

Lawton City Council
September 9, 2026

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:30pm on September 9, 2026, in the community center at 315 Ash St. Mayor Pro-tem Nelson called the meeting to order around 5:30pm. Roll call was answered by Byers, Heiss (by phone), Nelson, and Niehus.

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

Public forum: Dan Thompson spoke to the council about trees in the right-of-way at Elm/Main.

Jeremy Baltushis asked about flags at Veteran's Park and city hall. Lori Hummel reported sand and gravel in street gutter on Cedar St. Councilman Heiss arrived at the meeting at 5:37pm.

Christopher Prosch addressed the council about his campaign for Iowa Senate. Councilman Otto arrived at the meeting at 5:38pm. Kolby DeWitt addressed the council about his campaign for Woodbury County Board of Supervisors. Troy Groves asked about wastewater operator certifications. Ben Mulford addressed the council about his campaign for Woodbury County Attorney. Jessica Lopez-Walker addressed the council about her campaign for Iowa House of Representatives. Brittney Wilson addressed the council about her campaign for Woodbury County Board of Supervisors.

Sheriff: Sgt. Luesebrink reported 5 calls for service, 19 directed patrols, and 3 school-related activities. Department and clerk shared receiving multiple calls on erratic school related traffic.

Fire: Chief Ludwig reported 3 calls for service and holding driver training in August. The Lawton Fire Association will hold their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sept 19th.

Clerk: clerk reported receiving three building permits (302 E Main for garage, 301 W Creek Dr for shed, 321 Pine for a deck), received one complaint about a property that needs mowed, there has been one food truck to properly use the new food truck ordinance without issue, was able to submit the MRHD Impact Match grant application with councilman Niehus and awards will be announced 10/2, received a \$5,000 donation from LP Gill/Gill Hauling for the new Welcome to Lawton signs thanks to councilman Niehus, and the Lawton post of the American Legion was nationally recognized for a membership award.

Public works: director reported mowing at nuisances properties in town and the E Maple street project should be completed enough for the parade on Friday. Short discussion followed on water flow.

Attorney: attorney reported sending a sample weed/mowing ordinance to clerk for council review.

Consent agenda: motion by Heiss, second by Otto to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2026, regular meeting. Byers questioned statement in the minutes of "Any funds received by the grant will reduce the city's out-of-pocket expenses for the project." Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Otto, second by Heiss to approve the September disbursements and August claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Otto, second by Niehus to approve the utility trial balance and accounts receivable audit report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Wastewater Project: Tom Grafft from ISG presented information on required lagoon project. Motion by Heiss, second by Otto to approve an agreement with ISG for services totaling \$35,000. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Sewer rate: no discussion.

Fire station: discussion instructing engineer to create bid package to receive bids for the project.

AT&T lease: discussion on current lease with AT&T for equipment on water tower expiring in 2031, and proposal for extending length and lowering lease payments. Motion by Otto, second by Heiss to deny proposal. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Special events permit: motion by Otto, second by Niehus to approve Lawton-Bronson CSD's permit application to hold a Homecoming Parade throughout town on September 11, 2026. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Resolution 2026-24 Rescinding Action Regarding Rental of 101 E. Maple

Motion by Niehus, second by Otto to approve resolution 2026-24 rescinding action that was taken at the August 12, 2026, meeting regarding the leasing of city-owned property located at 101 E Maple, Lawton. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Byers, Niehus, Nelson, and Otto voting aye, and Heiss abstaining.

Resolution 2026-22 Appointing Mayor

Motion by Otto, second by Niehus to appoint Rodney Hamm to the office of Mayor. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all voting aye. Council thanked all candidates for their interest.

Oath: clerk administered oath of office to Rod Hamm for the office of mayor.

Resolution 2026-23 Depository Resolution

Motion by Otto, second by Byers to approve resolution 2026-23 removing Jesse Pedersen, and adding Rodney Hamm as an authorized person at the official depository for the City of Lawton. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all voting aye.

With no further business, motion by Otto, second by Niehus to adjourn the meeting at 6:37pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Rod Hamm, Mayor

Tricia Jernberg, City Clerk

City of Lawton- August 2026- Expenses & Revenues

ACCO UNLIMITED	CHLORINE	\$ 438.20
AMAZON.COM	OIL RESERVOIR TANK	\$ 80.99
	DMPTRCK HOSE/FREON/CHEVBATTER/	
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	RACKET/DMPTRCK REFRIDGE	\$ 401.14
BADGER METER	WATER READ SERVICES	\$ 85.66
BOMGAARS	TOOLCAT BEDMAT/HOSE NOZZLE	\$ 128.98
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CO	TOOLS & SUPPLIES	\$ 233.34
CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC	YEARLY LEASE ON BALLFIELDS	\$ 2,475.00
CITY OF LAWTON	UTILITIES	\$ 40.05
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 353.52
CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	\$ 21.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAXES	\$ 3,566.85
FLEET FARM	FUEL	\$ 45.01
FLOYD RIVER MATERIALS	ALLEY ROCK 183.21 TONS	\$ 9,353.40
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	\$ 30.00
G&K DISPOSAL, LLC	JUNE GARBAGE	\$ 7,167.00
GILL HAULING, INC	JULY GARBAGE & QTR4 26 & Q2TR 1 27 LANDFILL	\$ 17,651.28
HAKA	CITY & FIRE FUEL JUNE	\$ 685.78
HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS	AIRHOSE REEL	\$ 159.99
HIGHLAND MATERIALS	GRIND & HAUL TREE PILE	\$ 5,500.00
HOLLAND LAWN CARE	IRRIGATION REPAIR 315ASH	\$ 130.00
HYDRAULIC	DUMPTRUCK REPAIR AIR CYLIND	\$ 127.58

IA DEPT NATURAL RESOURCES	ANNUAL WASTEWATER PERMIT FEE	\$ 211.50
IMFOA	IMFOA FALLCONFERENCE DESMOINES	\$ 175.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$ 35.30
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$ 2,391.52
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$ 1,180.00
LINDBLOM SERVICES INC	TREE PILE HAULX2 & MONTHLY FEE	\$ 909.52
LOFFLER COMPANIES, INC.	COPIER CONTRACT	\$ 251.45
MED COMPASS	FIRE PHYSICALS X5	\$ 1,635.00
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	AIRHOSE/GFCI/DOORKNOB/HOSE REPAIR/KIT/BOX	\$ 330.26
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 4,861.34
MIDWEST ALARM	2026 QTR3 FIRE ALARM MONITOR	\$ 119.19
MIDWEST HONDA	SXS OIL & FILTER	\$ 72.48
MIDWEST WHEEL COMPANIES	IMPACT TOOL	\$ 297.43
OSBORNE UNDERGROUND, LLC	EMAPLE LEAK REPAIR	\$ 1,200.00
RING	RING PRO PLAN	\$ 213.99
SAMS CLUB	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	\$ 97.63
SBW INC DBA ACE ENGINE	MOWER REPAIR	\$ 123.56
SOOLAND BOBCAT	72 TOOLCAT ROOT GRAPPLE"	\$ 4,537.00
THE RECORD	JULY PUBLISHING	\$ 291.36
WCSWA	FY27 LANDFILL FEE	\$ 2,153.58
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 2,220.34
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 633.24

Total claims by fund: General \$48,301.69, Fire \$2,140.02, Road Use Tax \$12,284.91, Water \$7,742.88, Sewer \$2,145.96

Total revenues by fund: General \$40,192.93, Fire \$21,188.61, Road Use Tax \$14,080.05, Local Option Sales Tax \$13,535.28, Building 2022 \$214.81, Water \$18,063.08, Water Deposit \$200, Sewer \$31,941.43