

Lawton City Council Minutes

March 1, 2005

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

No building permit applications were presented for consideration.

Mark Nibauer and John Clay, representing MidAmerican Energy, spoke to Council regarding recent upgrades to electrical equipment in the Lawton area. New substations and new lines have been installed to retire many miles of old lines. Council noted better electrical service in recent years.

Mr. Clay presented Mayor Nitzschke and Clerk Washburn with a check for \$1,000 for the MidAmerican Energy Trees! Please! grant. This grant will purchase trees for water tower lot.

Neil Kuehl of Kuehl & Payer brought samples of building material for water filtration plant. Floor plans were discussed, along with various types of tanks. Tentative plans have building on southwest corner of Main and Ash Street intersection, with building facing Ash Street.

A public hearing was held on the proposed 2005-2006 budget. Discussion followed regarding sizable increase requested by fire department. Fire Chief Kurt Miene was present to answer questions. Miene was asked to report call information each month so Clerk could include that information with monthly financial reports. Miene will comply with request. With no other discussion, hearing was closed. Motion to approve budget as presented with no additional increase to the Fire budget line was made by Grigg, seconded by Masching. On roll, Yeas: Bengford, Masching, Schorg and Grigg. Nays: Ludwig. Motion carried. Clerk was instructed to forward budget information to County Auditor.

Miene stated electrical equipment at the fire station needed to be updated due, in part, to new fill station compressor unit. One bid had been received. Council recommended Miene get additional bids.

Miene also asked for gravel behind station for parking during fire calls. Council took request under advisement.

Doyle and Virginia Smith were present to discuss property city leases for use as ball fields west of town. City currently pays the Smith's \$1110.00 per year to lease this property. August of 2005 will begin 5th year of original lease. City will notify Smith's this fall if they plan to renew lease for additional 5-year term.

Masching moved to approve pre-paying Town & Country Services, Inc. for two lawn service applications on water tower lot. Schorg seconded. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Schorg moved to approve purchase of locking 4-drawer Fire King fire-proof file cabinet from Perkins Office Solutions at a cost of \$839 delivered and set up. Grigg seconded motion. Carried on roll 5-0.

Lowell Anderson discussed street repairs city had tried to make this past month. It appears the frost is heaving those patches already. Anderson also reported on site visits to water filtration plants by himself, Mayor and various councilmen. Sites visited in northwest Iowa were Odebolt, Bancroft, West Bend and Crystal Lake. The Bancroft site was most similar to what Lawton will be looking at. Council gave approval to Anderson to take tractor and Cat in to get them serviced.

Anderson questioned vacation policy for employees. Clerk will verify current ordinance, and start amendment procedures if necessary.

Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan meeting will be held at City Hall Wednesday, March 9th at 7:00 pm. Clerk will send reminder notices.

Clerk asked Council to consider paying her membership to IIMC (International Institute of Municipal Clerks). Cost is \$100 annually. Among other requirements, a clerk must be a member of IIMC for at least two years to be considered for Certified Municipal Clerk status. Schorg moved to pay clerk's membership, Bengford seconded. Motion carried on roll 5-0.

Regarding Ordinance # 107, Western Iowa Telephone requested Council approve Amendment # 2 providing for the transfer of the cable television franchise in the City of Lawton, Iowa. **Ordinance #107, Amendment # 2 authorizes the transfer of cable television service from Telepartners L.L.C., to Western Iowa Telephone Association. Amendment # 2 also extends the franchise agreement to July 20, 2014.** Having discussed the amendment, Ludwig moved to approve said Ordinance as presented and waive the 2nd and 3rd readings. Masching seconded. On roll, motion carried 5-0.

Council discussed closing Main Street between Cedar & Pine from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm one day in May for the purpose of a Poker Run fundraiser similar to one held in May of 2004. Council will make final recommendation at April meeting.

Request for monetary donation by After the Bell program was denied.

Mayor informed Council insurance coverage is being reviewed.

Council gave verbal approval for sign to be used to welcome returning military resident from Iraq. Clerk will post Welcome.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda consisting of approval of February 1, 2005 minutes, approval of disbursements in the amount of \$18,402.37, approval of TJ's Sports Bar & Grill Liquor License, and the February 2005 Financial Statement was made by Grigg, seconded by Ludwig. On roll, motion carried 5-0.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	2,966.48	General	8,055.17
General	889.72	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	10,246.04	Road Use Tax	3,296.94
Road Use Tax	5,391.32	Water	3,080.14
Water	5,832.76	Sewer	1,783.97
Sewer	2,574.22	Garbage	2,186.15
Garbage	2,388.26	Grants	0.00
Special Assessment	78.06	FEBRUARY DISBURSEMENTS	18,402.37
TOTAL REVENUE	30,366.86	Fire Disbursements	407.34
Fire Revenue	0		

WARRANTS APPROVED

Bomgaars, shop supplies	58.17	
CHN Garbage	2141.15	
Lawton Pronto, fuel	325.39	
O'Reilly Auto Parts, vehicle supplies	182.75	
Lowell Anderson, salary	454.92	
Jack Howard, wages	125.66	
Robertson Implement, lawn mower	3975.00	
Lowell Anderson, salary	454.92	
Jack Howard, wages	166.51	
ACCO, chlorine, etc	579.04	
Central Iowa Distributing, ice melt, towels	199.35	
Colonial Research Chem. Corp, Dissolve	134.28	
Hydro Metering Tech., meters, etc	523.02	
Linweld, tank rent	12.32	
Marx Truck Trailer Sales, 9' cutting edge	101.14	
Midwest Office Automations, copier	909.67	
Share, Corp., all weather patch	174.44	
Tegra, road salt	77.40	
US Bank	84.43	
Kinko's, laminate map		14.18
USPS, stamps		37.00
Dining, Des Moines		14.50
Menard's, shop supplies, sprayer		18.75
Western Iowa Telephone	135.98	
Darin/Jami Pixler, deposit refund	73.86	
Region 3 IAWWA, Lowell WW Training	35.00	
Lowell Anderson, salary	454.93	
Jack Howard, wages	146.59	
Patricia Washburn, mileage, exp. Statement	252.60	
BARCO, street signs	108.27	
MidAmerican Energy	2268.10	
Sign Pro, amend Lawton sign	56.50	
Siouxland Dist. Health, lab fee	10.00	
Tegra, road salt	64.35	
Town & Country Lawn Service, pre-pay	488.30	
Lowell Anderson, salary	454.92	
Jack Howard, wages	209.37	
Patricia Washburn, salary	1288.09	
IPERS, payroll liabilities	469.25	
EFTPS, payroll liabilities	1206.70	
FEBRUARY TOTALS	18402.37	

SIGNED BY: _____
 Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
 Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk