

Lawton City Council Minutes

December 6, 2005

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, December 6th, 2005, at Lawton City Hall. Council members answering roll: Perry Ludwig, Rick Schorg, Terry Masching and Don Grigg. Councilman Tony Bengford was absent. Mayor Jeff Nitzschke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed guests.

John Miller had contacted City Hall and the Mayor regarding his concern with the tree trimming notification sent to all residents in November. It was recommended that Miller come to this meeting to address the Council directly. As no written communication was received, and no one was present to represent Miller, Council took no action.

No building permit applications were presented for consideration.

Clerk read letter from Iowa DNR stating they were in general agreement with a report filed by Kuehl & Payer regarding the new water filtration plant.

Property owners of 307-311 Cedar were not present to discuss property options.

Fire Chief Kurt Miene presented copy of Fire Department By-Laws and Constitution to Council. Attorney will study it and report back to Council at January meeting.

Neal Kuehl with Kuehl & Payer reported the weather is only slightly affecting construction of the water filtration plant, however construction is still on schedule. Crew is using ground heaters to keep ground from freezing. Kuehl expects crew to start setting walls in place mid-December. Representative with Royal Building Systems said scratches that appeared on wall sections during transportation can be buffed out. State has notified Kuehl & Payer of the need for a generator for emergency back-up service. After considerable discussion, Schorg moved to ask Kuehl to submit a request for variance to the State requirement. Motion seconded by Ludwig. On roll, motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Schorg to order roof in color of Regal Blue. Motion died for lack of second. Ludwig moved to use same color scheme as water filtration plant in Bancroft, Iowa. Masching seconded motion. Carried on roll 4-0.

Masching moved to pay second Pay Request from Christiansen Construction in the amount of \$79,816.51 for services rendered to date. Grigg seconded motion. Carried on roll 4-0.

Grigg had nothing new to report on park signage.

Many residents have trimmed trees as requested. Mayor and at least one other city employee will mark remaining trees in town that still need to have branches cut. City will tend to trimming with costs assessed to property owners.

Results of a parking limitation survey was reported to Council. Of those that responded, eight preferred "Limited Parking During Winter Months", nine preferred "Odd/Even Parking", and nineteen preferred "No Snowfall Parking". Several letters and additional comments were received. Council was given report with all responses. Result of survey is on file at City Hall for inspection. Current city code Sec. 3-16 requires vehicles must be moved within 12 hours of "Snow Emergency", therefore Council took no additional action at this time. As campers and boats were mentioned in several of the written comments, Council will look at that issue again at a later date.

Notice has been received from Woodbury County Library that the tax-asking from the city of Lawton would be \$9,053 for next fiscal year. Letter had also been received asking for additional donations. Schorg moved to donate \$500. Motion died for lack of second. Will be discussed when all council members are present.

Council discussed changing billing cycle from quarterly to monthly. Proposed ordinance amendments will be discussed in depth at January meeting.

Clerk notified Council of outstanding bill for services at 205 E Birch in Lawton. Masching moved to assess balance to taxes after 60 days past due. Grigg seconded. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

Contract from Siouxland Humane Society was received for review. Minor changes will be made to reflect updated animal ordinance. Cost to harbor animals at SHS will rise from \$7/day to \$9/day. Motion to approve contract with changes was made by Masching, seconded by Ludwig. Carried on roll 4-0.

Oath of Office was administered to newly elected Mayor Jeff Nitzschke and Councilman Terrence Masching. Councilman Tony Bengford will receive Oath of Office prior to end of December 2005.

Public Works director Lowell Anderson reported developer poured a cement slab around lift station in West Creek Development.

Regarding utility shut-offs in multi-family dwellings, the landlord is responsible for individual valves.

Grigg noted appreciation to City crew for great job in getting streets cleaned after recent snow.

Clerk was given approval to have office closed possibly December 23 & December 26 for personal reasons.

Clerk also noted Cingular Wireless has paid \$500 for first "Option Period" payment.

Motion to approve consent agenda consisting of Minutes from November 1, 2005, disbursements of \$84,624.98 and November 2005 financial statements was made by Grigg, seconded by Ludwig. Motion carried on roll 4-0.

With no further business to come before the meeting, motion by Schorg, seconded by Ludwig to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Carried 4-0.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	4,564.13	General	17,114.81
General	8,701.46	Local Option Sales Tax	3,056.25
Local Option Sales Tax	7,929.65	Road Use Tax	15,895.45
Road Use Tax	4,780.01	Water	36,403.14
Water	3,724.90	Sewer	6,745.35
Sewer	1,161.78	Garbage	2,205.25
Garbage	1,172.22	Special Assessment	0.00
Special Assessment	937.69	Fire Disbursements	3,204.73
Fire Revenue	0.00		
TOTAL REVENUE	32,971.84	NOV. DISBURSEMENTS	84,624.98

WARRANTS APPROVED

Travis Barnes, deposit refund	32.64
Barkley Asphalt, tar	82.22
Roger Beck, reim. FD physical	163.00
Bomgaars, shop supplies	27.03
CHN Garbage	2140.25
Christiansen Construction, water treatment	28371.37
Concrete Complete, SE & SW Cedar & Main	14642.00
Ed M Feld, bal. on prev. order	876.00
NameMaker, Inc., door plates	41.00
Mark Nicolls, reim. FD physical	122.00
Lowell Anderson, salary	476.16
Jack Howard, wages	267.84
Anytime Lock & Key, Friend. Cent. Knobset	208.00
Kuehl & Payer, water treatment planning	2768.18
Lawton-Bronson After Prom, water soft. Salt	100.00
Lawton Pronto, October fuel, etc.	630.50
Mangold Environmental Testing, lab fees	129.00
Stan Houston Equipment Co., yellow paint	67.36
Triple D Contracting, river sand, hauling	250.00
Western Iowa Telephone, October bills	188.83
Lowell Anderson, salary	476.15
Jack Howard, wages	246.24
ACCO, chlorine, etc	544.34
Colonial Research, Dissolve	140.00
Fireguard, Inc., boots	513.47
Flewelling Sand & Gravel, road gravel	182.63
Iowa One Call, 22 locates	19.80
MidAmerican Energy, October	1308.27

O'Reilly Automotive, truck repairs	31.46
Siouxland Dist. Health Dept, lab fee	10.00
Town & Country Lawn Service, late fall app.	209.81
US Bank	224.51
Wal-Mart, Brasso	5.36
Iowa League of Cities, budget workshop	30.00
Menard's, Friendship Center light	189.15
Lowell Anderson, salary	476.16
Jack Howard, wages	251.90
Tessie Buttram, deposit refund	103.32
Paul Dunn, training, meals, lodging	298.12
Fireguard, Inc., 10 air packs	590.00
Matt Parrott & Sons, 1100 laser checks	273.19
Siouxland Concrete Co., manhole supplies	765.20
Utility Equipment Co., sewer/water supplies	3515.76
WIT, firefighter training	15.00
Lowell Anderson, salary	476.16
Jack Howard, wages	216.36
Patricia Washburn, salary	1292.75
IPERS, payroll contributions	530.21
EFTPS, fed., med., SS	1442.38
Bomgaars, shop supplies	346.76
First Trust & Savings, GO & water bond pmts	4695.00
Tegra Corp., road salt	132.55
Tri-State Emergency Lighting, light bar repair	70.00
First Trust & Savings, Interest on loader loan	1080.00
Hydro Metering Technology, meters	553.33
Moville True Value, keys, supplies	10.77
Ziegler Cat, 4th pmt, Cat loader	12000.00

SIGNED BY: _____
Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk