

Lawton City Council

April 3, 2024

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:45pm on April 3, 2024, in the council chambers at 315 Ash St. Mayor Pedersen called the meeting to order around 5:47pm. Roll call was answered by Nelson, Otto, and Saunders. Also in attendance: city clerk Tricia Jernberg, public works director Justin Dunnington, city attorney Ryan Beardshear, Travis Ludwig, Mike Vermilyea, and WCSO Deputy Peterson.

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

Public forum: No public comments were made.

Sheriff: WCSO Deputy Norm Peterson presented the March report with 20 directed patrols, 9 traffic stops, 4 school encounters, and 10 other calls for service, including a stolen vehicle.

Fire: Chief Ludwig reported 9 calls for service and training including fire school and triage training.

Mayor: Mayor Pedersen reported attending the MRHD grant ceremony where the city was presented a \$2,000 grant for the street dance event, working with the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors to host a town hall at the community center, and working with a resident to abate fire and health hazards within their home.

Clerk: clerk reported dealing with a neighborly dispute on , will be gone the 18th and 19th for a conference in Des Moines so city hall will be closed, will be participating in Alert Iowa training on the 22nd, there will be one more special meeting in April then May's council meeting schedule will be back to normal, Nate Niehus has asked to purchase a portion of land from the city that is adjacent to his backyard, Justin was able to determine there is an old well buried in the property, and Nate will be attending next month's meeting for further information, and received assessment value of \$66,300 for the 300 Cedar building.

Public works: director reported the emergency siren has not been working so are troubleshooting to find the issue and have started organizing and cleaning out the Quonset.

Attorney: Beardshear reported taking a phone call from an upset citizen.

Consent agenda: motion by Otto, second by Saunders to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2024, regular meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Saunders, second by Otto to approve the April disbursements and March claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Nelson, second by Otto to approve the utility trial balance and accounts receivable audit report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Youth ballfields: discussion about cost to repair fence at the youth ballfields. Motion by Otto, second by Nelson to pay \$2,750 to Cardis Fencing to repair fencing. Motion carried with all voting aye. An operating agreement between the league and the city will be created to address future expenses. Mike Vermilyea shared that fees were already raised this year to help cover costs and the batting cage project is still planned to begin this spring.

28E with LB-CSD: Beardshear presented a final draft of an agreement with the Lawton-Bronson CSD for use of land. Motion by Saunders, second by Otto to approve the agreement. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all voting aye. Once approved by the LB board on 4/8, the agreement will be filed with the Secretary of State office and Woodbury County.

FY25 Budget: council reviewed the proposed budget.

Public hearing date: motion by Saunders, second by Nelson to set the public hearing to adopt the final FY24-25 budget for the city of Lawton for April 24, 2024, at 5:30pm in the council chambers. Motion carried with all voting aye.

With no further business, motion by Otto, second by Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 6:33pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Jesse Pedersen, Mayor

Tricia Jernberg, City Clerk

City of Lawton Claims & Revenues- March 2024

ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	CHEVY OIL	\$	85.81
BADGER METER	BADGER WATER READ SERVICES	\$	45.25
BOMGAARS	DEICER/BOLTS/GLASSCLNR/JBWELD	\$	39.36
CITY OF LAWTON	FIRE UTILITIES	\$	40.32
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$	410.76

CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	\$ 38.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAXES	\$ 3,166.66
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	\$ 61.50
G&K DISPOSAL, LLC	FEBRUARY GARBAGE	\$ 6,730.50
HAKA	PW & FIRE FUEL	\$ 165.27
IA DEPT OF REV- PAYROLL	STATE TAXES	\$ 1,530.82
ICAP	PROP/LIABILITY INS 24-25	\$ 44,101.00
IMFOA	SPRING CONFERENCE	\$ 200.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$ 18.10
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$ 2,111.54
JP COOKE	PET TAGS 2024	\$ 89.35
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$ 1,770.00
LINDBLOM SERVICES INC	MONTHLY FEE	\$ 87.00
LOWES HOME IMPROVEMENT	BATTERIES, HOSE NOZZLES	\$ 102.51
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	CH/CC/FC SUPPLIES&COATHOOKS	\$ 288.25
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 3,879.88
MIDWEST ALARM	ANNUAL ALARM TEST/INSPECTION	\$ 425.00
SANFORD'S DOORS	GARAGE DOOR ADJUSTMENTS	\$ 885.00
STAMP FULFILLMENT	STAMPED ENVELOPES	\$ 1,653.15
STAPLES - SIOUX CITY	NEWSLETTER PAPER	\$ 213.77
THE RECORD	FEBRUARY PUBLISHING	\$ 417.53
TREAS ST IA	FEBRUARY 2024 WET	\$ 718.05
US POSTMASTER	SEND CERTIFIED LETTER	\$ 8.05
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 1,897.01
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 583.20

Total claims by fund: General \$44,316.63, Fire \$14,683.31, Road Use Tax \$2,652.52, Water \$7,482.63, Sewer \$2,627.55

Total revenues by fund: General \$21,517.88, Fire \$16,187.40, Road Use Tax \$7,711.68, Local Option Sales Tax \$11,127.83, American Rescue Plan \$213.22, Water \$13,861.84, Water Deposit \$100, Sewer \$18,001.80