

Lawton City Council Minutes

July 6, 2006

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Thursday, July 6, 2006, at Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Don Grigg, Mayor Pro Tem in absence of Mayor Jeff Nitzschke. Council members present: Terry Masching, Perry Ludwig, Tony Bengford and Don Grigg. Absent: Rick Schorg. Others attending: Lowell Anderson, City Maintenance Supt.; Glenn Metcalf, Attorney; and Jerry Steffen, City Engineer.

Building permits were approved for Dave McArthur, 109 Tara Way, camper parking pad; Kendall Oliver, 123 Main St., privacy fence and deck.

Water treatment plant was discussed. Some work still is needed but everything is still on schedule.

Water filtration plant change order # 2 – Pump to Waste Pipe for Wells for \$582.00 was discussed. This was not approved as Steffen Engineering will do some further checking on this.

Christiansen Construction Co. pay request # 9 for \$27,651.79 was reviewed. Motion by Masching, seconded by Bengford to approve this request for payment. Carried on roll, 4-0. Schorg absent.

Dakota Drilling pay request # 1 for \$54,921.60 was reviewed. Motion by Masching, second by Ludwig to approve this request for payment. Carried on roll 4-0. Schorg absent.

Concrete Complete Pay Request for Cedar Street work in the amount of \$25,146.00 was discussed. Motion by Masching, seconded by Grigg to approve this request for payment. Carried on roll 4-0. Schorg absent.

Mayor Jeff Nitzschke arrived at the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Jeanine Chartier came to the meeting at this time to discuss the Summer League Light Jam to be held on July 29, 2006. Everything is a “go” at this time. They have made all the contacts necessary for closing Cedar Street with the County as required.

Ball field lease was discussed with Jeanine. She will visit with Doyle regarding this and will report back at Council meeting on August 1, 2006.

Regarding Cedar Street banners, it was decided it would be a good idea for F.A.M.I.L.Y. to review this with Lowell regarding mountings brackets so there would be no conflict with the Christmas decoration mountings. Motion by Masching, seconded by Ludwig to allow the F.A.M.I.L.Y. group to purchase and maintain the banners. They can also select which ones they would like to purchase. They should also purchase replacements as needed. Motion carried on roll 4-0. Schorg absent.

Grigg said he had visited with Clyde Murphy of Murphy Tower Company regarding the trees for the west side of the Cingular Wireless building at 507 E Main St. A memorial or something similar may also be placed. Don had gotten a proposal for trees from Widman Landscaping and is to get back to Clyde Murphy regarding the Council's thoughts. Council felt that the trees and memorial could be placed together. Area should be outlined for mowing purposes and weed cloth and rock mulch would be best for maintenance ease. Don will contact Mr. Murphy regarding our thoughts.

Everyone was made aware that the RAGBRAI Support Vehicles will be going by Lawton on Hwy 20 during the last two weeks in July.

City Maintenance Anderson discussed water treatment plant testing. He will also do further checking into water tower cleaning options. Maple Street repairs on the bad areas are being done. Park shelter refrigerator sign will be posted that no food should be left behind or it will be thrown out. Stop sign location by Quality Upholstery (NW corner of Cedar and Maple Streets) will be placed in street so it can be easily seen. Painting of parking spaces will be done on Cedar Street and West Maple Street.

City Clerk Washburn was absent. Written report was given to those in attendance. West Creek developer has been contacted regarding complaints about weeds. Developer stated mowing would be completed within next few days. City is on agenda for school board meeting July 10, 2006.

Consent Agenda consisted of Minutes from June 6 and June 20, 2006, disbursements of \$199,305.49, and June 2006 financial statements. Motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by Ludwig, seconded by Masching. Motion carried on roll 4-0. Schorg absent.

Regarding **Proposed Ordinance Amending Sec. 1-3-2(2a) VIOLATIONS, PENALTIES, AND ALTERNATIVE RELIEF** to allow for Civil Penalties of \$250 for first offense and \$350 for all other repeat offenses, motion to approve third and final reading was made by Masching, seconded by Grigg. Motion carried on roll 4-0. Schorg absent. Complete text of this ordinance amendment is on file for inspection at City Hall.

Regarding **Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 6-5-11 UTILITIES – BILLING CHARGES for Sewer** allowing the billing cycle to be changed from quarterly to monthly, with the rate remaining the same, motion to approve third and final reading was made by Ludwig, seconded by Masching. Motion carried on roll 4-0. Complete text of this ordinance amendment is on file for inspection at City Hall.

Regarding **Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 6-8-2 (4, 5) CONSTRUCTION AND YARD REQUIREMENTS** allowing approval of permit applications by a Building Permit Committee rather than requiring approval by three of five Council members, motion to approve third and final reading was made by Grigg, seconded by Bengford. The Committee shall consist of the Mayor, the City Maintenance Supervisor and any one Council person. Complete text of this ordinance amendment is on file for inspection at City Hall. Motion carried on roll 4-0. Schorg absent.

Attorney Metcalf reported he would notify owners of pit bull of city ordinance forbidding such breed.

With no further business to come before the meeting, motion by Bengford, seconded by Ludwig to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Carried 4-0.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	2,629.65		
General	2,924.38	General	19,697.04
Local Option Sales Tax	5,183.53	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Road Use Tax	4,303.71	Road Use Tax	7,380.79
Water	190.92	Water	154,504.70
Sewer	120.00	Sewer	6,457.90
Garbage	210.00	Garbage	5,953.38
Special Assessment	164.11	Special Assessment	0.00
Fire Revenue	0.00	Fire Disbursements	5,311.68
TOTAL REVENUE	15,726.30	JUNE DISBURSEMENTS	199,305.49

WARRANTS APPROVED

Lowell Anderson, salary	474.02
Jack Howard, wages	330.03
Bryce Meyer, wages	145.23
First Trust & Savings, pay off Water Rev. bonds	50,049.83
CHN Garbage	2,140.25
Christiansen Const. Co., Pay Request 8	88,401.18
Concrete Complete, saw Cedar & sidewalks	2,899.00
Ed M Feld, misc. equipment	892.50
Kuehl & Payer, April, May engineering	5,186.34
Lawton Pronto, fuel, misc	638.40
Rees Mack Sales & Service, brakes '90	1,470.75
Rogers Electric Supplies, fire station	1,069.89
Stan Houston Equip., asphalt blade, misc	229.90
Toyne, Inc., pump repair	517.65
USEMCO, relay	112.00
Utility Equip. Co., supplies	2,802.20
Western IA Tele. Assn.	234.17
Woodbury Co. Solid Waste, 2nd Qtr Assess.	1,655.38
Woodbury Co. Library, tax asking 06/07	9,053.00
Rocky DeWitt, 3 Spruce trees	600.00
Lowell Anderson, salary	474.02
Jack Howard, wages	262.49
Bryce Meyer, wages	109.02
Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor	831.15
Iowa One Call, locates	24.40
Lansink Tree Service, relocate 3 trees	300.00
MidAmerican Energy, May	1,478.15
Nitzschke Construction, concrete labor	140.00
Sign Pro, 2 park bench decals	50.00

Stan Houston Equip., rent roller	1,560.00
Suburban Supply, labor, etc.	3,303.37
US Postmaster, box rent	70.00
Lowell Anderson, salary	474.02
Jack Howard, wages	303.79
Bryce Meyer, wages	195.40
Lowell Anderson, salary	474.02
Jack Howard, wages	255.63
Bryce Meyer, wages	136.27
American Family Ins., Anderson	680.50
Barkley Asphalt, hot mix	146.21
Bomgaars, cement	35.88
CHN Garbage	2,140.25
Colonial Research Chem. Corp, Total Kill	161.69
Heiman Fire Equipment, folding tank	1,087.75
Iowa League of Cities, dues	402.00
Loyanne Jensen, reimb. Flowers	35.22
Metcalf, Thompson & Phipps, legal fees	220.00
Midwest Office Auto., toner	45.95
Share Corp., Natraklene	104.63
Sioux City Ready Mix	3,400.31
Triple D Contracting, haul dirt/concrete	410.00
Utility Equip. Co., supplies	1,052.45
Patricia Washburn, reim. Exp.	176.44
Lowell Anderson, reim. Cell phone	120.00
Iowa Rural Water, 2 registrations	20.00
Lowell Anderson, salary	474.02
Jack Howard, wages	263.70
Bryce Meyer, wages	137.93
Patricia Washburn, salary	1,209.76
Lowell Anderson, meeting pay	310.27
Tony Bengford, meeting pay	365.17
Donald Grigg, meeting pay	323.22
Perry Ludwig, meeting pay	323.22
Terrence Masching, meeting pay	365.17
Rick Schorg, meeting pay	323.22
Patricia Washburn, meeting pay	341.29
Aflac	91.50
IPERS, payroll	879.17
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	2,443.12
State of Iowa, withholding	704.00
State of Iowa, sales tax	1,168.00

Don Grigg, Acting Secretary

SIGNED BY: _____
Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk