June 23-27, 2004**. Complete text of Resolution \$2004-09 is available for inspection at City Hall. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Schorg made motion to adjourn at 8:05 pm, seconded by Grigg, carried on roll 4-0.

REVENUES BY FUND		DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND	
Interest Earned	2,610.02	General	3,080.65
General	13,668.67	Local Option Sales Tax	18,855.00
Local Option Sales Tax	4,564.83	Road Use Tax	4,413.52
Road Use Tax	4,341.31	Water	9,754.91
Water	4,202.67	Sewer	1,861.31
Sewer	1,916.22	Garbage	1,655.38
Garbage	1,321.00	Grants	2,466.65
Grants	7,500.00		
TOTAL REVENUE	40,124.72	MAY DISBURSEMENTS	42,087.42

WARRANTS APPROVED

Lowell Anderson, salary	441.29
Jack Howard, salary	173.49
Dennis Uhl, tower cleaning	337.60
Central Iowa Distributing, orange float	199.00
Davy's & Jim's, grass seed, fertilizer	106.50
Lawton Pronto, fuel	225.11
Mangold Env. Test., 2 tests	74.00
Moville J & J, repair '94 truck	1028.59
S & S Equipment, lawn mower battery	19.95
Patricia Washburn, IMFOA mileage reim.	145.00
Western Iowa Telephone	58.79
Lowell Anderson, salary	441.27
Jack Howard, salary	244.26
Carousel Garden Center, flowers	796.79
Kim Clay, reimburse flower pots	168.14
Sunnybrook, flowers	517.11
WITCC Horticulture Dept., soil, edging	165.00
Acco, chlorine	529.05
Gene Belknop, stump grinding	330.00
Menard's, supplies	28.59
Metcalf, Thompson & Phipps, legal fees	106.00
MidAmerican Energy	1342.60
Moville Record, publication	415.09
Siouxland Dist. Health Dept, lab fee	10.00
US Bank	
Gateway, camera, printer	634.96
VistaPrint, business cards	15.75
Staples, supplies	11.98
Perkins Restaurant, IMFOA	7.20
US Post Office, stamps	114.95
Wal-Mart, supplies	11.91
Menard's, shop supplies	36.33
Janyce Woodard, flowers, shrubs	819.61
Woodbury County Area Solid Waste	1655.38
Lowell Anderson, salary	441.28
Jack Howard, salary	198.42
Barkley Asphalt, hot mix	245.57
First Trust & Savings, Water bonds (18-25)	6953.75
Fremont Tire, yellow truck tires	449.00
Malloy Electric	54.75
First Trust & Savings, GO bonds (17-25)	18855.00
Lowell Anderson, salary	441.28
Jack Howard, salary	200.40
Patricia Washburn, salary	1258.23
EFTPS, payroll liabilities	1265.12
IPERS, payroll liabilities	513.33
MAY TOTALS	42087.42

SIGNED BY: _____ Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____ Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk