

# Lawton City Council Minutes

## **Special Meeting September 25, 2007**

The Lawton City Council met in Special session on Tuesday, September 25, 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 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting was to hear public comments regarding the West Creek Development Urban Renewal Plan and Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Proposal.

The Public Hearing notice had been posted and published according to State requirements. Taxing entities of Lawton-Bronson Community School District, Western Iowa Tech, Woodbury County Board of Supervisors and Woodbury County Extension Service had all received mailing inviting them to attend public hearing.

Mayor Nitzschke opened the Public Hearing at 5:01 pm. asking for public input. Steve King spoke in favor of the Urban Renewal Plan and TIF District.

Jim Sparr had spoken to Councilman Schorg prior to hearing asking why City would fund this developer. Schorg explained majority of cost to City would include Ash Street and two box culverts. Clerk stated Paul Dunn had asked for same information and was given same answer. Neither spoke in favor of, or against, project.

No written or other verbal comments had been received by Mayor, Clerk or Council.

Motion made by Masching, seconded by Bengford to close Public Hearing at 5:13 pm. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Steffen reported about 1100' of concrete had been poured on Maple Street Monday. Rain late in day exposed some aggregate. Steffen stated this should not affect stability of concrete. Tests will be run to insure stability prior to allowing vehicular traffic on concrete.

Mayor briefly updated Council on repair project of 300 block of Cedar Street. Concrete has been removed from Post Office driveway north to Main Street.

Anderson stated West Creek lift station seems to be working correctly now. King suggested waiting until spring to replace "wear plates" that prematurely wore due to incorrect installation. Cost will be absorbed by Developer.

Bengford questioned if Council was all on board with West Creek plans. Grigg questioned need for second box culvert and costs involved with project. Council discussed costs and agreed project is good for City. Having second access out of development into downtown area will be beneficial for all involved.

With no further business to come before the meeting, motion was made by Grigg, seconded by Masching to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

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

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