

Lawton City Council Minutes

April 5, 2005

The Lawton City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 5, 2005, at Lawton City Hall. Council members answering roll: Don Grigg, Rick Schorg, Terry Masching and Perry Ludwig. Mayor Jeff Nitzschke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed guests. Councilman Tony Bengford arrived at 5:05 pm.

Gaylen Goettsch of Holzhauser Motors in Cherokee was present to discuss planned opening of used-car dealership in West Creek development.

Building permit applications were approved for Greg Clark, 216 E Birch, vinyl fence along inside edge of existing sidewalk; Bill Krohn, 407 E Maple, concrete slab.

Clark also requested additional stop signs erected on corner of Elm and Birch Streets intersection. Council will take under advisement and matter will be on May agenda.

Neil Kuehl of Kuehl & Payer provided Council with preliminary design on water filtration plant. Certified soil borings are needed before work can proceed. Kuehl will acquire these. City Maintenance Lowell Anderson recommended use of liquid chlorine in plant. Council agreed. Bids will be accepted with use of aluminum and stainless steel material for tank of aerator. Kuehl presented bill for services to date of \$21,520. Motion by Masching, second by Ludwig to pay this portion of engineer's cost. On roll, motion carried 5-0.

Development at 219 Ash Street was not discussed as developer was not present at meeting.

Jeff Hansen, Fire Department Captain, was present to discuss electrical needs of Fire Station. After consulting with attorney, motion was made by Grigg, seconded by Masching that funds for upgrades to station electrical wiring should come out of fire department operating budget. Motion carried on roll 5-0. Hansen requested written specifics of what Fire Department will be responsible for and what City will be responsible for. Attorney and clerk will try to get that information together during the month of April. It was suggested Council meet with township trustees to discuss responsibilities also.

Regarding volunteer firemen, City ordinance requires physicals to be taken every four years. Insurance carrier has given verbal approval to standard DOT physical. Council agreed that any volunteer failing his/her physical would be removed from fire department roster.

A continuing property boundary dispute between parties of Sparr's Hilltop Acres, Second Addition and Oliver's Addition was discussed. Several residents along Maple Street have had their property surveyed, and these surveys have been deemed correct. The dispute has arisen from misunderstanding between property owners. This is not a city issue.

Council has been informed of understood boundary error in Lawton Memorial Park. Western Iowa Telephone owns approximately 3' of south edge of park. Sprinkler system will be relocated.

Regarding alcohol being consumed in Friendship Center and at shelter house in park on Tara Way, Council gave approval as long as alcohol is not being sold at these sites by unlicensed vendors. All laws must be upheld associated with alcoholic beverages.

Mayor gave update on Cedar Street Widening project. Work will begin on north end of 300 block. City employees will provide labor and equipment as much as possible.

Residents are urged to voice complaints about dogs and cats to proper owners, if known. Any animal deemed vicious according to City Ordinance may be put down according to Iowa Code. Council will give further consideration at May meeting to licensing animals within city limits.

Clerk was instructed to get more information regarding liability limits before decision is made on city insurance.

Public will be given an opportunity to participate in naming city park located on Tara Way. Questionnaire will be in July newsletter. Reminder will be on city information sign and on website.

Deb Willer has presented city with \$1,000 donation from Centennial Committee to be set aside for use as "starter money" for city celebrations. Specifics still need to be decided upon. Clerk will discuss with members of Centennial Committee and report back to Council.

Anderson will check into getting overlay for streets needing repair. Council approved up to \$25,000 for total project cost. Water tower will be cleaned by Maguire Iron per contract on Monday, April 11. Council requested pictures of inside of tower.

Anderson questioned erecting a shed around new lift station in West Creek development. Many questions arose concerning lift station project. City engineer Jerry Steffen will discuss concerns with developer including need for stand-by generator, height of lift station in regards to flood map, and need for alley west of residential lots to allow for easy access to lift station.

Council approved paying for exam for Anderson to upgrade his certification. Council also approved purchase of water level meter for wells.

Regarding citizen request to Sex Offender Registry link on city website, Council declined. This site is available to the public and can be obtained in a variety of ways. City website should promote the city, not detract from it.

Pre-disaster Mitigation Plan meeting will be held at City Hall Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 pm. Clerk will send reminder notices.

Clerk will be attending IMFOA Conference in Des Moines April 20-22. City Hall will be closed that Thursday and Friday. Technology Committee will also be meeting afternoon of April 22 in Des Moines.

Attorney discussed payment options of water filtration plant with Council.

City will replace damaged curb in 200 block of East Main Street.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda consisting of approval of March 1, 2005 minutes, approval of disbursements in the amount of \$19,523.49, and the March 2005 Financial Statement was made by Grigg, seconded by Ludwig. On roll, motion carried 5-0.

With no further business, Schorg moved to adjourn meeting at 8:45 pm. Ludwig seconded, 5-0, carried.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	1,216.61	General	3,628.89
General	4,275.89	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Local Option Sales Tax	0.00	Road Use Tax	3,394.01
Road Use Tax	5,705.20	Water	4,038.64
Water	218.82	Sewer	2,509.27
Sewer	87.90	Garbage	5,952.68
Garbage	109.87	Grants	0.00
Special Assessment	317.47	MARCH DISBURSEMENTS	19,523.49
TOTAL REVENUE	11,931.76	Fire Disbursements	828.17
Fire Revenue	23927.00		

WARRANTS APPROVED

Lowell Anderson, reim. Expenses	79.99
CHN Garbage	2140.25
Lawton Pronto, fuel	275.44
Lowell Anderson, salary	454.92
Jack Howard, wages	139.61
US PostalService, 500 envelopes	210.85
Sioux City Treasurer, asphalt	160.00
Little Falls Machine, 3 cutting edges	603.79
Moville Record, 5 publications	384.42
O'Reilly Automotive, parts	41.89
Sioux City Iron Co., wrenches	15.38
Western Iowa Telephone	169.46
Lowell Anderson, salary	454.92
Jack Howard, wages	27.91
IIMC, Washburn dues	100.00
IMFOA, Washburn Spring Conf.	35.00
Triple D Contracting, haul erosion stone	287.00
US Bank	343.38
Marriott, Des Moines	88.90
Pronto, donuts for sign unveiling	9.98
Staples, ink, paper, cartridges, etc.	82.94
Symantec, Norton AntiVirus	24.95
NCC-Continuing Education, Lowell	99.00
Casey's, fuel Pocahontas (site visit)	28.10
Pronto, fuel Lawton (site visit)	9.51
Lowell Anderson, salary	454.93
Jack Howard, wages	35.90
American Family Insurance, Lowell	555.30
Lowell Anderson, mileage reimburse	48.60
Colonial Research Chem., Dissolve	122.00
Linweld, rent tank	10.12
MidAmerican Energy	1891.23
Siouxland Dist. Health, bacteria & nitrate tests	20.00
Steffen, circuit breaker	53.19
Suburban Supply, labor, backhoe	632.60
VOID	0.00
Woodbury Co. Area Solid Waste, 1st Qtr.	1655.38
Lowell Anderson, salary	454.92
Jack Howard, wages	179.48

Patricia Washburn, salary	1288.08
Town & Country Lawn Serv., water tower lot	254.12
IPERS, payroll liabilities	438.22
State of Iowa, sales tax	1171.65
EFTPS, Fed, Med, SS	1138.46
eFile, State withholding	577.00
CHN Garbage, inc. surcharge	2140.25
Iowa Rural Water Assn., dues	262.50
Sioux City Iron Co., shop supplies	145.35
Wolf Creek Graphics, 300 newsletters	70.00

SIGNED BY: _____
Jeff Nitzschke, Mayor

ATTESTED BY: _____
Patricia L Washburn, City Clerk