

Lawton City Council Minutes

January 4, 2005

The Lawton City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 4, 2005, at Lawton City Hall. Council members answering roll: Perry Ludwig, Don Grigg, Terry Masching and Rick Schorg. Mayor Jeff Nitzschke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed guests.

Five building permits were presented for consideration and approved: Chris Aakhus Construction, dwelling at 122 West Creek Drive; Creative Designs, LLC, dwelling at 131 West Creek Drive; Duane Davis, dwelling at 126 West Creek Drive; Four Corners Construction, dwelling at 134 West Creek Drive; Malcolm E Gibson, dwelling at 167 West Creek Drive.

Councilman Tony Bengford arrived at 5:10 pm. Attorney stated "Centennial Award" will not be handled by city, therefore that item was dismissed from agenda.

Kim Clay was present to discuss Community Visioning Planning Committee, and to invite Mayor and Council to meetings.

Wally Sorensen had been contacted after December meeting regarding property usage concerns. Sorensen's farm tractor had been setting several days on city-owned property. Complaints had come from several residents regarding the situation. According to Sorensen, the tractor was inoperable during the period in question, and water was the liquid dripping onto the ground that had residents concerned. Sorensen is crossing city-owned property to access his farm ground located east of the city limits. Council reminded Sorensen the area in question is not a street, but he may cross it at this time as Sorensen said it will only be necessary two or three times a year.

Council also discussed with Sorensen other concerns including odor problems during routine farm operations, an un-maintained barn located within city limits where area children have been reported to congregate, and the newly installed box culvert at Elm and Larimer Streets.

Jerry Steffen of Steffen Engineering discussed test well lab results with Kuehl & Payer. Test well resulted in water with less iron, but similar content of manganese. Water treatment facility is recommended, along with two new wells. Steffen will ask Kuehl & Payer to attend February meeting for purpose of informing Council how to proceed.

After considerable discussion, Council chose not to disconnect utilities at this time at the ball field west of town. Original agreement was to shut off power from October 15th through April 1st of each year. City currently leases that property at cost of \$1,110 per year. Property owner will be asked to attend February meeting.

Budget considerations for next fiscal year will include new wells, water treatment facility and ambulance donation.

Lowell Anderson showed Council several brochures he had gotten regarding new side discharge riding lawn mowers. Mayor and Anderson will view different models throughout month and report back in February. Anderson also discussed lagoon storage cell concerns. After speaking with engineer and Anderson, Council feels cells are adequate at this time.

Mayor Nitzschke thanked Anderson for the work he has performed this past month, in particular dealing with the unexpected water main break on Sunday, December 26th.

An email had been received from Ken Eyres requesting a \$5,000 donation for the new ambulance scheduled to arrive in February. Council will put donation in budget for next fiscal year. Donation will be made after July 1, 2005.

Doug Furlich sent letter to Mayor and Council regarding use of paintball guns within city limits. These are considered an "air gun" and are, therefore, governed by City Ordinance. Mayor will contact parent of minors in question and inform them of the illegal use within city limits.

Automatic Bill Pay will be offered to residents for payment of water, sewer and garbage bills. Clerk will contact bank to set this up. Will try to have it in force by April 1 billing. City will choose "Payment Date".

City has been informed of the receipt of a \$1,000 Trees Forever Grant distributed by MidAmerican Energy. Grant was written to purchase trees for water tower lot.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda consisting of approval of December 7, 2004 minutes, approval of disbursements in the amount of \$28,137.54, and December 2004 Financial Statement was made by Grigg, seconded by Bengford. On roll, motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Grigg caused to be read the following: **Resolution # 2005-01, Resolution Regarding Release of Contingent Remainder.** This resolution authorizes the Mayor to execute a release at the request of Mr. Grigg releasing any interest of the City of Lawton in an incorporeal hereditament set out by the now-deceased Mabel Grigg. Motion to approve this resolution was made by Masching, seconded by Ludwig. With Grigg abstaining, motion carried on roll 4-0.

Motion by Grigg to approve Third and Final 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 Schorg. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Attorney informed Council he has been in contact with Woodbury County Courthouse regarding Peterson Annexation. He will give update at February meeting.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	1,146.98	General	5,438.09
General	3,917.20	Local Option Sales Tax	
Local Option Sales Tax	5,412.28	Road Use Tax	2,619.62
Road Use Tax	4,755.75	Water	8,198.65
Water	460.30	Sewer	2,847.75
Sewer	110.72	Garbage	5,954.43
Garbage	128.40	Grant	3,079.00
Special Assessment	537.72	DECEMBER DISBURSEMENTS	28,137.54
TOTAL REVENUE	16,469.35	Fire Disbursements	586.52
Fire Revenue	3048.98		

WARRANTS APPROVED

Jack Howard, wages	178.47
Lowell Anderson, salary	453.93
Metcalf, Thompson & Phipps, legal fees	140.00
Tegra Corp., bulk road salt	145.35
Lowell Anderson, reim. Cell phone	120.00
CHN Garbage, inc. fuel surcharge	2140.25
Lawton Pronto, fuel	196.96
S&S Equipment, hose clamps	9.25
US Hwy. 20 Association, 2005 dues	100.00
Wayne Manufacturing, Christmas bulbs	80.58
Lowell Anderson, salary	453.92
Jack Howard, wages	235.29
Lowell Anderson, meeting pay	155.13
Anthony Bengford, meeting pay	199.19
Don Grigg, meeting pay	193.93
Perry Ludwig, meeting pay	193.93
Terry Masching, meeting pay	199.18
Jeff Nitzschke, mayoral pay	738.80
Rick Schorg, meeting pay	129.29
Patricia Washburn, meeting pay	186.16
ACCO Unlimited, chlorine	435.05
Avery Brothers, letter case	85.00
Colonial Research Chemical Corp, Dissolve	360.00
Day's Door Company, Allister remote	35.00
Iowa One Call, 20 locates	18.00

Linweld, tank rent	12.10
Luse, Etler, Goodwin, surety bond	100.00
Mac's Heating & A/C, repair furnace	92.17
MidAmerican Energy	1660.64
Moville Record, 8 publications	523.19
Nitzschke Construction, labor, etc. on sign	2208.00
Rogers Electric Supplies, coil, parts	113.06
Siouxland District Health, lab fees	10.00
US Bank	231.17
Sears, vacuum	59.99
United States Post Office, stamps	63.37
Menard's, lights, supplies	107.81
Utility Equipment, holding spool, etc	253.79
Western Iowa Telephone	135.59
Woodbury Co. Solid Waste, 4th Qtr. Assess.	1655.38
Lowell Anderson, salary	453.92
Scott Harding, stone engraving	598.00
Jack Howard, wages	23.93
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Jack Howard, wages	47.87
Patricia Washburn, salary	1302.08
IPERS, payroll liabilities	594.53
EFTPS, payroll liabilities	1638.52
Bomgaars, shop supplies	41.32
CHN Garbage, inc. fuel surcharge	2140.25
Central Iowa Dist., Orange Float	198.00
General Business Interiors, letter case stand	188.00
Steffen Engineering, test well & lab fees	3200.20
Utility Equipment Co., Oriseal Valves	226.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa, IA withholding	733.00
Iowa Dept. of Revenue, sales tax	1598.50
DECEMBER DISBURSEMENTS	28137.54

SIGNED BY: _____
Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk