

Lawton City Council Minutes

Special Meeting August 21, 2007

The Lawton City Council met in Special session on Tuesday, August 21, 2007, at the Lawton Friendship Center. Council members answering roll: Perry Ludwig, Rick Schorg, Terry Masching, Don Grigg, and Tony Bengford. Also in attendance were City Clerk Patricia Washburn, City Maintenance Lowell Anderson, City Attorney Glenn Metcalf, Steve King, Attorney Dan Moore and Engineer Jerry Steffen. Mayor Jeff Nitzschke called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the West Creek Development. A Development Agreement, Assessment Agreement and Urban Renewal Plan including TIF Proposal were presented by Steve King and Attorney Dan Moore.

King gave handouts to Council with two suggestions by Steffen regarding extension of Ash Street into West Creek via Birch Street. King explained 40' easement for drainage ditch would be deeded to City. City would also take ownership of Lot #130 in West Creek.

Metcalf explained steps necessary to go forth with plan. At this time, Councilman Schorg moved to adopt **Resolution #2007-15, RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE SECTIONS 403.4, 403.5, WEST CREEK DEVELOPMENT AREA.**

The Resolution generally provided:

1. The Property generally described as the West Creek addition and portions of the City of Lawton adjacent to Ash Street including all of Block 3 to be an economic development area appropriate for commercial and residential enterprises.
2. The rehabilitation, conservation, redevelopment, development, or a combination thereof of the Property is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the municipality.
3. The Property is appropriate for an urban renewal project.
4. The Property shall not be subject to an urban renewal plan providing for the use of tax increment financing for a period longer than necessary to pay off those obligations necessary to develop the Property and carry out the commitments set forth in the Urban Renewal Plan.
5. The proposed plan entitled "Urban Renewal Plan, West Creek Development Phases I and II, Lawton, Iowa" was given tentative approval and shall be distributed to the affected taxing districts together with a notice setting a time and place for a consultation as provided in Section 403.5 of the Code of Iowa.

Motion seconded by Bengford. Motion passed and approved by Council on roll call vote 5-0.

Masching left meeting at 6:50 p.m.

With no further business to come before the meeting, motion was made by Schorg, seconded by Bengford to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

SIGNED BY: _____
Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk