

Lawton City Council Minutes

May 3, 2005

The Lawton City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 3, 2005, at Lawton City Hall. Council members answering roll: Perry Ludwig, Rick Schorg, Terry Masching, Don Grigg and Tony Bengford. Mayor Jeff Nitzschke called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed guests.

Building permit applications were approved for Roy Perry, 415 E Main, home; Bruce Jackson, 433 & 435 Birch, PVC fence; Larry Aakhus/Steve Sabasta Partnership, 119 West Creek Drive, home; Lawton-Bronson CSD, 100 Tara Way, weight room facility (pending receipt of fee); Lawton Motor Company, 94 West Creek Lane, office building; Steve Linden, 205 Cedar, garage & home addition; Richard Morgan, 116 Cedar, replace front steps; Martin Shorman, 509 Pine, home; Scott Zenor, 424 E Oak, home. After several questions regarding setback intentions, Council instructed Clerk to amend current building permit applications to include verbiage stating distances between structure and all lot lines must be specified or application will not be considered for approval.

Neil Kuehl of Kuehl & Payer, and Jerry Steffen of Steffen Engineering spoke to Council regarding slightly higher than normal contaminate readings on test well. Steffen recommended trying to pinpoint source of contaminate. Schorg moved to permit Steffen to go forward with further testing before new well is dug at proposed site. Ludwig seconded. On roll, motion carried 5-0. Kuehl recommended waiting until June meeting to set bid date on project.

Property owner of 219 Ash was not present to discuss possible development of site.

Grigg informed Council he had been in contact with Lansink Tree Service out of Danbury, Iowa regarding purchase of trees for the water tower lot. MidAmerican Energy Tree Grant will be used to purchase 3 trees. Grigg intends to donate another 9 trees. Intended trees are 10' Spruce. Delivery will be within next few days.

Clerk notified Council of May 7th fundraisers planned within city limits: Bill Goodwin Jr. Benefit Breakfast at L-B Commons from 7:00 am-noon; Poker Run and BBQ from 11:00 am-11:00 pm; L-B National Honor Society Cystic Fibrosis Walk beginning at 1:00 pm. Poker Run and BBQ will require 100 block of East Main to be closed. Masching moved to approve such closing, Schorg seconded. On roll, motion carried 5-0. Goodwin benefit and NHS CF walk will be posted on informational sign.

City has purchased new range and refrigerator for Friendship Center from Kollman Appliances in Sioux City. Friendship Center Board has reimbursed city for full purchase price of \$838.00.

Attorney Metcalf provided tentative lease agreement for building located at 104 W Maple Street. No action taken at this time. Discussed meeting with township trustees for informational purpose.

The City Budget Amendment Hearing amending the current years' budget was opened at 6:00 pm. No citizen expressed written or oral objection to the proposed budget changes. The Budget Amendment Hearing was adjourned. As all publication deadlines were met and the public was duly informed of this hearing, Grigg moved to approve **Resolution # 2005-04, AMENDMENT OF CURRENT CITY BUDGET**, as proposed. Schorg seconded motion. On roll 5-0, motion carried.

Dale Erickson and Mike Willer spoke to Council regarding proposed weight room building to be erected west of Lawton-Bronson Jr/Sr High School. Building will face south with walk-up access only. Council approved permit pending receipt of application fee.

Mayor Nitzschke stated work will begin on north end of Cedar Street widening project as soon as feasible. Light fixtures of 100 watts will be replaced with 250 watts. Notices will be sent to property owners regarding upcoming project.

Clerk informed Council city has average insurance liability limitations in comparison with other Iowa cities.

Attention was called to the need for licensing dogs and cats in an attempt to assure rabies vaccinations of animals and to identify owners of animals at-large. A general discussion of the problem followed. Thereafter, Councilman Schorg introduced and caused to be read the following proposed ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC. 4-1 ANIMAL CONTROL

TO INCLUDE SECTIONS REGULATING LICENSING, IMPOUNDING, IMMUNIZING AND KEEPING OF DOGS AND CATS

Proposed ordinance allows for annual license fee of \$5 for spayed or neutered animal and \$10 for each non-spayed or non-neutered animal. Licensing will begin July, 2005 and will be required annually. Impounding costs will be assessed to owners. Capture and Transportation costs will be \$25. A surcharge will be added for repeat offenders within a 12-month period. Second or third offenses-\$10, four or more-\$20. Any other costs assumed by city will also be assessed.

Bengford seconded motion to pass first reading of proposed ordinance. On roll, motion carried 5-0.

Council declined request for installation of additional stop signs at Elm and Birch Streets intersection.

Lowell Anderson displayed photos taken by Maguire Iron of inside water tower the last time they cleaned. Anderson also shared bids with Council regarding resurfacing a section of Maple Street. After considerable discussion, Council instructed Anderson to patch this year. They will attempt to resurface next year.

Anderson also expressed concerns about commercial haulers dumping trees at the burn pile. This is for residential use only. No commercial trimmers or persons living outside of city limits are to use the burn pile. Only branches up to 4" are allowed on burn pile. If problem persists, Anderson may have to keep gate locked.

Clerk reminded Council of Pre-Disaster Mitigation plan meeting on May 11th at City Hall. Also informed Council of HAVA meeting attended April 25th. A handout was given to Council regarding Spring IMFOA Conference April 20-22, 2005.

Mayor reported the Summer League will host a fundraiser on July 23rd called the "Lawton Light Jam". Funds will be used to pay balance on lighting fixtures at ball park. Summer League has arranged with County to close 300 & 400 blocks of Cedar Street from Saturday, July 23rd beginning at 10:00 am through 2:00 am Sunday, July 24th. Council gave verbal approval.

The "LAWTON" sign has been erected on the north edge of town. Discussion followed on possibly having larger sign made.

Council was informed left station in West Creek Development will have a backup generator installed.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda consisting of approval of April 5, 2005 minutes, approval of disbursements in the amount of \$46,172.67, and the April 2005 Financial Statement was made by Schorg, seconded by Grigg. On roll, motion carried 5-0.

With no further business, Schorg moved to adjourn meeting at 7:30 pm. Masching seconded, 5-0, carried.

REVENUES BY FUND

DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND

Interest Earned	3,182.71		
General	41,161.45	General	3,133.97
Local Option Sales Tax	4,833.76	Local Option Sales Tax	0.00
Road Use Tax	4,579.57	Road Use Tax	2,820.50
Water	13,081.39	Water	28,046.38
Sewer	6,802.37	Sewer	2,170.57
Garbage	6,530.00	Garbage	2,140.25
Special Assessment	5,611.82	Special Assessment	7,861.00
TOTAL REVENUE	85,783.07	APRIL DISBURSEMENTS	46,172.67
Fire Revenue	0.00	Fire Disbursements	23469.05

WARRANTS APPROVED

Lowell Anderson, salary	454.92
Jack Howard, wages	163.53
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ICAP, city & ambulance insurance	7861.00
IAMU, Lowell CCR Workshop Reg.	9.00
Kuehl & Payer, water treatment planning	21520.00
Lawton Pronto, fuel	134.96
O'Reilly Auto Parts	8.38
Western Iowa Telephone	141.75
Bekins Fire & Safety, recharge extinguishers	53.00
Hach Co., chlorine, supplies	359.60
IDNR, Anderson WT2 exam	30.00
Management & Operational Resources, practice exam	130.00
Mangold Environmental Test, WW grab	86.00
Marx Truck Trailer Sales, snow plow flags	12.66
MidAmerican Energy	1648.79
Sioux City Iron, shop supplies	19.97
Sioux City Tarp, neoprene tarp	138.50
Siouxland District Health, lab fees	20.00
Utility Equipment, supplies	271.10

