

Lawton City Council

January 8, 2025

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:30pm on January 8, 2025, in the council chambers at 315 Ash St. Mayor Pedersen called the meeting to order around 5:30pm. Roll call was answered by Nelson, Otto, Roth, and Saunders.

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

Public forum: no public comments were made.

Sheriff: There were 11 calls for service and 18 directed patrols completed by the Woodbury County Sheriff's Department for the month in December.

Fire: Chief Ludwig shared there were 4 calls for service in December, and the fire department completed 722 hours of training and provided service to 62 calls in the year 2024.

Clerk: clerk shared working on end of the year 1099s and W2s, the Text My Gov system is live and has 87 actively opted-in members and 214 automatically opted-in members, flyers went into the January utility bills and will be working on business cards for easy sharing, credit card payments are now live, and there will be an IPERS audit at the end of the month.

Mayor: mayor reported attending meetings for Text My Gov and fire department budget meeting with clerk and councilman Roth, was contacted by a family who would like to purchase a memorial item for WiaTel Park, attended a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation planning meeting with the clerk, public works director, and fire chief, and put \$10,000 into draft two of the FY26 budget to recodify the city ordinance book. Also has received very positive feedback on the addition of the ice rink.

Public Works: director reported the ice rink is going well and have seen lots of people use it, will be working on taking down the holiday decorations, will be completing the annual inventory, and will be going to Danbury to visit their sewer project.

Attorney: Beardshear reported still waiting for closing costs for the recent real estate sale.

Consent agenda: motion by Saunders, second by Nelson to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2024, regular city council meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Nelson, second by Roth to approve the January disbursements and December claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Motion by Otto, second by Saunders to approve the utility trial balance and accounts receivable audit report.

Motion carried with all voting aye.

Library FY26 Budget: no action, tabled until February meeting.

Fire FY26 Budget: Motion by Otto, second by Saunders to approve the fire department budget for FY25-26 as submitted totaling \$65,960 in expenditures. Motion carried with all voting aye.

City FY26 Budget: clerk presented a second draft of the FY26 budget. A short discussion followed.

gWorks: short discussion on current desktop software moving to cloud-based system. Motion by Otto, second by Saunders to approve signing the ordering document with gWorks for FY26.

Resolution 2025-01 Appointing City Clerk, City Attorney, and Public Works Director

After discussion, motion by Saunders, second by Otto to approve Resolution 2025-01 appointing Tricia Jernberg as city clerk, Ryan Beardshear as city attorney, and Justin Dunnington as public works director. Motion passed on a roll call vote with Otto, Roth, and Saunders voting aye and Nelson voting nay.

Resolution 2025-02 Depository Resolution

Motion by Saunders, second by Otto to approve Resolution 2025-02 naming Security National Bank as the depository and naming the signers on bank accounts. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

Resolution 2025-03 Approval of Investment Policy

Motion by Otto, second by Nelson to approve Resolution 2025-03 approval of investment policy. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

Resolution 2025-04 Records Custodian

Motion by Saunders, second by Otto to approve Resolution 2025-04 designating records custodians. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

With no further business, motion by Otto, second by Saunders to adjourn the meeting around 6:05pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Jesse Pedersen, Mayor

Tricia Jernberg, City Clerk

City of Lawton Claims & Revenues- December 2024

ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	RTV SILICONE ADH SLNT & HUB OIL	\$	14.73
BADGER METER	WATER READ SERVICES	\$	51.83
BEELNER SERVICE INC.	WINTERIZE SPRINKLERS	\$	175.00
BOMGAARS	DRILL/DRIVER-FLAGBRACK-FLUIDS	\$	414.41
CITY OF LAWTON	FIRE UTILITIES	\$	40.05
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$	353.52
CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	\$	19.00
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	BLUE POLY PIPE 300FT	\$	275.62
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$	3,701.40
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	ANNUAL GENERATOR SERVICE	\$	1,576.19
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	\$	1,112.75
FREMONT TIRE INC-HWY 75	TOOLCAT TIRE REPAIR	\$	87.60
G&K DISPOSAL, LLC	NOVEMBER GARBAGE	\$	6,706.50
GLOBAL INDUSTRIAL	COMMUNITY CENTER BENCHES	\$	1,070.50
GWORKS	ANNUAL LICENSE FEE 2025	\$	7,346.81
HAKA	FUEL	\$	446.71
HTM SALES	MAIN LIFTSTATION TRANSDUCER X2	\$	1,986.56
IA DEPT OF REV- PAYROLL	STATE TAXES	\$	1,865.89
INLAND TRUCK	DUMP TRUCK-THERMOSTAT	\$	304.09
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$	31.70
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$	1,869.79
JAKE SHEETS	REIMBURSE-METAL TAGS	\$	54.12
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$	1,180.00
KNUDSEN SEEDS	STRAW BALES FOR ICE RINK	\$	320.00
	HOLIDAY LIGHTS & DÉCOR/CC		
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	SUPPLIES/SALT/ICERINKWOOD	\$	2,379.31
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$	3,008.56
MIDWEST UNDERGROUND	DIG CURBSTOP X2	\$	250.00
NEIMAN ELECTRIC	ADD ELECTRICAL TO WIATEL PARK	\$	3,585.00
SHOES CARPET CARE	SHAMPOO CARPETS CC/CH	\$	428.00
TEXT MY GOV	NOTIFICATION SYSTEM-YEAR 1	\$	3,000.00
THE RECORD	NOVEMBER PUBLISHING	\$	614.23
TREAS ST IA	NOVEMBER WET	\$	925.36
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	1,897.01
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$	529.35
WIT	CPR TRAINING FIRE	\$	54.00

Total claims by fund: General \$28,303.39, Fire \$361.51, Road Use Tax \$3,353.55, Water \$9,588.53, Sewer \$6,068.61

Total revenues by fund: General \$47,320.62, Fire \$26,128.88, Road Use Tax \$10,990.63, Local Option Sales Tax 24,189.20, Building 2022 \$205.77, Water \$16,195.02, Sewer \$18,139.53