



City of Lawton



November 2008

712-944-5960

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Water meter readings are generally taken around the 20th day of each month.
Invoices for water, sewer, garbage and landfill are sent on the 1st of each month.
These invoices are delinquent if not paid by the 20th of that same month.
A 10% Late Fee will be assessed on all delinquent accounts.

READINGS ARE *ESTIMATED* THIS MONTH

REMINDERS:

1. VOTE NOVEMBER 4
2. Change batteries in smoke detectors
3. Install reflectors along curb line for the snow plows
4. Remove vehicles from the street promptly after snowfall
5. Get building permit before any structure is put up, including fences and concrete slabs.

GOOD NEWS FOR TREE PILE USERS

The Lawton City Council has made some major changes to the residents' usage of the tree pile located just west of the City Shed on Main Street.

In the past, only branches up to 4" in diameter were allowed to be dumped on the pile. Now that we have an agreement with Mueller Pallets, you can haul trees and branches up to 34" in diameter to the pile. That's almost 3' across! That will cover most trees in town.

Another plus for the residents is that you can now have your contracted tree trimmer register at City Hall in order to be allowed to take your trees to the tree pile also! This should result in a savings to you as he should not be charging you to dispose of your trees.

Below is a list of items that will not be accepted on the tree pile.

- NO BUILDING MATERIALS**
- NO GRASS CLIPPINGS**
- NO TREATED LUMBER**
- NO TRUNKS LARGER THAN 34" IN DIAMETER**
- NO DEBRIS FROM OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS**

A sign is posted at the entrance to the tree pile with the full text of City Code 6-4-10.

FOR SALE

The City of Lawton will be taking sealed bids on the following items:

1. 1995 White Chevrolet 3500 4x4 Truck, Automatic, 6.5 Diesel (motor needs work), 9' flat bed with hoist, 9' Hiniker snow plow. All to be sold as one unit and sold AS IS.
2. Stainless Steel Sander, "Buyers" Brand, 8' slip-in, 10 H.P. Tecumseh engine, used three winters.

Direct inquiries to Lowell at 712-944-5522. Bids will be opened Dec. 2, 2008, 5:00 pm. Sealed bids will be accepted until that time by the City of Lawton at the following address:

City of Lawton
Attn: Truck Bid OR Sander Bid
101 E Maple St
PO Box 275
Lawton IA 51030-0275

THE CITY OF LAWTON RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY AND ALL BIDS

Don't knock the weather. If it didn't change once in a while, nine out of ten people couldn't start a conversation.

City Councilman Tony Bengford Turns in Resignation

Many of you have gotten to know City Councilman Tony Bengford and his family during their time here in Lawton. As his family is growing and their family life is beginning to center around Sioux City, Tony and his wife have decided to relocate their family into Sioux City. As such, Tony has submitted his resignation to the Council. Tony's resignation will be considered at the November 4th Council meeting. Tony has been a member of the Lawton City Council since January, 2002.

After accepting Tony's resignation, Council will have the task of deciding the appropriate steps they need to take to replace him. Council can either appoint a new Council member, or they can decide to hold a special election. An appointed person would hold the office until the next City election. A person chosen by special election would serve the remainder of Tony's term. In both scenarios, the new person will hold the position until December of 2009.

Council will decide at the November meeting which direction they want to take in this matter. Updates on their decision will be printed in the City minutes in the Movable Record and posted at City Hall and at the Post Office. We will strive to keep the public informed of the upcoming events.

Although Tony and his family will be missed greatly, we all wish them well in their new home!

Tony...thanks for all the work you put forth to make Lawton the special place it is!!!

IOWA ONE CALL

Before doing any digging or disturbing of the ground, remember to call **Iowa One Call at 1-800-292-8989**. Iowa One Call will then contact the utility providers in your area (including, but not limited to, the phone company, MidAmerican Energy and the City). These people will then come out and locate, or flag, their utility lines on your property.

If you dig before calling Iowa One Call and you happen to hit an underground line, it will be your responsibility to pay for the repairs. This can be extremely costly to you.

Woodbury County Library Board of Trustees Meeting

The annual Budget Public Hearing will be held Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Woodbury County Library at 825 Main St, Movable Iowa.

All patrons are welcomed and urged to attend. This is YOUR library. The City of Lawton pays taxes to this library each year. Please attend if you are able.

Congratulations NCAL Administrator of the Year: Jeanine Chartier

ICAL nominated Jeanine because of her proven dedication to not just her facilities, Char-Mac Assisted Living in Lawton and Holstein, and their tenants, but to the forward progression of assisted living in the state of Iowa. Over the past two years, Jeanine has been a vocal advocate of assisted living tenants and low-income rural elderly. She has made numerous appearances before state agencies and legislative committees in an effort to make assisted living more affordable for all Iowans. Our state legislators now recognize her as a trusted representative of the assisted living owners, administrators and caregivers of small-town Iowa and an advocate for all assisted living tenants and elderly in need of an appropriate level of care.

"Not only does Jeanine run wonderful assisted living programs, but we can all be proud of how she advocates for Iowa's assisted living tenants and providers with legislators," said Cindy Baddeloo, IHCA Deputy Director. "She represents both providers and tenants with her unwavering devotion to assisted living and the need it fills for Iowa's seniors."

Char Mac Assisted Living of Lawton is owned and operated by Jeanine and Stan Chartier. The Lawton building opened in April of 2000 and the Holstein building in November of 2005.