

Lawton City Council

July 8, 2026

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:30pm on July 8, 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, and Nelson.

Agenda: Mayor Pedersen requested moving general business #4 to the beginning of the meeting and general business #5 to general business #1. Motion by Heiss, second by Nelson to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Councilman Otto arrived at the meeting at 5:35pm.

Welcome sign: council reviewed a detailed quote from McArthur Sheet Metal for new Welcome signs. Motion by Otto, second by Heiss to approve the purchase of \$40,000 to install two new Welcome to Lawton signs. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Public forum: Tory Groves addressed the council wondering about the drainage ditch within his lot and concerned about erosion. Attorney recommended consulting with an engineer. Councilman Niehus arrived at the meeting at 5:52pm. Mayor Pedersen requested Troy bring more information to the next meeting from an engineer.

Sheriff: June report was provided for council review including 19 incidents of directed patrols and calls for service.

Fire: Chief Ludwig reported 4 calls for service and extrication lifting training for the month of June.

Mayor: Mayor Pedersen reported a successful street dance, the IA DOT notified the city about line painting on Highway 20, the Little League season is over and was overall a very successful season, and he will be stepping down as Mayor in September.

Clerk: clerk reported approved building permits at 96 Walnut (home addition), 424 E Main (home addition), and 106 W Birch (decks), received about \$29,000 in interest as there were three CD accounts that renewed in June, received citizen comments about the mobile food vendor ordinance from last meeting that will be shared in general business, clerk will be completing a workers comp audit and unclaimed property report this month, the new garbage contractor began and had a seamless transition, fiscal year 2025-26 has ended so a year end overview will be prepared for next meeting, and clerk will be absent for the August meeting.

Public works: clerk reported a water leak on E Maple that required street repairs.

Attorney: Attorney Beardshear shared Mayor seat vacancy procedures including appointment or special election and shared the Woodbury County REC has moved forward with preparing the loan documents for the USDA loan for the fire station project. Chief Ludwig asked attorney to look into an inter-state mutual aid agreement.

Consent agenda: motion by Otto, second by Heiss to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2026, regular meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Niehus, second by Nelson to approve the July disbursements and June claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Heiss, second by Otto to approve the utility trial balance and accounts receivable audit report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

101 E Maple: Riggins and Lindsey Hopper expressed interest in renting the 101 E Maple office space for a new small business. Council discussed getting water and sewer into the space and other suitability items that may be needed. After discussion, more information will be brought to next month's meeting.

Fire station: Discussion on MRHD grant submission and beginning a bid-letting process. Motion by Otto, second by Nelson to contact bond counsel for the approval of bid letting for the project. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Tree pile: discussion on tree pile removal. After review of bids, motion by Otto, second by Niehus to approve Highland Materials bid for \$5,500 to grind and haul tree pile. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Mosquitos: after discussion, motion by Nelson, second by Niehus to approve city-wide fogging to begin Sunday, July 19, and to continue every Sunday evening until September. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Public works: after review of bids, motion by Otto, second by Neihus, to approve a grapple attachment purchase for the Tool-cat for \$4,537 from Sooland Bobcat. Motion carried on a 4-1 vote, with Byers voting nay.

Ordinance 2026-02 Temporary and Occasional Food Vending

Clerk shared citizen food truck owner concerns about the decibel limit listed, 8pm closing time, and additionally insured insurance requirement. Motion by Niehus, second by Byers to approve the second reading of ordinance 2026-02 regulating temporary and occasional food vending. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Byers, Nelson, Niehus, and Otto voting aye, and Heiss abstaining.

Ordinance 2026-02 Temporary and Occasional Food Vending

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

Nuisance properties: after discussion, council directed attorney to issue nuisance abatements to three properties in town.

Attire: council discussion on high-visibility clothing, shorts, and appropriate attire for city employees. Mayor will follow-up with city employees.

Resolution 2026-18 Designate the Official Location for Posting Public Meeting Notices

Motion by Nelson, second by Heiss to approve the official posting locations for public meeting notices as the front window of city hall, located at 315 Ash St, and on the official city website. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all voting aye.

With no further business, motion by Nelson, second by Niehus to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Jesse Pedersen, Mayor

Tricia Jernberg, City Clerk

City of Lawton- Claims & Revenues- June 2026

ACCO UNLIMITED	CHLORINE	\$ 677.00
AMAZON.COM	DOORSTOP/WIFIEXTENDERS/CALENDAR	\$ 150.07
	OIL	
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	DRAIN/JACKSTANDS/BRAKEToolKIT	\$ 664.66
BADGER METER	ANNUAL MOBILE READ SERVICES	\$ 493.74
BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY	PREVENTATIVE MAINT EMERG SIREN	\$ 740.00
BOMGAARS	GAS CAN/CUTTINGWHEEL/TIRES	\$ 170.75
CITY OF GALVA	HOTEL MPA CONFERENCE 6/16-6/18	\$ 100.66
CITY OF LAWTON	UTILITIES	\$ 42.17
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 353.52
CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	\$ 23.00
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	METER COUPLERS	\$ 206.83
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 3,845.20
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WASTEWATER/LAGOON TESTING	\$ 104.50

FOXIT	FOXIT PLUS-PDF SOFTWARE	\$ 171.19
G&K DISPOSAL, LLC	MAY GARBAGE	\$ 7,068.00
HAKA	PW & FIRE FUEL APRIL & MAY	\$ 1,804.42
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS	BAND HOTEL STAY	\$ 366.02
HYVEE	BAND HOSPITALITY	\$ 122.29
I&S GROUP	ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT WWTP	\$ 127.50
IA DEPT NATURAL RESOURCES	JD OPERATOR TESTING	\$ 32.29
IA DEPT OF REV- PAYROLL	STATE TAXES	\$ 1,514.94
IA RURAL WATER ASSOC	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	\$ 260.00
IDNR	JD OPERATOR CERT WD2&WT2	\$ 91.50
IMFOA	CLERK CERTIFICATION	\$ 150.00
IMWCA	26-27 WORK COMP PREMIUM	\$ 5,261.00
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$ 2,765.73
JAY-LAN LAWN CARE SERVICE	PARK LAWN SERVICES	\$ 635.27
JP COOKE	PET LICENSE TAGS	\$ 95.22
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$ 1,180.00
LINDBLOM SERVICES INC	TREE PILE PULLX2 & MONTHLYRENT	\$ 1,082.40
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	SHOP SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$ 155.19
MICROSOFT CORP	MICROSOFT 365 ANNUAL	\$ 211.86
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 3,527.51
MIDWEST ALARM	ANNUAL FIRE ALARM INSPECTION	\$ 425.00
NEIMAN ELECTRIC	INSTALL POWER FOR AC/HOIST/CAMS	\$ 4,450.00
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE	MOWER OIL FILTER	\$ 20.18
OSBORNE UNDERGROUND, LLC	REPAIR CURBSTOP 423EMAIN	\$ 750.00
POMP'S TIRE SERIVCE, INC.	FIRE- TIRE	\$ 254.82
ROSACKER HEATING & AIR	SHOP MINISPLIT INSTALL	\$ 8,665.54
SG CONCRETE	CURB & GUTTER-PINE,MAIN,MAPLE	\$ 63,210.35
SOOLAND BOBCAT	2026TOOLCATUW56W/BUCKET&EDGE	\$ 44,000.00
STAN HOUSTON EQUIPMENT	GRAPPLE RENTAL	\$ 795.00
STAPLES - SIOUX CITY	LABELS	\$ 47.77
STEVEN BANKEY & FLATLAND	FINAL PAYMENT 6262026STRTDANCE	\$ 1,500.00
THE RECORD	MAY PUBLISHING	\$ 154.12
TREAS ST IA	WET TAX 5-2026	\$ 716.73
US POSTMASTER	PO BOX RENT	\$ 126.00
USABBLUEBOOK	TESTING CHEMICALS	\$ 421.00
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 2,220.34
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 528.33
ZIEGLER	ENGINE SERVICES	\$ 1,424.79

Total Claims by Fund: General \$103,312.92, Fire \$5,483.82, Road Use Tax \$39,607.28, Water \$9,571.27, Sewer \$5,929.11

Total Revenue by Fund: General \$63,110.38, Fire \$6,470.56, Road Use Tax \$13,399.23, Local Option Sales Tax \$23,009.83, Building 2022 \$207.28, Water \$20,990.98, Sewer \$24,928.86