

Lawton City Council Minutes

November 2, 2004

The Lawton City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 2, 2004, at Lawton City Hall. Council members answering roll: Rick Schorg, Perry Ludwig, Terry Masching, Tony Bengford, and Don Grigg. Mayor pro tem Grigg called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Jeff Nitzschke arrived at 5:08 pm. A thank-you note to the city had been received from Tim and CoCo LeVan for the use of the Memorial Park for their wedding

No building permits were presented for consideration. As city has had requests to install 1" water service lines rather than currently used ¾" service lines, Grigg moved to increase Water Connection Fee from \$175 to \$250 for 1" service lines. Masching seconded. Motion carried on roll 5-0. After further consideration of actual costs involved, motion was amended by Masching, seconded by Grigg to increase Water Connection Fee from \$175 to \$325. This reflects an upgrade fee of \$150. Motion carried on roll 5-0. Building permits will be updated to reflect change.

Patty Anderson of SIMPCO was present to discuss Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for Lawton. SIMPCO has applied for, and received, a \$4500 grant for this plan. City portion of matching funds were to be \$1000 in-kind. Federal Government amended grant to reflect value of \$6000, with City matching funds of \$1500 in-kind. Volunteers from community are needed to serve on committee for approximately six months. Masching moved to approve grant change of city in-kind services from original \$1000 to \$1500. Motion included signing contract with SIMPCO designating Patty Anderson as Grant Administrator on behalf of City of Lawton. Ludwig seconded. On roll, 5-0, carried.

Jerry Steffen of Steffen Engineering informed Council Hammond-Wetmore Drilling had concluded digging test well south of City Shop. Location appears to be fairly good for constructing well field. Test well produced a good quantity of water. Samples have been sent to University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratories for testing. Bill from Hammond-Wetmore Drilling in the amount of \$6977.40 was presented for payment.

Iowa DOT has installed STOP sign on southbound lane of West Creek Lane at Hwy. 20 intersection. After much discussion, Masching caused to be read the First Reading of Ordinance to amend City Code Section 3-3-20 by adding subparagraphs 19 and 20 reading:

3-3-20 STOPS AT INTERSECTING THROUGH HIGHWAYS AND OTHER INTERSECTIONS.

The City of Lawton shall establish a stop sign at each of the following locations:

19. The Westbound lane of West Creek Drive at the intersection of West Creek Drive and West Creek Lane.

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Motion seconded by Ludwig. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Bengford made motion to approve Animal Contract Agreement with Siouxland Humane Society. This contract allows \$10 intake fee and 3-day holding fee per animal at rate of \$7 per day. Motion seconded by Schorg. Carried on roll, 5-0.

Council discussed need to update current flood plain map. Clerk had received call stating FEMA planned to update maps within next 5 years. No further action was taken.

Clerk reported on Fall IMFOA Conference held in Des Moines in October.

The new city informational sign has arrived and been installed in the Lawton Memorial Park at corner of Cedar and Maple Streets. A stone crediting Missouri River Historical Development (MRHD) for a \$7500 grant to purchase the sign will be installed near the base of the sign. This new illuminated, double-sided sign will replace the previously used "tire sign" that used to set in the intersection announcing events. Council discussed usage rules. City announcements will always have top priority.

Council discussed reusing Lawton Centennial sign by erecting a "LAWTON" sign on K49 just outside the northern city limits. Schorg will check on feasibility.

Bob Knowler and Mark Monson have presented City with official Woodbury County flag with intention of flag being displayed. Schorg will acquire frame suitable for hanging flag in Clerk's office.

Attorney Metcalf informed Council van previously parked at 202 West Main Street has been removed. Property owners were notified to abate this nuisance.

Grigg informed Council the Veteran's Memorial monument should be reinstalled within next few weeks.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda consisting of approval of October 5, 2004 minutes, approval of disbursements of \$36,986.77, and October 2004 Financial Statement was made by Masching, seconded by Ludwig. On roll, motion carried 5-0.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	2,930.39	General	2,260.14
General	42,201.00	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	10,454.20	Road Use Tax	2,070.92
Road Use Tax	4,997.54	Water	28,009.26
Water	17,986.01	Sewer	2,506.20
Sewer	6,450.19	Garbage	2,140.25
Garbage	6,314.32		
Special Assessment	5,745.28		
TOTAL REVENUE	97,078.93	OCTOBER DISBURSEMENTS	36,986.77

WARRANTS APPROVED

Lowell Anderson, salary	453.92
Jack Howard, salary	212.37
Lawton Pronto, fuel	129.98
Mangold Env. Testing, lab fees	250.00
S&S Equipment, Inc., mower blade, sealant	39.00
Steffen Engineering, maps	715.00
Lowell Anderson, salary	453.93
Jack Howard, salary	235.29
US Bank, postage, shop supplies	161.81
Western Iowa Telephone	126.22
Lowell Anderson, salary	453.92
Jack Howard, salary	310.02
ACCO, chlorine, etc.	460.05
ATCO, Buck-A-Roo	181.20
Linweld, supplies	31.73
Matt Parrott & Sons, 550 laser checks	120.71
MidAmerican Energy	1273.68
Lowell Anderson, salary	453.92
Matt Anderson, salary	129.62
Jack Howard, salary	344.91
Jack Howard, reimb. Fuel	20.00
Barco Municipal Products, paint	60.18
Bomgaars, tools, supplies	79.42
CHN Garbage	2140.25
Flewelling Sand & Gravel, gravel, sand	330.10
Iowa DNR, construction permit app. Fee	265.00
Siouxland District Health Dept., lab fee	10.00
Town & Country Lawn Service, late app.	102.72
Utility Equipment Co, supplies	22757.70
Lowell Anderson, salary	453.92
Matthew Anderson, wages	180.45
Jack Howard, wages	325.98
Patricia Washburn, salary	1302.09
IPERS, payroll liabilities	667.70
EFTPS, Federal payroll liabilities	1753.98
OCTOBER TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	36986.77

SIGNED BY: _____
 Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk