

Lawton City Council Minutes

Special Meeting June 18, 2007

The Lawton City Council met in Special session on Monday, June 18, 2007, at the Lawton Friendship Center. Council members answering roll: Don Grigg, Tony Bengford, Rick Schorg, Terry Masching and Perry Ludwig. Also in attendance was City Clerk Patricia Washburn, City Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Wallace Sorensen, Mark Nicolls, Charles Soloman, Roger Milligan, Township's Attorney Chuck Corbett, Chuck Hoelker and Ken Gard. Mayor pro tem Don Grigg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting was to meet with Banner and Concord Township trustees to discuss fire protection for the two townships.

According to Councilman Bengford the Fire Advisory Board, consisting of Bengford, Banner Trustee Chuck Hoelker and Concord Trustee Ken Gard, has gotten together several times regarding a proposed agreement for fire protection. Board presented proposed agreement to all present. Township's Attorney Corbett had made additional changes prior to meeting. Agreement was read aloud and discussed item by item. Bengford stated he feels it is imperative to our fire department to continue forward rather than look back.

Concerns of townships continues to be handling of excess funds from fire budget each year as well as ownership of equipment. General consensus is to identify excess funds as Capital Account and set aside for large purchases. Gard wants all excess funds divided by percentage according to each entity's contribution each year. Ownership of equipment was discussed.

Gard complained of way budget has been presented past two years. City reminded Gard books are open and everyone is welcome to look at bills. Township Clerks get detailed reports of all budget money received and spent. If trustees are not getting this report, they should contact their respective clerks. If trustees do not understand reports, they should ask City Clerk.

Regarding term of agreement, general consensus of those present is that new agreement automatically renew every two years for maximum of three terms. This would be reviewable any time.

Discussion was also held regarding approval of fire budget and payment of fire bills. Group would like Fire Chief to present proposed budget prior to January 1 of each year. Group also discussed Fire Advisory Board reviewing all bills prior to payment.

As numerous changes were made to proposed agreement, Banner and Concord Township Trustees requested an extension of service through August, 2007, to allow time to finalize agreement and potentially give final approval by all entities involved. Council was agreeable to that request.

Milligan commended Fire Advisory Board on work that has been accomplished thus far.

With no further business to come before the meeting, motion was made by Schorg, seconded by Masching to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

SIGNED BY: _____
Don Grigg, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTESTED BY: _____
Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk