

Lawton City Council Minutes

October 5, 2004

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

Building permits were approved for Don Grigg, 307 Tara Way, portable storage shed; Lillian Wilson, 302 E Oak, wood deck. Cal Dorale was granted permission to enclose three sides of his carport at 202 E Maple.

Nancy Countryman of the Woodbury County Area Solid Waste Agency spoke to Council regarding Unit-Based Pricing on garbage, landfill fees and possible mandatory recycling. No action was taken at this time. Countryman encouraged the community to recycle.

City will apply for "Trees Please!" grant from MidAmerican Energy. Trees could be planted on water tower outlot. Evergreen trees and shade trees would be purchased if grant is awarded.

Regarding late fall application by Town & Country Lawn Services, Masching moved to go forward with application on Veteran's Memorial Park and New Park on Tara Way at total cost of \$102.72. Motion seconded by Grigg. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Clerk Washburn informed Council of Fall IMFOA to be held in Des Moines Oct. 20-22. City Hall will be closed Oct. 21 & 22 for Clerk to attend this conference. Grigg and Washburn reported on Iowa League of Cities Annual Conference held in Sioux City Sept. 22-24. Grigg discussed learning about random testing of water meters to check for accuracy. Council may consider at a later time.

Jerry Steffen provided Council with Final Plat of West Creek Development, First Filing. After much discussion, Schorg caused to be read **Resolution #2004-13, Resolution Approving Plat of West Creek Development, First Filing, to the City of Lawton, Woodbury County, Iowa.** Motion seconded by Masching. On roll, motion carried 5-0. Complete text of Resolution #2004-13 is available for inspection at City Hall.

Attorney Metcalf informed Council of nuisance abatement issues. As there has been an ongoing problem spanning several years, Metcalf will send written correspondence to owner of property at 202 West Main Street, regarding junk vehicles, vehicles improperly parked and other nuisance issues.

Council voted 5-0 on roll to hire one or two part-time, on call, assistants to help Anderson lay water main pipe in West Creek Development. Motion made by Grigg, seconded by Schorg.

After discussion of OSHA regulations, Ludwig moved to purchase shoring to be used by city crew when working in below ground, potentially unsafe, locations. Motion seconded by Masching. Carried on roll 5-0.

Mayor Nitzschke gave update on Siouxland Economical Development Corporation. Representation from Lawton is still needed.

Attorney Metcalf informed Council the Peterson Annexation has been approved by the State. No further action will be taken until final documentation has been received from State.

The Cedar Street widening project will wait until spring due to time constraints this fall.

Grigg informed Council the Veteran's Memorial monument will be removed from the gazebo, refinished and set back in place sometime this fall.

Anderson stated need for soil compactor during installation of water mains. Council gave approval for Anderson to inquire about availability, including contacting WIT regarding a remote-controlled compactor.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda consisting of approval of September 7, 2004 minutes, approval of disbursements of \$15,991.13, and September 2004 Financial Statement was made by Grigg, seconded by Ludwig. On roll, motion carried 5-0.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	893.18	General	2,727.06
General	8,682.48	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	5,227.10	Road Use Tax	2,764.19
Road Use Tax	4,773.19	Water	4,513.90
Water	244.68	Sewer	2,171.45
Sewer	56.00	Garbage	3,814.53
Garbage	101.25		
Special Assessment	1,154.46		
TOTAL REVENUE	21,132.34	SEPTEMBER DISBURSEMENTS	15,991.13

WARRANTS APPROVED

Lawton Pronto, fuel	395.35
Parsons Equipment Co, tar	157.50
ACE, mower supplies	107.65
Lowell Anderson, salary	453.92
Jack Howard, salary	231.30
ACCO, chlorine, etc.	618.15
Barkley Asphalt, hot mix	53.55
Colonial Research Chem. Corp, supplies	123.62
Elaine Ketelsen, flag repair	25.00
Linweld, cylinder rent	9.56
Mangold Environ. Testing, lab fee	130.00
Martin's Flag Co., 3 Iowa flags	78.23
Utility Equip. Co., water supplies	140.55
Western Iowa Telephone	125.58
Woodbury County Area Landfill, 3rd Qtr.	1655.38
Lowell Anderson, salary	453.93
Jack Howard, salary	107.71
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Jack Howard, salary	109.69
Bomgaars, supplies	50.12
Kim Clay, reimburse flower bulbs	33.35
IMFOA, fall conference	75.00
Iowa One Call	20.80
Lawson Products, Inc., supplies	22.30
MidAmerican Energy	1296.01
Siouxland District Health Dept., lab fee	10.00
US Bank, credit card pmt	347.66
Iowa League of Cities, (2) conference registrations	300.00
Menards, supplies	11.98
Lowell Anderson, salary	453.92
Jack Howard, salary	180.48
Patricia Washburn, salary	1302.08
EFTPS, payroll liabilities	1197.94
IPERS, payroll liabilities	466.93
State of Iowa, withholding	712.00
State of Iowa, Sales Tax	1161.68
American Family Ins., Anderson ins.	447.80
CHN Garbage	2140.25
Colonial Research Chem. Corp, supplies	109.68
Lawson Products, Inc., blow gun, ext.	48.82
Metcalf, Thompson & Phipps, legal fees	194.00
USA Blue Book, hydrant supplies	219.72
Wolf Creek Graphics, 300 newsletters	70.00
SEPTEMBER TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	15991.13

SIGNED BY: _____
 Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk