

Lawton City Council
April 1, 2026

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:45pm on April 1, 2026, in the council chambers at 315 Ash St. Mayor Pedersen called the meeting to order around 5:35pm. Roll call was answered by Byers, Heiss, Nelson, and Niehus.

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

Public forum: Kurt Miene notified public works there is an abandoned bike in the ditch on Pine St. Mayor Pedersen asked if the second pickleball court would be installed soon.

Sheriff: council reviewed provided report from the sheriff's department.

Fire: Chief Ludwig reported fire school training in Sergeant Bluff, PRI rescue training in Boone, and 15 calls for service in March. Council thanked the department for their dedication and continued service.

Mayor: Mayor Pedersen reported dealing with one loose dog report.

City clerk: clerk reported the USDA/Woodbury County REC application has been submitted, there were three stray cats that were taken to the Humane Society, there was one person interested in renting the 101 E Maple office, two building permits were submitted for review (105 Cedar for a fence, 501 E Oak for a house addition), and clerk will be gone so city hall will be closed 4/16-17 and 4/22-28.

Public works: director reported extending upgrade to certifications until July, replied with the DNR about water use exceedance, requesting a part-time summer help for mowing, will be getting the street cleaner out soon, and will be working on a couple alleys with rock. Susan Logsdon requested attention to Elm St drainage.

Consent agenda: motion by Nelson, second by Niehus to approve the minutes of March 11, 2026, regular meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Nelson, second by Heiss to approve the April disbursements and March claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Niehus, second by Nelson to approve the utility trial balance and accounts receivable audit report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Easement: Joel and Sue Stilwell spoke to the council about the potential of an access easement to the property located at 307 Tara Way for a new garage structure. Council was open to the inquiry and directed Stilwell's to complete a building permit application.

FY26-27 Budget: council reviewed the proposed budget.

Public hearing date: motion by Niehus, second by Heiss to set the public hearing to adopt the final FY26-27 budget for the city of Lawton for April 15, 2026, at 5:30pm in the council chambers. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Public hearing and Resolution 2026-10: Mayor Pedersen opened the public hearing at 6:04pm, this being the time and place specified for taking action on the proposal to enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$553,799, the City Clerk announced that no petition had been filed asking that the question of entering into the loan agreement be submitted to the registered voters of the City, and that the City Council may proceed with the authorization of the loan agreement. Whereupon, the Mayor called for any written or oral objections, and there being none, the Mayor declared the public hearing closed at 6:06pm. After due consideration and discussion, Council Member Nelson introduced Resolution 2026-10, moved its adoption, seconded by Council Member Heiss. The Mayor put the question upon the adoption of said resolution, and the roll being called, all council members voted aye. Whereupon, the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted as hereinafter set out.

Garbage contract: council reviewed proposed garbage contract and request for proposals. Motion by Heiss, second by Niehus to approve sending the request for proposals for garbage services contract. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Special event permit: motion by Heiss, second by Niehus to approve the special event permit for the LB FAMILY Group’s Smile Color Run on May 2nd. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Hoist: motion by Nelson, second by Heiss to approve the purchase of a vehicle hoist in the amount of \$1,100. Motion carried with Heiss, Nelson, Niehus voting aye and Byers voting nay.

ICAP: council reviewed property and liability insurance renewal for 2026-27 with ICAP. Motion by Niehus, second by Nelson to approve the renewal. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Spring cleanup: after discussion, motion by Niehus, second by Nelson to approve spring cleanup days for June 22-24 with the garbage contractor. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Nuisance properties: discussion on several properties in town, after discussion council directed clerk to send letters to three residents about junk at their properties.

Pets: discussion on pets at large.

With no further business, motion by Niehus, second by Heiss to adjourn the meeting at 6:48pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Jesse Pedersen, Mayor

Tricia Jernberg, City Clerk

City of Lawton- Claims & Revenues- March 2026

ACCO UNLIMITED	CHLORINE/INJECTIONVALVES	\$	887.40
	COATED WIRE4PICKLEBALL		
AMAZON.COM	COURTS/BATTERYREPLACEMNT/OFFICE	\$	97.05
BADGER METER	WATER METER READ SERVICES	\$	75.54
BOMGAARS	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE JD	\$	110.23
CITY OF LAWTON	FIRE UTILITIES	\$	49.59
COBBLESTONE INN & SUITES	FIRE HOTEL ROOM	\$	640.00
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$	353.52
CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	\$	9.50
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	90 CEDAR WATER LINE INSTALL	\$	2,820.13
DAY'S DOOR COMPANY	QUONSET DOOR PART	\$	37.50
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAXES	\$	3,119.64
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER/SEWER TESTING	\$	104.50
G&K DISPOSAL, LLC	FEBRUARY GARBAGE	\$	7,014.00
HAKA	FUEL/TRAINING FOOD	\$	296.42
IA DEPT OF REV- PAYROLL	STATE TAXES	\$	1,201.60
ICAP	PROPERTY/LIABILITY INS 26-27	\$	52,167.00
IMFOA	CLERK RENEWAL	\$	50.00
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$	2,214.98
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$	1,180.00
LINDBLOM SERVICES INC	TREEPILEHAULX1 & MOTHLYRENT	\$	631.20
	QUONSET		
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	INSULATION/WATERTRMTPATRTS	\$	378.48
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$	4,527.44

POLK COUNTY SHERIFF	GARNISHMENT	\$	781.40
TAGGART'S POWERSPORTS INC	FIRE UTV SHIFTING REPAIR	\$	839.25
THE RECORD	FEBRUARY PUBLISHING	\$	172.77
TREAS ST IA	2/2026 WET TAX	\$	683.17
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$	2,220.34
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$	532.63

Total claims by fund: General \$46,658.54, Fire \$21,456.69, Road Use Tax \$2,545.75, Water \$10,178.05, Sewer \$2,356.25

Total revenue by fund: General \$17,287.58, Road Use Tax \$9,193.34, Local Option Sales Tax \$13,170.63, Building 2022 \$213.26, Water \$13,729.62, Water Deposit \$100, Sewer \$25,290.16