

# **Lawton City Council Minutes**

**February 1, 2005**

The Lawton City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 1, 2005, at Lawton City Hall. Council members answering roll: Rick Schorg, Perry Ludwig, Don Grigg and Tony Bengford. Mayor Jeff Nitzschke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed guests.

Ron Washburn was present to discuss concerns he has regarding the possible erection of a garage facility by Western Iowa Telephone on lots 4, 5, 6 & 7 in Block 7 of the City of Lawton. Western Iowa Telephone has made no definite plans at this time regarding the new facility.

One building permit application was presented for consideration. The application was for 127 West Creek Drive, however dirt work has begun at 135 West Creek Drive instead. Application will not be approved until Mayor can discuss situation with applicant.

Councilman Terry Masching arrived at 5:07 pm.

Heath Mallory, general manager of Western Iowa Telephone discussed possible building options regarding proposed new garage north of current Western Iowa Telephone office building. After considerable discussion, Council requested Mallory stake out possible locations. As one option would require closing public access to alley from Cedar Street, Council will give further consideration to the matter at next meeting.

Mallory also informed Council of plans to abandon Head End Equipment site in 300 block of East Maple. Dishes will be dismantled and removed by end of summer.

Neil Kuehl of Kuehl & Payer spoke to Council regarding proposed water filtration plant. Soil test will be needed at proposed site to confirm suitability for building foundation. Financing options were discussed. Motion by Grigg, seconded by Masching to set Special Meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm with purpose of authorizing Kuehl & Payer to proceed with Plans and Specifications on water filtration plant. Motion carried on roll 5-0. Additional items may be placed on agenda.

Jeff Hanson, Fire Department Secretary/Treasurer, was on hand to discuss proposed Fire Department budget for Fiscal Year 2006. Proposed budget reflects 9.6% increase over current budget. Council questioned Equipment increases of \$8000. Fire Chief will set meeting date with City, Banner Township and Concord Township.

Regarding lawn service for Lawton Memorial Park and park on Tara Way, motion was made by Grigg, seconded by Schorg to sign agreement with Town & Country Services, Inc. for pre-paid 4-step application to both parks at cost of \$488.30. Clerk is to get prices on including water tower lot in agreement.

Letter from Mike Adams was read to Council regarding assistance from Lawton-Bronson Summer League with MidAmerica Energy costs at ball field west of town. Letter specified the League would pay half of the electric bill from December 2005-March 2006. It was pointed out that according to Holly Nitzschke the letter should have said from December 2004 through March 2005. With this correction having been made, Masching moved to accept Adams' letter as presented. Schorg seconded. Motion carried on roll 5-0. Copies of bills will be forwarded to Susan Logsden for payment.

Jeanine Chartier was present to discuss possible fund raiser for Ball Fields on July 23, 2005. Money raised will be used to pay off ball field lights that were set in place last fall. As this item did not meet agenda deadline requirements, it will be discussed further at special meeting to be held Feb. 15.

Lowell Anderson presented Council with bids for new lawn mower. After considerable discussion, motion was made by Grigg, seconded by Schorg to purchase a Gravely 252 mower from Robertson Implement Co. of South Sioux City, Nebraska, at a cost of \$5,700. With trade-in of old Grasshopper and trailer, cost will be \$3,975. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Clerk informed Council of Technology Committee Meeting to be held in Des Moines Wednesday, Feb. 2. Council gave approval to attend with one nights lodging. Clerk also discussed Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan meetings scheduled during next 6 months. Agendas will be emailed out as they arrive from SIMPCO. First meeting is Feb. 8 in Climbing Hill.

Clerk went over proposed budget with Council explaining figures that had been used. Minor changes were made. Final considerations will be held at Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chris Aakhus discussed errant address on building permit application. His intention was to have address listed as 135 West Creek Drive. Permit was approved. Aakhus also discussed lift station in new development with Council.

Mayor informed Council of Lee's "Lawton" jeans. Jeans will be carried by JCPenny's, but are unavailable at this time. Date will be set to hold the official unveiling of the city informational sign. Mayor will set date dependent on weather. All persons involved will be invited to attend ceremony. Mayor asked for volunteers to attend "E911" meetings.

Attorney Metcalf reported Peterson annexation problems had been dealt with and final documentation had been sent by the State to Woodbury County. Clerk will notify property owners when annexation becomes final.

Metcalf also discussed amending Char-Mac Addition Urban Renewal Plan to include additional geographic areas, specifically the area known as the Peterson Annexation and the subdivision known as West Creek Development Subdivision. This matter will be more thoroughly discussed at Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda consisting of approval of January 4, 2005 minutes, approval of disbursements in the amount of \$16,080.41, approval of Pronto's Liquor License, and the January 2005 Financial Statement was made by Ludwig, seconded by Masching. On roll, motion carried 5-0.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

| REVENUES BY FUND       |                  | DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Interest Earned        | 3,158.11         | General                      | 2,573.50         |
| General                | 5,359.12         | Local Option Sales Tax       |                  |
| Local Option Sales Tax | 5,412.28         | Road Use Tax                 | 2,801.53         |
| Road Use Tax           | 4,858.12         | Water                        | 8,322.71         |
| Water                  | 13,500.08        | Sewer                        | 2,382.67         |
| Sewer                  | 7,301.95         | Garbage                      | 0.00             |
| Garbage                | 5,709.09         |                              |                  |
| Special Assessment     | 243.90           |                              |                  |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>   | <b>45,542.65</b> | <b>JANUARY DISBURSEMENTS</b> | <b>16,080.41</b> |
| Fire Revenue           | 23596.75         | Fire Disbursements           | 16303.47         |

#### WARRANTS APPROVED

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| Lowell Anderson, salary                        | 454.92          |
| American Family Ins., Lowell ins.              | 555.30          |
| Lawton Pronto, December fuel                   | 114.00          |
| Suburban Supply, labor, supplies               | 5489.25         |
| Tegra Corp, bulk road salt                     | 123.00          |
| Triple D Contracting, haul salt                | 172.25          |
| Western Iowa Telephone                         | 133.37          |
| Wolf Creek Graphics, 300 newsletters           | 70.00           |
| Lowell Anderson, salary                        | 454.92          |
| J & R Sod, 15 rolls sod, A. Robinson           | 15.00           |
| First Trust & Savings, safe deposit box rental | 17.00           |
| Flewelling Sand & Gravel, sand                 | 101.13          |
| IMFOA, '05-/06 dues                            | 30.00           |
| Iowa One Call, 8 faxes                         | 7.20            |
| Linweld, tank rent                             | 12.32           |
| MidAmerican Energy, Dec.                       | 2056.63         |
| Sewer-Matic, W. Birch                          | 600.00          |
| Siouxland Dist. Health Dept., lab fees         | 10.00           |
| Steffen Engineering, topo map for water main   | 828.50          |
| Tegra Corp, bulk road salt                     | 176.40          |
| US Bank  | 666.52          |
| Staples, supplies, QuickBooks 2005             | 299.44          |
| Post Office, postage                           | 111.00          |
| Intuit, QB payroll service                     | 199.00          |
| Menard's, shop supplies                        | 11.62           |
| Lowe's, 2-wheel dolly                          | 45.46           |
| Ziegler Cat, Cat supplies                      | 71.02           |
| Lowell Anderson, salary                        | 454.93          |
| Jack Howard, wages                             | 152.55          |
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| Jack Howard, wages                             | 55.85           |
| Patricia Washburn, salary                      | 1288.08         |
| IPERS, Jan. liabilities                        | 418.23          |
| EFTPS, payroll liabilities                     | 1097.12         |
| <b>JANUARY TOTALS</b>                          | <b>16080.41</b> |

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

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