

Lawton City Council

February 12, 2025

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:30pm on February 12, 2025, in the council chambers at 315 Ash St. Mayor Pedersen called the meeting to order around 5:40pm. Roll call was answered by Heiss, Nelson, and Otto.

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

Public forum: no public comments were made.

Sheriff: There were 16 calls for service and 18 direct patrols completed by the Woodbury County Sheriff's Department for the month in January.

Fire: Chief Ludwig shared there were 10 calls for service in January, and fire department members toured High Points Industrial Park.

Clerk: clerk reported sharing a letter from a resident and submitting an application for the MRHD community event grant for the 2025 street dance.

Public works: director reported moving snow and fire chief reported a smashed downspout at the station that needs replaced.

Consent agenda: motion by Otto, second by Heiss to approve the amended minutes of the January 8, 2025, regular city council meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Nelson, second by Otto to approve the February disbursements and January claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Otto, second by Nelson to approve the utility trial balance and accounts receivable audit report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Library FY26 budget: discussion about the FY26 county library budget asking for \$25,823, as accepted by the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors. Motion by Otto, second by Heiss to approve the asking for the FY26 library budget. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

City FY26 budget: Council reviewed a third draft of the FY26 budget. Adjustments were made to the parks fund. Motion by Heiss, second by Otto to set the proposed property tax rate for \$7.16669 and set the public hearing for the proposed tax rate for 5:30pm on April 2, 2025, at the next regular city council meeting. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Electronic sign: discussion on the opportunity to work with the LB-CSD to purchase an electronic sign. Council decided to take no action.

E Maple sewer: after discussion, motion by Otto, second by Heiss to approve the reimbursement of \$211.32 to the property owner at 120 E Maple. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Fire policy: Fire chief Ludwig and Lieutenant Niehus discussed their request to have a policy from the city regarding the medical exam/physical requirements for fire fighters. Motion by Heiss, second by Otto to approve the policy requiring fire department members to complete a medical physical exam as part of their membership. Motion carried with all voting aye. Fire chief Ludwig also presented a plan to complete the physical exams for current department members to follow the insurance requirement and the approved policy.

Bridge: no action taken at this time.

Resolution 2025-05 Transfer of Funds

Motion by Otto, second by Heiss to approve Resolution 2025-05 transferring funds of \$150,000 from 001-General to a sub-fund of 001-002 General. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members voting aye.

With no further business, motion by Otto, second by Heiss to adjourn the meeting at 6:28pm.

Jesse Pedersen, Mayor

Tricia Jernberg, City Clerk

City of Lawton- Revenues & Expenses- January 2025

ACCO UNLIMITED	CHLORINE/INJECTFITTING/CORPSTO	\$ 1,735.25
AMAZON.COM	ADDRESS STAMP	\$ 15.88
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	TRUCK WASH	\$ 175.14
BADGER METER	WATER READ SERVICES	\$ 51.83
BEKINS FIRE & SAFETY	ANNUAL EXTINGUISHER TESTING	\$ 311.70
BOMGAARS	BLOWER/CYCLEFUEL/BOOSTCABLES	\$ 698.55
CITY OF LAWTON	FIRE UTILITIES	\$ 40.05
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 353.52

CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	\$ 28.50
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	CURBSTOP KEY X2	\$ 89.00
DANKO	FIRE HELMET X2	\$ 980.72
DAVE & JANA DREW	LIGHTING CONTEST WINNER	\$ 60.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 3,628.30
FLOYD RIVER MATERIALS	SALT & SAND MIX	\$ 3,085.25
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	\$ 16.50
G&K DISPOSAL, LLC	DECEMBER GARBAGE	\$ 6,706.50
GARY & CHRIS BYERS	LIGHTING CONTEST WINNER	\$ 60.00
GARY PETERS	LIGHTING CONTEST WINNER	\$ 60.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$ 18.10
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$ 2,445.32
JAY-LAN LAWN CARE SERVICE	PARKS LAWN SERVICES	\$ 1,976.50
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$ 1,770.00
LASERWERKS	PARKS SIGNS	\$ 400.00
LIBRARY	FY25 LIBRARY CONTRIBUTION	\$ 10,807.00
LINDBLOM SERVICES INC	TREEPILE HAUL X2 & MONTHLYRENT/PUMPLFTST	\$ 1,839.06
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	ICE RINK SUPPLIES	\$ 395.39
MICHAEL & CARLY BROWN	LIGHTING CONTEST WINNER	\$ 60.00
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 3,321.18
MIDWEST WHEEL COMPANIES	DUMP TRUCK CHAINS/WASH BRUSH	\$ 248.24
MLS LANDSCAPE & DESIGN	DEPOSIT FOR WALKING BRIDGE	\$ 100.00
OSBORNE UNDERGROUND, LLC	ELECTRICAL BORING @WIATEL PARK	\$ 1,615.00
PAYNES EARTHMOVING	GRADING AT WIATEL PARK	\$ 500.00
SECURITY NATIONAL BANK	SAFE DEPOSIT BOX RENT	\$ 40.00
STAPLES - SIOUX CITY	PRINTER INK & FILE FOLDERS	\$ 131.88
T&W TIRE	TOOLCAT TIRE REPAIR	\$ 26.00
THE RECORD	DECEMBER PUBLISHING	\$ 193.04
TONY & ASHLEY ORZECZOWSKI	LIGHTING CONTEST WINNER	\$ 60.00
TREAS ST IA	ANNUAL SALES TAX 2024	\$ 2,116.74
USABLUEBOOK	PUMP/SUPPLIES/CHEMICALS	\$ 875.27
VITALS BEAT	FIRE- CPR TRAINING	\$ 168.00
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 1,897.01
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 527.70

Expenses by Fund: General \$29,683.03, Fire \$1,623.95, Road Use Tax \$5,886.15, Water \$8,896.07, Sewer \$3,538.92

Revenues by Fund: General \$13,024.62, Road Use Tax \$11,375.64, Local Option Sales Tax \$18,907.90, Building 2022 \$206.64, Water \$13,176.87, Sewer \$18,213.38