



City of Lawton

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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

INTRODUCING YOUR NEWEST VOICE ON CITY COUNCIL TODD ROERIG

Residents of the City went to the polls on January 20 with the intention of electing a new city official to replace Tony Bengford. Bengford resigned after moving out of the Lawton city limits. Bengford had served on the City Council for seven years.

Little did we know how important every vote would be! In one of the most closely contested races in a very long time, the top vote getter was resident Todd Roerig with 35 votes. Also showing an impressive finish were city newcomer Sue Radosti with 29 votes and long-time resident Willard Brian McNaughton with 24 votes. This was an extremely close race.

In the last General election for the city, 85 people came out to vote. In this Special election 88 people voted. That is an outstanding turnout!

Todd shares the following about himself:

I am married to Susan and we have three children: Noah (8), Isaac (7) & Grace (1). We have lived in Lawton for just about 8 years, moving here from Springfield, MO. I was born 36 years ago and Webster, SD is my hometown. Upon graduating from Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD with a BS in Education, I taught and coached at West Lyon, before moving to Springfield. I taught and coached at Fordland (MO) HS for 3 years before becoming a Stay At Home Dad. I was on the Lawton Centennial Committee and belong to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Merville, where I am currently the Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus. In my spare time I like to walk, run, golf and watch sports on TV.

My vision for this wonderful city of Lawton is to continue on with the progress we are making in our housing development(s), as well as trying to hold the line on taxes in these trying economic times. As our city keeps on growing, we will continue to have growing pains and one of these pains is whether or not we need a law enforcement presence in Lawton. This issue has been discussed by the council and it will continue to be discussed, as it is inevitable that this is something that needs our attention, but it will come at a price. Lastly, I will use the rest of Tony Bengford's term to help familiarize myself with City Government, while at the same time, bringing issues to the Council that I feel will help us continue to grow and prosper well into the 21st century! Thanks for all those who voted for me and I invite you to contact me if you have any concerns.

Todd Roerig



Despite the high cost of living, it remains a popular item.

CENSUS WORKERS NEEDED

- Every 10 years, a census of our population is conducted. The results help determine how federal funds are spent here in Lawton on things like roads, parks and other public services, as well as our representation in government. As a census taker, you will help to make sure that everyone in our community is included.
- Conducting the census is a huge undertaking, and it requires the Federal Census Bureau to fill a wide variety of positions. Many census takers are hired for temporary jobs to update address lists and conduct interviews with community residents. Most positions require a driver's license and the use of a vehicle.
- Work schedules typically include from 20 to 40 hours of work per week. Some census operations require you to work during daylight hours. Other operations, which require interviewing the public, require you to be available to work when people are usually at home, such as in the evening and on weekends.
- If you are interested in working up to 40 hours per week in a temporary, part-time job with the 2010 Census and would enjoy good pay, flexible hours, mileage reimbursement, and the chance to serve your community, please call the following toll-free number:

1-866-861-2010

www.2010censusjobs.gov

The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer

E-Bill, E-Newsletter

If you have access to the internet and would prefer to have your monthly invoices and newsletters sent to your email account rather than receiving a hard copy through the mail, please send or drop off your email address at City Hall.

Several of our residents currently use this mode of delivery, and it seems to be working fine for them. Please let me know if you'd like to be added to the list. Your invoice and the newsletter would arrive separately, and both would be in a .pdf format. You would need to have the FREE Adobe Reader installed on your computer.

If you choose to receive your invoices via email, remember to notify me of any changes in your email account.

PLEASE RECYCLE

Although Lawton has greatly improved the amount of recyclable material being sent to the landfill as recycles, we are still throwing too much of it into our garbage cans.

Recycle tubs are available for pick up at no charge at City Hall. Due to the cost of these tubs to the landfill, we ask that residents have a maximum of two tubs per household. If you have additional recyclable materials, you can put them into regular trash bags or trash cans and set them next to your green recycle tub. As long as the Recycle guys recognize a need to stop at your home, they will pick up all recyclables set out.

Basically anything EXCEPT glass can go into the recycle tubs. At this time, Nancy at the landfill tells me they are not taking the plastic grocery bags that they were taking a while back. She also reminds residents to be especially careful that **NO GARBAGE** goes into your recycle tub.

Donate your aluminum beverage cans to the "Can Cage" located down by the City Shop on West Main Street, but put your papers, plastics, cardboards and tin cans in your recycle tub.

If you have questions, please call the landfill at 873-3837

