

## Lawton City Council Minutes

**January 3, 2006**

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, at Lawton City Hall. Council members answering roll: Tony Bengford, Terry Masching, Don Grigg, Rick Schorg and Perry Ludwig.

Chris Aakhus requested a variance for Lot 5 in West Creek Development. After much consideration, motion was made by Schorg, seconded by Ludwig to grant Aakhus variance allowing dwelling be moved no more than 10 feet closer to the street due only to cul-de-sac radius at that location. This lot will have 15' setback from front lot pins rather than 25'. Motion carried on roll 5-0. Building permit was approved for Creekside Builders, 111 West Creek Drive, dwelling. Contractor was reminded of need for building permit if fence is to be installed. Council clarified water and sewer charges will be applied to a home once meter has been installed. Garbage collection charges will be applied once home is occupied or garbage can is delivered.

Earl Zimmerman, representative of Kuehl & Payer was present to discuss water treatment plant progress. Walls are completed and have been filled with concrete. Rafters are expected to go up next week. After considerable discussion with Zimmerman regarding submitted Change Order allowing for additional cost of Royal Building System, extra insulation under floor for Hydronic system, an increase in the depth of the filter base and other construction concerns Council requested Kuehl attend next Council meeting. Council then approved payment of Pay Request # 3 after striking lines 22-24, thereby reducing request from \$22,378.83 to \$21,282.70. Motion to pay reduced amount made by Grigg, seconded by Ludwig. Carried on roll 5-0.

Pat Rogers from EGR Insurance was not present to discuss protection of city against mishandled funds. Clerk informed Council of reasons they should consider this protection.

Schorg moved to donate \$500 to new Merville Community Center. As city already pays a tax-asking to the Woodbury County Library, this donation was specified for the Community Center. Masching seconded motion. On roll, motion carried 5-0.

Until more information can be gathered, the National Incident Management System compliancy requirement is tabled.

Attorney will present at February meeting spreadsheet regarding water usage and current rates. Monthly billing will likely be implemented during 2006.

Clerk will attempt to get bids on alternate health insurance coverage for city employee. Current carrier has shown 60% increase in past 27 months.

Lawton has been notified of the receipt of the MidAmerican Energy Trees Please! Grant. Grant will be presented to Council at later date.

Council approved paying SIMPCO \$4,500 for work done on Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. FEMA will reimburse city entire amount through a Federal Grant program. Motion made by Grigg, seconded by Bengford. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Masching moved to renew membership with U.S. 20 Association. Ludwig seconded. On roll, motion carried 5-0.

Grigg moved to reappoint Glenn Metcalf as the official Lawton City Attorney. Masching seconded. On roll, motion carried 5-0.

Ludwig moved to reappoint Patricia Washburn as the Lawton City Clerk. Masching seconded. Carried on roll 5-0.

City Maintenance Anderson stated a few trees in town still need to be trimmed. Letters will be sent to those property owners detailing probable costs involved if city trims. Motion made by Bengford, seconded by Grigg to bill according to actual cost with a minimum charge of \$100. Trees will likely be trimmed to trunk. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Clerk asked Council for upcoming budget concerns for 2007.

Council was informed a Snow Emergency parking ordinance was already in effect for Lawton. No further modifications will be made at this time.

Mayor shared letter received this past month regarding USPS sending all mail through Sioux Falls rather than having it postmarked in Sioux City. Letter encouraged residents to contact Senators and Congressmen.

Attorney Metcalf stated Fire Department Constitution and By-Laws have been amended and appear in order. Constitution and By-Laws are on file at City Hall. Clerk read letter received from Fire Chief stating all members of the Fire Department have current physicals on file according to insurance requirements.

Attorney also informed Council of nuisance issue he dealt with in December regarding numerous complaints of animal carcasses hanging within view of public street.

The Consent Agenda consisted of Minutes from December 6, 2005, disbursements of \$109,900.91, December 2005 financial statements, **Resolution #2006-01 ASSESSMENT OF UNPAID UTILITY CHARGES** regarding property at 205 E Birch, Lawton, **Resolution #2006-02 DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION** naming First Trust and Savings Bank of Mowille as the institution used by City of Lawton with a maximum deposit of \$1,250,000, **Resolution #2006-03 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR THE INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS** stating the types of investing allowed by City of Lawton, and **Resolution #2006-04 RECORDS CUSTODIAN RESOLUTION** delegating particular officials or employees the responsibility of maintaining certain records of the city. Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented was made by Masching, seconded by Schorg. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0. Complete text of all resolutions are on file and may be reviewed at City Hall.

Grigg presented signage options for identifying each of the city parks. Council expressed approval.

With no further business to come before the meeting, motion by Schorg, seconded by Ludwig to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Carried 5-0.

**REVENUES BY FUND**

**DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND**

Interest Earned	1,829.39		
General	5,579.39	General	5,100.82
Local Option Sales Tax	5,714.63	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Road Use Tax	4,436.52	Road Use Tax	3,900.71
Water	78.00	Water	88,394.58
Sewer	48.00	Sewer	5,600.92
Garbage	60.00	Garbage	5,958.88
Special Assessment	640.46	Special Assessment	100.00
Fire Revenue	20.67	Fire Disbursements	845.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>18,407.06</b>	<b>DEC. DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>109,900.91</b>

**WARRANTS APPROVED**

Lowell Anderson, salary	476.15
Jack Howard, wages	137.05
ACCO, chlorine, etc.	338.44
CHN Garbage	2140.25
Christiansen Construction Co., 2nd pay request	79816.51
VOID	0.00
Mowille Ready Mix, concrete	103.00
Siouxland Dist. Health Dept., lab fee	10.00
Triple D Contracting, hauling & delivery	279.00
Utility Equipment Co., 8" valve	865.34
Western Iowa Telephone	279.92
Lowell Anderson, meeting pay	237.24
Tony Bengford, meeting pay	298.77
Don Grigg, meeting pay	323.22
Perry Ludwig, meeting pay	290.90
Terry Masching, meeting pay	331.97
Jeff Nitzschke, mayor pay	738.80
Rick Schorg, meeting pay	193.93
Patricia Washburn, meeting pay	204.27
Lowell Anderson, reimburse cell phone	120.00
Lowell Anderson, salary	476.16
Jack Howard, wages	246.24

Chuck Hinds, pipe & "T"	10.00
Kuehl & Payer, treatment plant planning	3372.02
MidAmerican Energy	1709.62
Steffen Engineering, Main St. sewer extension	1940.00
US Bank	14.80
US Post Office, stamps	14.80
Lowell Anderson, salary	476.15
Jack Howard, wages	212.92
Batteries Plus, camera battery	26.99
Central Iowa Dist., paint	152.25
Lawton Pronto, fuel, etc.	616.47
Metcalf, Thompson & Phipps	210.00
Rees Mack Sales & Service, repairs	298.80
Share Corp., Natrklene	101.42
Tegra Corp., road salt	121.00
HOLD FOR APPROVAL	0.00
Utility Equipment Co., supplies	398.78
Woodbury Co. Area Solid Waste	1660.38
Lowell Anderson, salary	476.16
Jack Howard, wages	201.63
Bomgaars, supplies	22.76
EGR Insurance, surety bond	100.00
Fireguard, Inc., boots	268.01
IMFOA, dues	30.00
Roto-Rooter, clean sewer	117.65
Tegra Corp., road salt	108.90
eFile, Iowa withholding	657.00
eFile, Iowa Sales Tax	1744.00
EFTPS, Fed, med, SS	2362.86
Lowell Anderson, salary	476.15
Jack Howard, wages	192.54
Patricia Washburn, salary	1057.75
IPERS, payroll liability	716.49
CHN Garbage	2140.25

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

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