

Lawton City Council

March 11, 2026

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:30pm on March 11, 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 (by phone), Nelson, and Niehus.

Agenda: Mayor Pedersen requested changing the order of business due to personal time constraints.

Consent agenda: motion by Nelson, second by Byers to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2025, regular city council meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Nelson, second by Niehus to approve the March disbursements and February claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Nelson, second by Niehus to approve the utility trial balance and accounts receivable audit report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Parcel easement: Joel and Sue Stillwell discussed the possibility of constructing a garage on the property at 307 Tara Way. Topic tabled for further review.

Walking trail extension: Mayor Pedersen requests to move this project to future budgets.

Fire station: Chief Ludwig shared the project committee looking into MidAmerican energy incentives for the project.

Resolution 2026-09 Appoint Bond Counsel

Motion by Nelson, second by Heiss to approve appointing Dorsey & Whitney, LLP as bond counsel for the proposed municipal fire station project, borrowing general obligation funds not to exceed \$553,000, for a fee of \$7,500. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

Resolution 2026-08 Setting the date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder

Motion by Byers, second by Nelson to set the public hearing date as April 1st, 2026, at 5:45pm, at Lawton City Hall, 315 Ash St., Lawton, IA, on the authorization of a loan agreement and the issuance of not to exceed \$553,799 general obligation capital loan notes of the city of Lawton, State of Iowa (for general corporate purposes), and providing for publication of notice thereof. Full resolution is available at city hall for review. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting aye.

FY27 Budget: no changes were made to the proposed FY27 budget draft.

Liquor license: motion by Heiss, second by Niehus to approve the renewal of HAKA, LLC, (Pronto)'s annual liquor license. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Meeting time: Byers asked for monthly regular council meeting's to be moved to 6:30pm, after short discussion, no changes will be made to meeting times.

Mayor: Mayor Pedersen shared meeting with a resident about trash in a culvert.

Mayor Pedersen left the meeting at 6:00pm. Mayor Pro-tem Nelson conducted the remainder of the meeting.

Sheriff: council reviewed provided February report.

Fire: Chief Ludwig reported 11 calls for service and holding back-to-basics training in-house.

Clerk: clerk shared one complaint regarding cats at large.

Public works: director reported checking with insurance into the purchase of a vehicle hoist and will be looking into OSHA restrictions as well.

Public forum: Christopher Prosch addressed the council to share his campaign for Iowa Senate District 1 seat.

Councilman Byers inquired about the vicious dog process.

With no further business, motion by Byers, second by Niehus to adjourn the meeting at 6:17pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Jesse Pedersen, Mayor

Tricia Jernberg, City Clerk

City of Lawton- February 2026- Claims

BADGER METER	WATER READ SERVICES	\$	74.75
BOMGAARS	FASTENERS/HYDRA OIL	\$	58.56
CITY OF LAWTON	FIRE UTILITIES	\$	40.05
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$	353.52
CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	\$	19.00

EFTPS	FED/FICA TAXES	\$ 3,417.93
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	\$ 30.00
G&K DISPOSAL, LLC	JANUARY GARBAGE	\$ 6,997.50
GILL HAULING, INC	3RD QTR LANDFILL FEE	\$ 5,341.62
IA DEPT NATURAL RESOURCES	JD OPERATOR TESTING	\$ 63.04
IMFOA	IMFOA SPRING CONFERENCE	\$ 179.25
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$ 15.40
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$ 2,444.32
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$ 1,180.00
LINDBLOM SERVICES INC	TREEPILE HAULX1 & MONTHLYRENT	\$ 465.60
LOFFLER COMPANIES, INC.	COPIER CONTRACT	\$ 251.45
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	SOAP/MOP & BUCKET	\$ 319.65
METERING & TECHNOLOGY	METERS/EDNPNTS/DIALS X8	\$ 4,754.38
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 4,265.22
MIDWEST ALARM	2026 QTR1 FIRE ALARMS MONITOR	\$ 119.19
POLK COUNTY SHERIFF	GARNISHMENT	\$ 427.25
RTI THREADS	TRUCK DECAL	\$ 50.00
SAMS CLUB	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	\$ 99.56
SIMMERING-CORY, INC	RECODIFY DRAFT PAYMENT	\$ 1,900.00
SIOUX CITY FOUNDRY CO.	PLOW LOADER EDGE	\$ 1,304.00
THE RECORD	JANUARY PUBLISHING	\$ 273.95
TREAS ST IA	1-2026 WET TAX	\$ 729.13
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 2,220.34
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 530.86
WOODBURY CTY AUDITOR	ELECTION COSTS	\$ 591.61

Total claims by fund: General \$21,519.55, Fire \$448.27, Road Use Tax \$3,765.80, Water \$10,701.50, Sewer \$2,082.01

Total revenue by fund: General \$24,985.75, Fire \$16,690.44, Road Use Tax \$8,783.79, Local Option Sales Tax \$13,607.88, Building 2022 \$192.36, Water \$11,665.12, Sewer \$31,271.94