

Lawton City Council

May 8, 2024

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:30pm on May 8, 2024, 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, and Saunders. Also present: city clerk Tricia Jernberg, public works director Justin Dunnington, attorney Ryan Beardshear, Josh and Molly Hewitt, Nate Niehus, Craig Meyer, Lori Hummel, and WCSO Cottrell.

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

Public forum: Craig Meyer addressed the council with concerns of a neighbor's dog being unleashed and coming onto his property, and the state of a neighbor's property.

Sheriff: Officer Cottrell reported 25 calls and 14 directed patrols for the month of April. Mayor shared repeated concerns about school time speeding through town.

Fire: Nate Niehus reported 10 calls for service and attended mass casualty training in Bronson.

Mayor: Mayor Pedersen reported receiving concerns about speeding traffic, yards that needed mowing, and UTV use on the walking trail. Mayor has been working to get concrete contractor in town for the pickleball courts and curb and gutters.

Clerk: Clerk reported rentals for community center, friendship center, and park are heavy for the next few weeks, the Woodbury County Library came out with their summer program and will be hosting multiple events at the community center and park, attending Alert Iowa training to get the city registered for mass alerts, the 2023 water quality report annual reporting is complete, the annual ARPA report is complete, the FY25 budget has been certified by the county auditor, had a couple complaints about chickens in W Creek but was able to get resolved without city intervention, notification of a neighborly dispute that may end up with council determining what constitutes a fence, and building permits were submitted for 100 W Creek Dr for a fence, 309 W Creek for a garage structure, and 118 W Birch for a deck.

Public works: Director reported the summer position will be starting next week, the water service line survey has gone out to residents, attending training classes for wastewater certifications, and Frank's asphalt will be in town repairing patches in town.

Attorney: Attorney had nothing new to report.

Consent agenda: motion by Saunders, second by Otto to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024, special meeting, April 3, 2024, regular meeting, and April 24, 2024, special meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Otto, second by Nelson to approve the May disbursements and April claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Saunders, second by Nelson to approve the utility trial balance and accounts receivable audit report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Parcel #894532427013: Nate Niehus approached the council about purchasing the small parcel of city property that is adjacent to his backyard. Council directed attorney to determine liability concerns as there is report of an old city well buried on the property and public hearing of sale process.

Building permit: Josh and Molly Hewitt submitted a building permit for 313 W Creek Dr. Council discussed land covenant enforcement. Attorney advised that the city should not be making determinations on the land covenant.

Special event permit: Motion by Saunders, second by Otto to approve the special event permit for August 24, 2024, W Creek block party. Motion carried with all voting aye.

IA-DOT program: Motion by Otto, second by Nelson to apply for the IA-DOT Speed Feedback Signs Program to install speed feedback signs on US Highway 20. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Band contract: Motion by Otto, second by Saunders to approve the contract with the Missouri Blend Band for August 10, 2024, street dance. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Trees and sidewalks: Discussion on removing trees in the right-of-way and Ash trees in town. Also, sidewalk repairs and possible sidewalk repair program for residents. Council asked to include money in future budgets for tree removal and sidewalk repairs.

With no further business, motion by Nelson, second by Otto to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Jesse Pedersen, Mayor

Tricia Jernberg, City Clerk

City of Lawton Claims & Revenues April 2024

ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	OIL CHANGE SUPPLIES	\$ 60.82
BIERSCH	COLD PATCH	\$ 177.50
BOMGAARS	SHOP-SEAT,HOSEHANGERS,MISC	\$ 400.60
CITY OF LAWTON	FIRE UTILITIES	\$ 40.05
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 410.76
CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	\$ 66.50
DANKO	16 FIRE RESCUE CHAINSAW	\$ 3,613.09
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 3,207.32
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	\$ 16.50
G&K DISPOSAL, LLC	MARCH GARBAGE	\$ 6,747.00
HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS	MAGNET HOOKS/IMPACT DRIVER	\$ 177.37
HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT	IMFOA CONFERENCE HOTEL	\$ 237.44
HUNDERTMARK	TRUCK WASH	\$ 223.00
IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	MLA REGISTRATION	\$ 80.00
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$ 2,143.27
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$ 1,207.79
LINDBLOM SERVICES INC	TREE PILE HAUL & MONTHLY FEE	\$ 383.70
LP GILL	4TH QTR WC LANDFILL	\$ 5,049.77
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	CABINETS/CONCRETEFIX/SUPPLIES	\$ 930.13
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 3,547.68
SBW INC DBA ACE ENGINE	MOWER PARTS	\$ 266.39
STAPLES - SIOUX CITY	OFFICE CHAIR/PACKING TAPE	\$ 15.33
TAGGART'S POWERSPORTS INC	RANGER MAINTENANCE & BELTDRIVE	\$ 385.18
THE RECORD	MARCH PUBLISHING	\$ 373.69
TRAVIS LUDWIG	REIMBURSE FIRE SCHOOL FOOD	\$ 290.61
TREAS ST IA	MARCH 2024 WET	\$ 763.01
TRI-STATE SNAP SPORTS	SWINGS FOR PARK	\$ 326.78
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 1,897.01
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 579.98

Total claims by fund: General \$19,426.57, Fire \$4,666.34, Road Use Tax \$2,504.48, Water \$5,127.42, Sewer \$1,893.46

Total revenues by fund: General \$124,112.68, Fire \$887.88, Road Use Tax \$10,809.53, Local Option Sales Tax \$11,654.25, ARPA \$206.64, Water \$12,654.19, Water Deposit \$100, Sewer \$17,997.07