

## Lawton City Council

June 10, 2026

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:30pm on June 10, 2026, in the council chambers at 315 Ash St. Mayor Pedersen called the meeting to order around 5:30pm. Roll call was answered by Byers, Heiss (via phone), Niehus, and Otto.

Agenda: Mayor Pedersen requested to change the order of general business. Motion by Otto, second by Heiss to approve the order change and the agenda. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Public forum: no comments were made by the public.

WCSO: Sgt Groenhagen reported 19 calls for service and directed patrols for the month of May.

Mayor Pedersen shared concerns about electric scooter use in town.

Fire: Lt. Niehus reported 4 calls for service and pump ops training for the month of May.

Mayor: Mayor Pedersen reported the emergency siren is working and had spoke with the news and the county communications center. Also meeting with residents about fallen trees and a drainage ditch.

Clerk: clerk reported the new garbage contractor will begin July 6<sup>th</sup>, recycle pickup will move to Mondays beginning July 6<sup>th</sup>, building permits approved were new duplex dwelling at 97-99 W Creek Ct, fence portions at 138 W Creek, and fence portions at 105 E Main, there was one public records request fulfilled, pet licenses expire at the end of the month, city hall will be closed for clerk conference 6/16-6/18, the Woodbury County Library has kids activities scheduled at the community center every Friday in June including some with Siouxland Ag in the Classroom, the city wide rummages are next week 6/19-6/20, Lawton Fest celebration is 6/23-6/27, city wide cleanup days are scheduled for 6/22-6/24, council pay will be issued on June 26<sup>th</sup>, and clerk is looking into the possibility of sending flyers for the street dance on June 26th through the USPS.

Public works: director reported the installation of the hoist is complete, installation of AC is complete, security cameras have also been installed, and has completed one of the two grade 2 tests for the DNR.

Attorney: attorney Beardshear in regards to general business #9, suggested the he act as the attorney for Woodbury County REC and not joint representation with the city.

Consent agenda: motion by Otto, second by Niehus to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2026, regular meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Niehus, second by Otto to approve the June disbursements and May claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Otto, second by Heiss to approve the utility trial balance and accounts receivable audit report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Welcome sign: Kurt Miene provided a rendering and general price quote from McArthur Sheet Metal for a new Welcome to Lawton sign to be installed on Highway 20. After discussion, council requested a detailed quote for the signs to be brought to the July meeting for approval.

Pine St bridge: after discussion, motion by Heiss, second by Byers to remove the Pine St walking bridge and the tree that fell on it. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Cigarette/Tobacco Permit: Motion by Otto, second by Niehus, to approve the annual renewal for HAKA, LLC (Pronto) Cigarette/Tobacco permit. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Event Permit: Motion by Otto, second by Byers to approve the city of Lawton's special event permit for the annual Street Dance on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried with Byers, Niehus, and Otto voting aye, and Heiss abstained.

### Resolution 2026-16 Employee Wages

After discussion, motion by Otto, second by Heiss to approve a 3.5% wage increase for city employees which equals \$33.96 for Justin Dunnington, \$28.67 for Luke Lambert, and \$29.90 for Tricia Jernberg, effective July 1, 2026. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Niehus, Heiss, and Otto voting aye, and Byers voting nay.

Little Library: Councilman Niehus requested to place a “Little Free Library” in memorandum at Veteran’s Park. Motion by Otto, second by Byers to approve the addition. Motion carried with Byers, Heiss, and Otto voting aye, and Niehus abstaining.

Councilman Heiss arrived in person at 6:18pm.

Seatbelt policy: after discussion on current fire department policy, no action taken.

Public works: director presented quotes for a root grapple and Bobcat Tool-cat. After discussion, motion by Otto, second by Heiss to approve the purchase of a 2026 Bobcat Tool-cat for \$44,000 from Sooland Bobcat with FY26 budget. Motion carried with all voting aye. Grapple purchased tabled.

MRHD: motion by Niehus, second by Heiss to approve the grant submittal for the MRHD Economic Development Match Grant. Motion carried with all voting aye.

#### Ordinance 2026-02 Mobile Food Vendors

Motion by Niehus, second by Byers to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-02 regulating temporary and occasional food vending. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Byers, Niehus, and Otto voting aye, and Heiss abstaining.

#### Resolution 2026-17 Joint Representation Agreement

No action taken on Resolution 2026-17 by recommendation of attorney Beardshear. Motion by Heiss, second by Otto for Attorney Beardshear to not represent the city to utilize funds from the Rural Economic Development Grant via the Woodbury County Rural Electric Cooperative to finance the construction of a new fire station project. Motion carried with all voting aye.

#### Resolution 2026-18 Noncompliant Property Notice Policy

No action taken on Resolution 2026-18. Tabled until July meeting.

With no further business, motion by Otto, second by Niehus to adjourn the meeting at 6:46pm.

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- May 2026

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| ACCO UNLIMITED            | CHLORINE                       | \$ 876.00   |
| AMAZON.COM                | PAPERTOWELS & PRINTER PAPER    | \$ 149.52   |
| ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY       | SILVERADO OIL,FILTER,WIRECONNE | \$ 214.11   |
| BADGER METER              | ANNUAL USERLOGIN LICENSE       | \$ 439.30   |
| BOMGAARS                  | SHOPSUPPLIES/BRKLEEN           | \$ 239.80   |
| CITY OF LAWTON            | UTILITIES                      | \$ 44.56    |
| COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR | CHILD SUPPORT                  | \$ 530.28   |
| CULLIGAN OF PIERSON       | WATER                          | \$ 57.00    |
| EFTPS                     | FED/FICA TAX                   | \$ 5,211.44 |
| FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB | WATER TESTING                  | \$ 30.00    |
| G&K DISPOSAL, LLC         | APRIL GARBAGE                  | \$ 7,018.50 |
| IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY     | MPA REGISTRATION               | \$ 284.00   |
| IPERS                     | REGULAR IPERS                  | \$ 3,582.79 |
| JP COOKE                  | PET LICENSE TAGS 2025          | \$ 90.95    |
| JUSTIN DUNNINGTON         | PR ADVANCE                     | \$ 1,180.00 |
| LINDBLOM SERVICES INC     | TREE PILE HAULX2 & MONTHLYRENT | \$ 806.40   |
| LOFFLER COMPANIES, INC.   | COPIER CONTRACT                | \$ 251.45   |
| MENARDS - SIOUX CITY      | DOOR HANDLES/POWER CORD/LOCK   | \$ 397.18   |
| MIDAMERICAN ENERGY        | UTILITIES                      | \$ 3,718.28 |

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| MIDWEST ALARM             | 2026 QTR2 FIRE ALARM MONITOR   | \$ 119.19   |
| SAMS CLUB                 | JANITORIAL SUPPLIES            | \$ 147.59   |
| SBW INC DBA ACE ENGINE    | MOWER FUEL MODULE REPAIR       | \$ 571.98   |
| SOOLAND BOBCAT            | TOOLCAT CUTTING EDGE           | \$ 225.15   |
| STEVEN BANKEY & FLATLAND  | BAND DEPOSIT 6262026 STREETDAN | \$ 1,500.00 |
| THE RECORD                | APRIL PUBLISHING               | \$ 565.75   |
| TOYNE, INC                | FIRE BATTERY CHARGER           | \$ 2,129.26 |
| TREAS ST IA               | WET TAX 4-2026                 | \$ 665.51   |
| TRICIA JERNBERG           | IMFOA MILEAGE 420X.725         | \$ 304.50   |
| TRIPLE C PEST CONTROL     | PEST SPRAY @CITYBUILDINGS      | \$ 160.00   |
| US POSTMASTER             | STAMPS & STAMPED ENVELOPES     | \$ 1,524.00 |
| WCSWA                     | FY26 LANDFILL FEE              | \$ 2,871.44 |
| WELLMARK                  | HEALTH INSURANCE               | \$ 2,220.34 |
| WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE    | TELEPHONE & INTERNET           | \$ 530.39   |
| WOODBURY COUNTY FIRE ASSO | 2026 NWIA FIRE SCHOOL X15      | \$ 1,465.00 |
| ZIEGLER                   | PAYLOADER BUCKET CUTTING EDGE  | \$ 953.77   |

Total claims by fund: General \$21,153.48, Fire \$3,976.15, Road Use Tax \$3,895.52, Water \$9,081.50, Sewer \$2,968.78

Total revenue by fund: General \$17,504.54, Fire \$19,638.01, Road Use Tax \$12,802.95, Local Option Sales Tax \$14,699.87, Building 2022 \$213.87, Water \$12,099.12, Water Deposit \$300, Sewer \$23,518.18