

# Lawton City Council Minutes

**October 4, 2005**

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005, at Lawton City Hall. Council members answering roll: Rick Schorg, Perry Ludwig and Don Grigg. Mayor Jeff Nitzschke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed guests.

Richard Uhl, 302 Cedar, spoke to Council and requested consideration of installing 4-way STOP at intersection of Cedar and Main. Visibility is limited at times. Council will discuss at later meeting.

Councilman Tony Bengford arrived at 5:05 pm.

Building permit application was approved for Cingular Wireless, utility shed on city-owned property at 507 E Main Street. Clerk also informed Council that Cingular representative stated build date has moved up to Fall of 2005.

Discussion was held regarding failure of individual to acquire building permit before installation of fence. Attorney will issue municipal infraction to party involved.

Councilman Terry Masching arrived at 5:10 p.m.

Regarding second sewer connection at 435 E Birch, Ludwig moved that building permit fee of \$245 be required as it is new connection to city sewer main. Grigg seconded. Motion carried on roll 5-0. Property owner is responsible for all costs incurred in actual connection.

Neal Kuehl spoke to Council regarding Royal Building System wall material for water treatment facility. Kuehl discussed options in the event RBS was unable to provide the materials originally sought. Upon Kuehl's recommendation, Grigg moved to award construction contract to Christiansen Construction of Pender, Nebraska, with a low base bid of \$498,800 plus alternate bid of \$38,100 for use of stainless steel tank rather than aluminum. Total bid price is \$536,900. Motion seconded by Masching. Carried on roll call vote 5-0. Motion was made by Schorg, seconded by Ludwig to set Special Meeting date of October 18, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of authorizing Mayor to sign contract with Christiansen Construction. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Upon recommendation of Jerry Steffen, Schorg, moved to award well drilling contract to Dakota Drilling & Backhoe, Inc. of South Sioux City, Nebraska with a low bid of \$64,466. Bengford seconded motion. On roll, motion carried 5-0. Mayor will sign contract with Dakota Drilling & Backhoe at Special meeting scheduled for October 18, 2005.

Motion was made by Grigg, seconded by Ludwig to approve **RESOLUTION # 2005-12, RESOLUTION APPROVING CO-LOCATION LEASE WITH CINGULAR WIRELESS**. Cingular Wireless will install antennae array on top of city water tower this fall. City will receive \$1,000 per month for this rental agreement. Motion carried on roll 5-0. Complete text of Resolution # 2005-12 is available for inspection at City Hall.

Doyle Smith informed Council in writing of his intention to raise rent on leased property currently used by Little League. City currently pays \$100 per acre on 11.1 acres for annual rent of \$1,110. Smith intends to raise rent to \$150 per acre for annual rent of \$1,665. Council will discuss options with Little League Board. Power will be disconnected to ball field site October 17 unless cost constraints prohibit disconnection.

City is not responsible to assist in installing mail delivery pods in any area of town.

After speaking with park property donors, Arlen and Clarice Zenor, motion was made by Bengford, seconded by Masching, to name new park by High School "**Tara Way Park**". Motion carried on roll 5-0. Discussion also followed considering change of "old" park name from Lawton Memorial Park. Ludwig made motion, seconded by Grigg, to change name of park at corner of Cedar & Maple Streets to "**Veterans' Memorial Park**". Motion carried on roll 5-0. Grigg will look for signage options to identify each park.

Masching moved to approve 2005 Annual Financial Report as presented. Report had been published in Movable Record on September 29, 2005 as required by law. Ludwig seconded motion. Carried on roll 5-0.

Council gave approval for Clerk to apply for MidAmerican Energy Tree Grant again this year. Last year this grant purchased three of the trees now located on the water tower lot.

After much discussion, Council instructed City Maintenance to install road block on Main Street at east edge of 507 E Main Street. City will notify adjacent property owners of decision.

Lowell Anderson informed Council cost of solid steel door plus ADA handle on Friendship Center would run about \$1,000. Cost of new ADA lockset alone is \$180. Council instructed Anderson to get new lockset and threshold. County will be notified upon installation so elections can be moved back to Friendship Center.

Anderson also stated white city truck is in need of repairs.

Clerk Washburn read Thank-You from F.A.M.I.L.Y. group for participation in their activities. Clerk also thanked Don Grigg for his donation of new sign north of Lawton, and Sherry Beaudette for her donation of a 4-place setting of dishes to the Friendship Center.

Mayor updated Council on Cedar Street project and presented two bills from Concrete Complete for work completed. Masching moved to pay bills totaling \$6,455 for work completed to date. Bengford seconded motion. On roll, 5-0, carried. New ramp has been installed. Striping has been completed in 300 block of Cedar and includes necessary handicap stalls.

Western Iowa Telephone Association offered for sale buildings and fencing on city-owned property at 309 E Maple. After considering options, Council denied offer.

Residents have expressed appreciation for red "R" on informational sign reminding them of the Recycle days in Lawton.

Schorg moved to approve Consent Agenda as presented to include approval of September 6 and September 20, 2005 minutes, approve disbursements totaling \$20,362.98, and approve financial statements for September, 2005. Grigg seconded motion. Carried on roll, 5-0.

With no further business to come before the meeting, motion by Grigg, seconded by Ludwig to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Carried 5-0.

**REVENUES BY FUND**

**DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND**

Interest Earned	1,594.16	General	4,698.66
General	5,287.22	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	4,945.87	Road Use Tax	4,600.60
Road Use Tax	5,234.37	Water	5,049.77
Water	356.88	Sewer	2,596.42
Sewer	288.61	Garbage	1,836.58
Garbage	65.76	Special Assessment	0.00
Special Assessment	491.01	Fire Disbursements	1580.95
Fire Revenue	100.00	<b>SEPT. DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>20,362.98</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>18,363.88</b>		

**WARRANTS APPROVED**

Lowell Anderson, salary	476.16
Jack Howard, wages	161.86
Barco, sign supplies	228.90
Briggs, caps	22.54
Paul Dunn, reimburse training	264.85
Fireguard, Inc., supplies	573.02
Hach Company, testing supplies	25.20
Hydro Metering Tech, connection supplies	535.02
Lawton Pronto, fuel, supplies	473.74
Martin's Flag Co., pole supplies	36.45
Metcalf, Thompson & Phipps, legal fees	140.00
Share Corp, Natrklene	102.76
Sign Pro, amend north sign	371.52
Siouxland Dist. Health, lab fee	10.00
Siouxland Humane Society, services	31.00
UBC, lumber	20.76
USA Blue Book, supplies	65.13
Patricia Washburn, reimburse mileage	99.43
Wayne Manufacturing Co., Christmas bulbs	57.89
Western Iowa Telephone, August bills	170.64
Lowell Anderson, salary	476.15
Jack Howard, wages	246.24
Sherry Sypersma, deposit refund	63.47
Lowell Anderson, salary	476.16
Jack Howard, wages	224.45
MidAmerican Energy	1351.68
Motorola, pager repair	78.00
O'Reilly Automotive, Inc., truck repairs	75.44
Professional Exhaust, muffler	59.95
Triple D Contracting, haul cement	605.00
US Bank, August	519.99
Staples, speaker phone, supplies	100.14
USPS, 1000 stamped envelopes	419.85
Woodbury Co. Solid Waste, 3rd Qtr, + tire disp.	1664.58
American Family Ins., Lowell	582.80
Batteries Plus, batteries	27.56
Bomgaars, shop supplies	48.23
Stan Houston Equip., tar, tape, flags, etc.	258.40
State Steel, handrail-Friendship Center	178.65

United Rentals, compressor	146.43
Lowell Anderson, salary	476.16
Jack Howard, wages	303.37
IPERS, payroll contributions	617.95
ACCO, chlorine, etc.	555.20
Ed M Feld, fire truck repair	433.25
Linweld, welder, supplies	860.48
Steffen Engineering, ramp	320.00
Wigman Co., weld supplies	192.83
Lowell Anderson, salary	476.15
Jack Howard, wages	256.33
Patricia Washburn, salary	1292.75
EFTPS, payroll liabilities	1686.46
State of Iowa, withholding	687.00
State of Iowa, sales tax	1255.00

SIGNED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk