

Lawton City Council

December 10, 2025

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:30pm on December 10, 2025, in the council chambers at 315 Ash St. Mayor Pedersen called the meeting to order around 5:32pm. Roll call was answered by Heiss, Nelson, and Otto.

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

Public forum: no public comments were made.

Sheriff: Council reviewed the October and November sheriff reports. Deputy Bauerly reported there were 15 calls for service and 5 directed patrols in the month of November.

Fire: Chief Ludwig reported three calls for the month of November, held a vehicle extrication training class, and working on scheduling a budget meeting with the townships for the upcoming FY27 budget.

Clerk: clerk reported one building permit was approved for 90 Cedar St for a new dwelling, the last sewer rate increase from ordinance 2022-05 is upcoming in February, purchased security cameras to be installed soon, applying for and was granted an ICAP grant for \$1,000 for safety materials, council pay will be issued December 26, and city hall will be closed 12/12 and 12/15.

Public works: director reported IA-DNR was here for an inspection and review. Overall good visit but will be moving the water treatment plant to a grade 2 plant soon due to water consumption rate.

Attorney: Attorney Beardshear reported looking into general contractor requirements and recommends the city not take on that role for a project. Short council discussion on having the ability to use local sub-contractors for large city projects. Councilman Saunders arrived at 5:41pm. Attorney also discussed the city investment policy.

Consent agenda: motion by Otto, second by Nelson to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2025, regular city council meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Otto, second by Heiss to approve the December disbursements and November claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Saunders, second by Nelson to approve the utility billing trial balance and accounts receivable audit report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Humane Society: Motion by Saunders, second by Otto to approve the 2026 contract for animal services with the Siouxland Humane Society. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Health Benefits: Council reviewed the renewing health benefit plans for city employees. Motion by Otto, second by Heiss to approve the renewal of the employee health insurance coverage plan options for 2026. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Oath: clerk administered the oath of office to Jesse Pedersen for the office of Mayor, and Nathan Niehus and Gary Byers for the office of City Council, beginning January 1, 2026.

Building permit: Discussion on 101 Eagle Court fence that was installed improperly at the fault of city staff. No action will be taken at this time to move the fence.

Community Survey: Discussion on the possibility of an updated community survey. No action taken.

Snow Emergency: Discussion on current snow emergency ticketing and towing of vehicles left on streets. City staff will continue to enforce current rules. No action taken.

Ordinance Speed Zone: After short discussion, motion by Saunders, second by Heiss to reject the change of speed zone on Highway 20 within the city of Lawton. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Part-time employee: Discussion on seasonal employee duties and payroll amounts. More information will be gathered for the next meeting.

FY27 Budget: clerk presented the first draft of the FY26-27 city budget. Discussion on included items. Council will continue to review and discuss at the January regular meeting.

Mayor Pedersen presented a 10-year service award to Pat Saunders and thanked him for his dedication to the Lawton City Council.

With no further business, motion by Saunders, second by Heiss to adjourn the meeting at 6:42pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

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Jesse Pedersen, Mayor

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Tricia Jernberg, City Clerk

City of Lawton- Claims & Revenues- November 2025

ACCO UNLIMITED	CHLORINE	\$ 517.80
BADGER METER	METER READ SERVICES	\$ 74.75
BEARDSHEAR LAW	ATTORNEY FEES	\$ 2,192.50
BEST BUY SIOUX CITY	CAMERAS	\$ 513.52
BOMGAARS	THREADED RODS	\$ 31.98
CITY OF LAWTON	FIRE UTILITIES	\$ 40.05
CNA SURETY	WESTERN SURETY COMPANY	\$ 180.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 353.52
CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	\$ 28.50
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	BLUE POLY PIPE/CURBBOX/HYDAPAIN	\$ 555.36
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 3,838.51
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	\$ 507.75
G&K DISPOSAL, LLC	OCTOBER GARBAGE	\$ 6,993.00
GWORCS	ANNUAL LICENSE FEE 2026	\$ 7,325.70
HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT	IMFOA HOTEL	\$ 237.44
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$ 24.70
IOWA RURAL WATER ASS	MEMBERSHIP DUES 2026	\$ 315.00
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$ 2,566.75
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$ 1,180.00
LINDBLOM SERVICES INC	TREE PILE HAUL& MONTHLY FEE	\$ 468.22
LOFFLER COMPANIES, INC.	COPIER CONTRACT	\$ 251.45
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	QUONSET DOORS/PAINT&SUPPLIES/SUPPLIES	\$ 3,233.45
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 3,410.69
MIDWEST ALARM	2025 QTR4 FIRE ALARM MONITOR	\$ 127.53
NEIMAN ELECTRIC	REPLACE LIGHTS	\$ 1,025.00
OSBORNE UNDERGROUND, LLC	REPLACE CURBSTOPS & NEW LINES	\$ 1,950.00
ROAN LANDSCAPING & CONST	TRIM/WINTERIZE LANDSCAPING	\$ 249.00
SAMS CLUB	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	\$ 59.67
SG CONCRETE	CURB &GUTTER MAIN ST	\$ 43,602.00
THE RECORD	OCTOBER PUBLISHING	\$ 193.81
TREAS ST IA	OCTOBER 2025 WET	\$ 972.35
TRICIA JERNBERG	IMFOA CONF-MEALS&MILEAGE	\$ 320.67
US POSTMASTER	STAMPS	\$ 78.00
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 2,039.72
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 531.09

Total Claims by Fund: General \$27,826.13, Fire \$297.26, Road Use Tax \$45,965.04, Water \$9,800.56,  
Sewer \$2,100.49

Total Revenues by Fund: General \$20,662.32, Fire \$1,500, Road Use Tax \$11,453.79, Local Option Sales  
Tax \$12,016.76, Debt Service \$38,880, Building 2022 \$205.20, Water \$16,202.67, Water Deposit \$100,  
Sewer \$20,984.58