

## Lawton City Council Minutes

**November 7, 2006**

The Lawton City Council met in Regular session on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, at Lawton City Hall. Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by Mayor Jeff Nitzschke. Council members answering roll: Tony Bengford, Perry Ludwig, Don Grigg, Rick Schorg and Terry Masching. Others attending included: City Maintenance Supt. Lowell Anderson; City Clerk Patricia Washburn; City Attorney Glenn Metcalf; Kent Baker and Arlen Zenor.

Water treatment plant engineer Neal Kuehl was not at meeting. Anderson stated plant is doing its job taking iron and manganese out of water; however boiler has still not been calibrated correctly.

Final pay request from Christiansen Construction for work on water treatment plant was tabled until Attorney arrived.

Arlen Zenor had contacted city about allowable plant growth within city limits. As city has "ag land" within limits, crops are okay to grow. However, weeds must not be allowed to grow over 12" as specified by ordinance.

No action was taken on request to use Centennial Committee "Celebration Fund" donation to fund two other projects. This money was donated to be used as "start-up money" for city celebrations; however no perimeter guidelines were established by the Committee. Request has been made to divide this money and give part to new Fitness Center and part to Scholarship Fund. Council would like original Committee heads to give okay prior to acting on this request.

Donation of \$250 was received from MidAmerican Energy Company for park improvements. Funds will be used to assist in replacing equipment at Tara Way Park.

Clerk provided Council with information regarding FEMA Map Modernization Project that would include updating City of Lawton flood map. Jerry Steffen will work with project coordinators. Project is in preliminary stage only.

City Engineer Jerry Steffen was unable to attend meeting. However, he reported to have contacted D.A. Davis regarding problems with the West Creek Lift Station.

Request by property owner at 207 Elm to refund water, sewer, garbage and landfill charges due to house being empty was denied by Council. Water is turned on at property and water has been used. As long as water is on at curb stop, minimum charges apply even if there is no usage. Sewer is charged by ordinance even if water is shut off. Garbage and landfill fees are also charged by ordinance to each residence.

Clerk reported all recipients of unlicensed-dog letters have responded. Several complaints have also come in regarding dogs at large and dogs barking.

Ten "Welcome to Lawton" banners were donated to the city by the F.A.M.I.L.Y. group with funds that had originated from the Lawton Centennial Committee. Five banners have a 4-season logo. Five banners have the Eagle logo. Clerk reported two of the Eagle banners have disappeared, one on Halloween night, the other on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Council asked residents to contact City Hall if these banners are found. Clerk stated additional banners could be purchased in lots of six. Approximate cost per banner is \$110, plus \$70 for brackets. Council recommended using stainless steel ties to discourage theft.

Lights have been repaired on east Welcome to Lawton sign. Council may consider moving sign in the spring to allow for easier viewing when approaching city from the east.

Regarding Final Pay Request from Christiansen Construction, Attorney recommended payment as project shows "substantial completeness". Other options are available to get remainder of work done. Motion by Masching to pay Christian Construction \$26,439.01, second by Schorg. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Zenor entered meeting at this time. He was informed of Council's earlier decision regarding crops and weeds within city limits.

Anderson has gotten two bids for new truck. Cost with blade and 11' box will be approximately \$50,000. Truck was repaired this past month and should be able to make it through winter.

Council looked at information regarding new style water meters. No action taken.

Clerk reported building permits have been approved this month for Paul Dunn, 117 E Oak, concrete driveway; Lorna Peters, 414 Pine, install sidewalk; John Feauto, 201 E Oak, chain link fence; Martin Shorman, 520 Pine, dwelling.

Code Book is due for recodification. Clerk will get estimates of cost.

Council reviewed correspondence regarding complaints of leaf burning. No action was taken.

Mayor reported citizen complaint of speeding on Cedar Street.

Discussion was held regarding unused wells in 100 block of Linden. City may cap them in the Spring. Mayor will follow up on possible alternate usage by school.

Open House will be scheduled in January to show residents how the new water filtration plant operates. Notices will be put in newsletter and on informational sign.

Attorney reported traffic counters have not yet been placed into service. Steffen will be contacted regarding expected timeline.

Attorney also stated a fire protection agreement or contract is needed between City and two townships that contract with City for fire protection. Council agreed formula based on property valuation, population and calls was an equitable formula and should be used. Attorney will work on agreement.

Trailer parking ordinance was discussed. Attorney will present document for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading in December.

Council noted bids should be let for Maple Street replacement project in January or February again.

Council also discussed minutes of October 19, 2006 meeting of District Steering Committee regarding plans to recommend building new elementary school facility in Bronson. Council will present School Board and Steering Committee members with letter stating support by City of Lawton regarding endeavor, but asking Board to consider building in Lawton instead for various reasons.

Consent Agenda consisted of minutes from October 3, 2006, disbursements of \$22,888.44 and October 2006 financial statement. Motion to approve Consent Agenda was made by Grigg, seconded by Ludwig. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

With no further business to come before the meeting, meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**REVENUES BY FUND**

**DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND**

Interest Earned	6,798.45	General	3,639.36
General	46,912.25	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	4,795.88	Road Use Tax	3,424.34
Road Use Tax	4,760.05	Water	6,221.96
Water	11,949.23	Sewer	4,577.85
Sewer	3,394.62	Garbage	2,488.95
Garbage	4,363.46	Fire Disbursements	2,535.98
Fire Revenue	0.00		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>82,973.94</b>	<b>OCT. DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>22,888.44</b>

**WARRANTS APPROVED**

Central IA Dist., towels, bags, misc	152.95
HydroMetering Tech., meters, connections	535.02
Kuehl & Payer, engineering	656.58
Lawton Pronto, fuel, misc.	299.41
S&S Equipment, tractor switch	60.43
Western IA Telephone, Sept. bill	266.02
Lowell Anderson, salary	491.31
Jack Howard, wages	241.90
Matt Wise, deposit refund	60.58
Tom Boschen, deposit refund	52.00
ACCO, check valve	60.94
Display Sales Co., 40" banding straps	142.00
Metcalf, Thompson & Phipps, legal fees	195.00
VIOD	0.00
Share Corp, Natraklene	104.95
US Bank	555.30
US Post Office, stamped envelopes	442.05
Menard's, Lift Station shed supplies	113.25
Utility Equipment, supplies	395.63
Lowell Anderson, salary	491.32
Jack Howard, wages	286.52
Alert-All Corp, wrist bands	175.00
Jack Howard, reim. Purchase	4.90
Knoepfler Chevrolet, engine repairs	659.44
Mangold Testing, WW lab fees	86.00

MidAmerican Energy, September	1363.10
Moville Record, publishing	569.74
Patricia Washburn, expense statement	61.66
Lowell Anderson, salary	491.32
Jack Howard, wages	230.37
Ashley Marron, deposit refund	67.20
ACS Firehouse Solutions, software support	105.00
Marcus Lumber Co., shed materials	1766.36
Tegra Corp, road salt	468.05
Lowell Anderson, salary	491.31
Jack Howard, wages	295.60
Patricia Washburn, salary	1670.90
AFLAC, employee contributions	91.50
EFTPS, Federal tax	1772.88
IPERS	619.10
Bomgaars, shop supplies	94.38
CHN Garbage, contract	2408.95
Central Iowa Distributing, drain cleaner	107.60
Ed M Feld, 6 SCBA bottles hydrotested	150.00
Flewelling Sand & Gravel, icing sand	171.60
Holiday Inn Airport, ½ Washburn lodging	77.04
HydroMetering Tech., 500' remote wire	91.02
L & M Electronics, install radio & scanner base unit	1213.13
Maguire Iron, clean water tower	1370.00
Moville J&J Motor, '94 4x4 repair	524.28
Moville True Value, paint supplies	20.77
Triple D Contracting, hauling	165.00
Utility Equipment Co., supplies	457.38

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

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