

Lawton City Council

July 10, 2024

The Lawton City council met in regular session at 5:30pm on July 10, 2024, in the council chambers at 315 Ash St. Mayor Pedersen called the meeting to order around 5:30pm. Roll call was answered by Heiss, Nelson, Otto (via phone), and Saunders.

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

Public forum: no public comments were made.

Sheriff: council reviewed June department report

Fire: Chief Ludwig reported 3 calls for service for the month of June and rope & knot training, water fight preparation, and department volunteers assisted in Correctionville with flood cleanup efforts.

Mayor: Mayor Pedersen reported assisting with one firework issue, worked with city staff and Correctionville city staff to assist with flood response and donations, working on pickleball courts getting completed and with Wiatel to possibly get a shelter built by it, will be meeting with the little league ball board to recap the year, receiving a lot of resident phone calls to his personal cell phone so may be issuing "office hours", and ordered maintenance to put in the new stop sign at the corner of Main and Cedar that was previously approved by council.

Clerk: clerk reported the end of the fiscal year was June 30 ended up under spent about \$180,000 in expenses, and cash on hand ended up about \$400,000 higher than the beginning of the FY, will be sending notifications to residents by Larimer project, E Oak curb & gutter project, and Cedar residents for the street dance, clerk attended the municipal leadership academy in Ames, building permits that were submitted and approved for 416 & 418 E Main for a fence, submitted an Aureon grant for benches for outside the community center, clerk will not be paying SIMPCO dues this year as decided by council, had a resident make and donate a needlepoint pledge of allegiance for council chambers, received second half interest payment from the three big CDs of \$26,676 and renewed them all for another 12 months at 4.85% apy, and received multiple complaints about the time length of firework allowable time.

Public works: director reported doing some finishing dirt work at the pickleball court and 4-square pad has been painted. Council discussed maintenance of the youth ball fields. Director reported the Larimer street project will be starting soon.

Attorney: Beardshear had nothing new to report

Consent agenda: motion by Saunders, second by Heiss to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2024, regular city council meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Saunders, second by Nelson to approve the July disbursements and June 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: motion by Saunders, second by Nelson to set a public hearing for the sale of city owned parcel #894532427013 for August 14, 2024, at 5:30pm, at the next regular city council meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Event permit: motion by Saunders, second by Heiss to approve the LB FAMILY Group's special event permit for August 7-10 for Lawton Fest 2024. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Event permit: motion by Saunders, second by Nelson to approve the city of Lawton's special event permit for the August 10 street dance. Motion carried with Nelson, Otto, Saunders voting aye and Heiss abstaining from the vote.

Liquor license: motion by Saunders, second by Nelson to approve Bob & Ellen's liquor license renewal. Motion carried with Nelson, Otto, and Saunders voting aye and Heiss abstaining from the vote.

Resolution 2024-09 Transfer of Funds

Motion by Heiss, second by Nelson to approve transferring \$32,695.61 from LOST fund to General fund, as allowed in the annual budget and in accordance with the LOST ballot. Motion carried on a roll call vote, with all voting aye.

Resolution 2024-10 Employee Wages

After discussion, motion by Heiss, second by Saunders to approve a 4.5% wage increase for Justin Dunnington to \$31.25, Tricia Jernberg to \$27.38, and Luke Lambert to \$26.38 per hour, effective July 1, 2024. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members voting aye.

Office assistant: after discussion, motion by Saunders, second by Heiss to approve posting a part-time, as needed, office assistant position. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Councilman Otto left the meeting.

Resolution 2024-11 Assessment for Unpaid Utility & Mowing Billing

Motion by Nelson, second by Heiss to approve the assessment for an unpaid utility billing and mowing invoices. Motion carried on a roll call with all voting aye.

Bug spraying: motion by Saunders, second by Heiss to approve mosquito spraying in town to occur for 4 weeks, after 9:45pm on Thursdays with Triple C Pest Control. Motion carried with all voting aye.

With no further business, motion by Heiss, second by Saunders to adjourn the meeting around 6:52pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Jesse Pedersen, Mayor

Tricia Jernberg, City Clerk

City of Lawton- Claims & Revenues 6/2024

APEX CROP SERVICES LLC	WEED SPRAY	\$	310.16
BEARDSHEAR LAW	LEGAL SERVICES	\$	4,367.50
BOMGAARS	CHAINSAW CHAINS/GRASSSEED/SPRE	\$	526.36
CITY OF LAWTON	FIRE UTILITIES	\$	40.05
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$	353.52
CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	\$	57.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$	3,720.00
ELECTRONIC ENG	FIRE BATTERIES	\$	194.18
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	\$	101.50
G&K DISPOSAL, LLC	MAY GARBAGE	\$	6,768.00
GATEWAY HOTEL & CONF CTR	MPA CONFERENCE HOTEL 6/18-6/21	\$	440.16
HAKA	PW & FIRE APRIL & MAY FUEL	\$	1,225.96
IA DEPT OF REV- PAYROLL	STATE TAX	\$	1,744.02
IMWCA	WORKERS COMP PREMIUM 24-25	\$	9,682.00
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	MPA REGISTRATION	\$	200.00
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$	2,801.70
JAY-LAN LAWN CARE SERVICE	PARK LAWN SERVICES-315 ASH	\$	215.91
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$	1,180.00
LINDBLOM SERVICES INC	TREE PILE HAUL X2 & MONTHLYFEE	\$	670.90
LOWES HOME IMPROVEMENT	FLOWERS CITY HALL/FIRE CLEANING	\$	190.97
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	SIDEWALK EDGER, STAKES, 4CYCLE	\$	610.70
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$	2,878.41
SAMS CLUB	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	\$	384.76
SARGENT DRILLING	2 PHASE MONITORS	\$	700.00
SBW INC DBA ACE ENGINE	MOWER BELT	\$	95.57
SG CONCRETE	PICKLEBALL CRT & PARK CONCRETE	\$	19,449.00
SHANES GLASS	CH FRONT DOOR SERVICE CALL	\$	65.00
STAPLES - SIOUX CITY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	222.54
THE RECORD	MAY PUBLISHING	\$	221.36
TREAS ST IA	WET May 2024	\$	714.25
US POSTMASTER	PO BOX RENT	\$	120.00
VAN METER INC	WTR TRMT PLNT FUSES	\$	90.32
WELLMARK	HEALTH BENEFITS	\$	1,897.01
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$	524.69

Total claims by fund: General \$39,827.62, Fire \$5,866.18, Road Use Tax \$7,696.63, Water \$6,828.76, Sewer \$2,544.31

Total revenue by fund: General \$62,839.06, Fire \$21,914.83, Road Use Tax \$15,057.49, Local Option Sales Tax \$20,806.94, American Rescue Plan \$207.24, Water \$17,029.20, Sewer \$17,945.46