

Lawton City Council
September 13, 2023

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:30pm on September 13, 2023, in the council chambers at 315 Ash St. Mayor Pedersen called the meeting to order around 5:30pm. Roll call was answered by Nelsen, Roth, and Saunders. Also in attendance: city clerk Tricia Jernberg, public works director Justin Dunnington, attorney Ryan Beardshear, Danny & Katie Adams, Dwight Wingert, Ashley Prince, Mike Vermilyea, Carla Eidenshink, Howard Smith, and WSCO Sergeant Rose.

Agenda: Motion by Saunders, second by Nelsen to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Public forum: Dwight Wingert addressed the council about a letter that was sent about his property at 101 E Main. He asked where the right-of-way is and how high he's able to stack items. Mayor shared concerns about traffic not being able to see at the stop-sign, safety concerns about the height of stacked items, and explained that while it has been easy to work with the business, these things need addressed and continuously be a priority. Danny Adams shared concerns of speeding traffic on E Birch and Tara Way and asked about their kids fundraising for a homeschool field trip. Mayor will address the traffic further into the meeting. Council asked about the field trip and will allow them to fundraise without a permit as long as it is strictly for educational purposes.

Sheriff: WSCO Sgt. Rose reported 27 calls for service and directed patrols in Lawton, the department has three new deputies, the Woodbury County jail completion has been delayed, recent crime trends include theft from open garage doors and unlocked cars, deputies are aware of speeding traffic around school hours and suggest speed signs to help, warn against non-licensed drivers operating UTVs and golf carts, and a phone scam claiming it is publishers clearing house. Mayor shared a concern about walkers on the walking trail creating issues for the neighbors and thanked the department for their hard work and city coverage.

Fire: April report included 11 calls for service and wildland fire training. August included 2 calls and emergency vehicle driving.

Clerk: Clerk reported 101 E Maple property has been put back on the tax rolls since they are rental spaces now, the Annual Urban Renewal Report is completed, clerk received her notary public commission, after 8 months the new community center has had 30 paid rentals and 17+ nonprofit uses and has brought in over \$5,000, a baby changing station and tabletop toaster oven has been purchased and installed, 3 city council seats and the mayor seat are up for reelection this year and city election papers are due September 21 at 5pm, the annual IMWCA payroll audit has been completed, the street dance on August 12th was a huge success, physicals for the fire department will be changing and have an additional cost (more information to come), the city-wide fall rummages are this Friday and Saturday the 15th and 16th, Shane Hunwardsen has signed the lease agreement for the garage space at 101 E Maple, and clerk will have information on the Iowa Setoff Program, a water and sewer line insurance program, and the annual financial report for next month's meeting.

Mayor: Mayor Pedersen reported getting calls on traffic and issues on the walking trail. Will be working on getting speed bumps installed in town. Discussion on garbage contractor concerns including the status of the garbage truck, cans not getting back to the correct address, and possible damage to the streets from the cans.

Public works: Director reported a water main break on Birch, received a quote for curb and gutter from SG Concrete for the 300 block of E Oak, multiple concrete projects were completed, will be staining over the stain on the new fire station alley, and one of the city mowers has been having mechanical problems that will need to be fixed.

Attorney: Attorney had nothing new to report.

Consent agenda: Motion by Saunders, second by Roth to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2023 regular meeting and August 16, 2023 special meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by

Roth, second by Saunders to approve the September disbursements and August claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Roth, second by Saunders to approve the utility trial balance and accounts receivable reports. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Ballfields: Ashley Prince and Mike Vermilyea presented a project to add an outdoor batting cage to the youth ballfields. The landowner has been contacted and the program has begun accepting donations. Council supports the project and will be checking on additional costs it may add to the city. Motion by Nelsen, second by Saunders to approve the addition of an outdoor batting cage at the property located at 1592 Eastland Ave. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Special Event Permit: Motion by Saunders, second by Nelsen to approve the special event permit for the Lawton-Bronson Community School District's Homecoming Parade on September 22. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Rental agreement: Motion by Nelsen, second by Saunders to approve the rental agreement for the office at 101 E Maple with Jen Stilwell & Associates with American Family Insurance. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Resolution 2023-19 Annual Urban Renewal Report

Motion by Saunders, second by Roth to approve the 2022-2023 Annual Urban Renewal Report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Tree pile: Discussion about the issues at the current tree pile, including violations with tree branch size and high costs to grind or haul the pile. Council will offer a large roll-off container for tree branches and brush. Public works director shared 3 quotes for the roll-off container and hauling costs. Current rules will still apply and the area will be monitored closely.

Generator: Discussion to connect new community center to the generator at the city water treatment plant to create an emergency shelter. Motion by Saunders, second by Roth to approve the work to be done to connect the generator to the community center. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Camera system: Discussion on previous camera system at old city hall office and other city areas including costs to continue running the system, cost to replace the cameras, and other camera options. City staff will bring more information to the next meeting.

Community survey: Mayor would like to send residents a community survey to see what the city should prioritize for the new fiscal year. Staff will work on getting it prepared. Motion by Saunders, second by Nelsen to issue a survey to residents. Motion carried with all voting aye.

With no further business, motion by Saunders, second by Roth to adjourn the meeting around 7:15pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Jesse Pedersen, Mayor

Tricia Jernberg, City clerk

City of Lawton- Claims & Revenues- August 2023

ACCO UNLIMITED	CHLORINE	\$	522.80
AMAZON.COM	TOASTER OVEN FOR CC	\$	141.46
APEX CROP SERVICES LLC	WEED SPRAY	\$	83.53
BIERSCHBACH EQUIP & SUPPL	BITS FOR DRAIN AT GARAGE	\$	48.00
CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC	YEARLY LEASE ON BALLFIELDS	\$	2,475.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$	410.76
CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	\$	17.50
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$	3,959.54
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	\$	16.50
G&K DISPOSAL, LLC	JULY GARBAGE	\$	6,646.50

HAKA	PW & FIRE FUEL	\$	447.26
	VETERANS PARK SPRINKLER		
HOLLAND LAWN CARE	REPAIR	\$	130.06
IA DEPT NATURAL RESOURCES	NPDES PERMIT FEE	\$	210.00
IA RURAL WATER ASSOC	Water Conference Registration	\$	170.00
IDNR	OPERATOR CERT FEE	\$	32.29
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$	9.90
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$	2,314.05
JONES PEST CONTROL	BUG SPRAY CC/FC	\$	214.00
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$	1,180.00
L&L DISTRIBUTING CO INC	BEER FOR STREET DANCE	\$	1,727.20
LOFFLER COMPANIES, INC.	COPIER CONTRACT	\$	196.38
LOWES HOME IMPROVEMENT	FC PLUMBING FITTINGS	\$	18.76
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	FRDSHIP CTR/GARAGE UPDATES	\$	2,091.38
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$	4,381.88
MIDWEST WHEEL COMPANIES	DUMP TRUCK BRAKE FIX	\$	305.66
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE	OIL & FILTER 2021 CHEVY	\$	83.77
PREMIER GLAZER'S BEER	BEER & BEV FOR STREET DANCE	\$	2,208.20
RICHARDSON TRUCKING LLC	TREE TRIMMING	\$	450.00
RUDOLPH'S SHOES	LL BOOTS	\$	184.04
SALMEN CYCLE SOLUTIONS	UTV TIRES	\$	982.05
SBW INC DBA ACE ENGINE	MOWER REPAIRS	\$	372.48
SG CONCRETE	Concrete around fire & alley	\$	13,860.00
STAPLES - SIOUX CITY	CALENDARS/FOAM BOARD/ETC	\$	68.22
THE RECORD	JULY PUBLISHING	\$	203.76
TREAS ST IA	JULY WET TAX	\$	1,021.95
TRICIA JERNBERG	HOTEL & MEALS	\$	874.12
VIKING INDUSTRIAL PAINTIN	WATER TOWER CLEANOUT	\$	1,500.00
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	1,844.06
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$	632.04

Total Claims by fund: General \$23,414.80, Fire \$442.24, Road Use Tax \$16,307.18, Water \$10,396.90, Sewer \$1,473.98

Total Revenues by fund: General \$14,808.17, Local Option Sales Tax \$16,754.35, Road Use Tax \$10,485.78, Water \$17,617.86, Sewer \$14,974.94