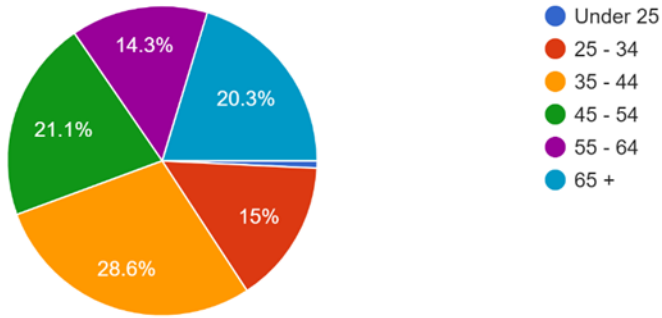
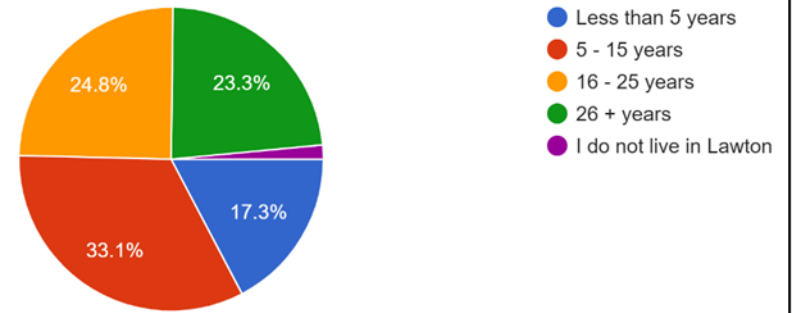


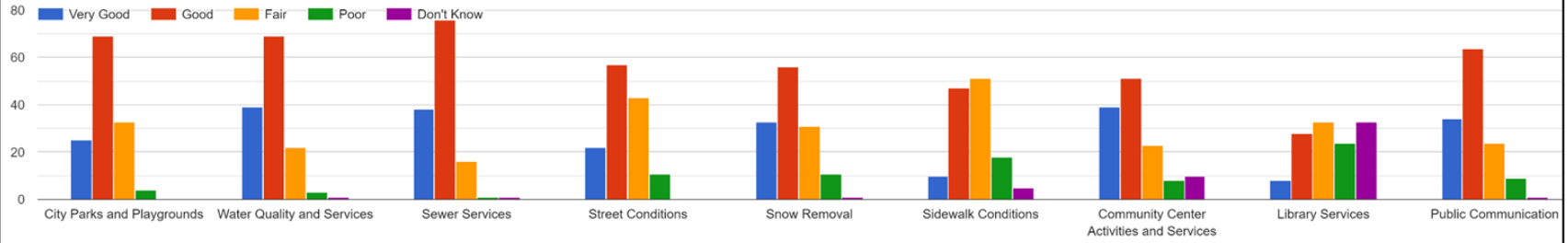
Age:
133 responses



How long have you lived in Lawton?
133 responses

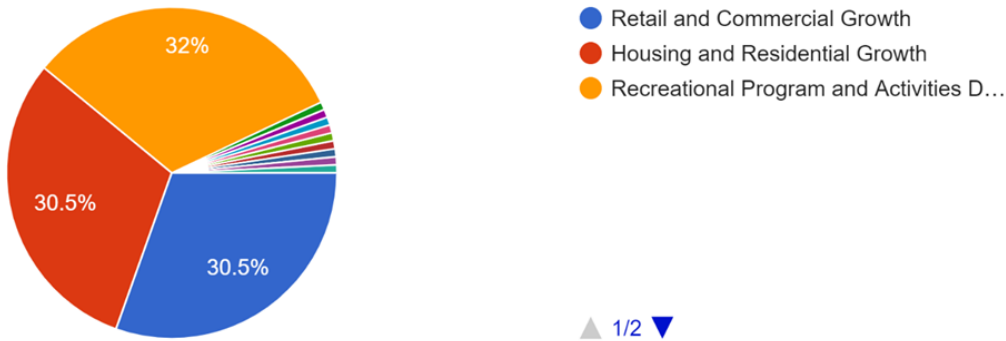


How would you rate the following city services?



Which growth and development area do you feel is most important for the future of Lawton?

128 responses

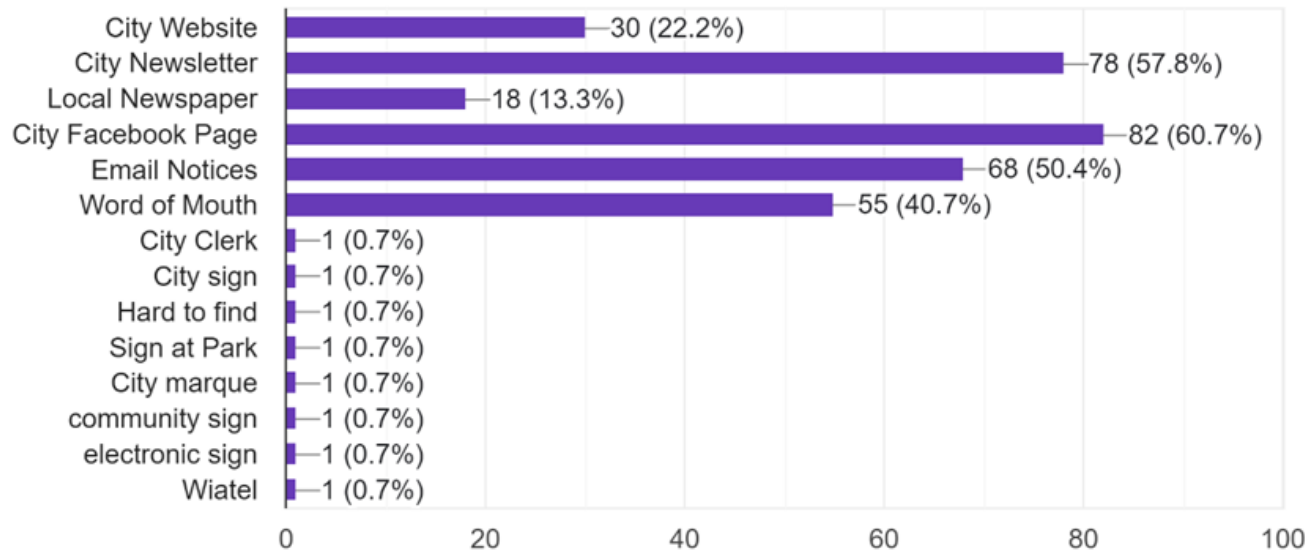


Other Comments:

- Not sure how growth will continue with Harley any land available. How will that be accomplished
- Need another residential development preferably not adjacent to highway 20.
- Stay the same
- Infrastructure improvement- streets with curb & gutters
- Improved sewage system
- All of the above
- Infrastructure
- Not a function of town gov.
- Anything that doesn't increase our taxes- already ridiculous

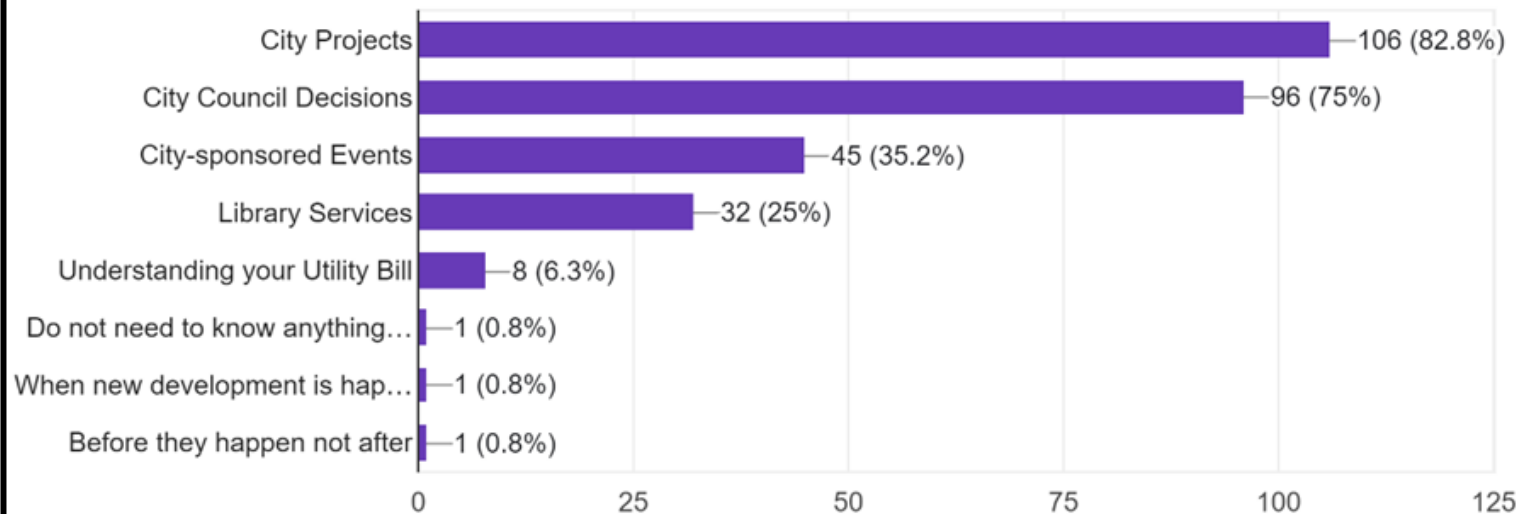
Where do you find information about city news, services, and opportunities? (Mark all that apply)

135 responses



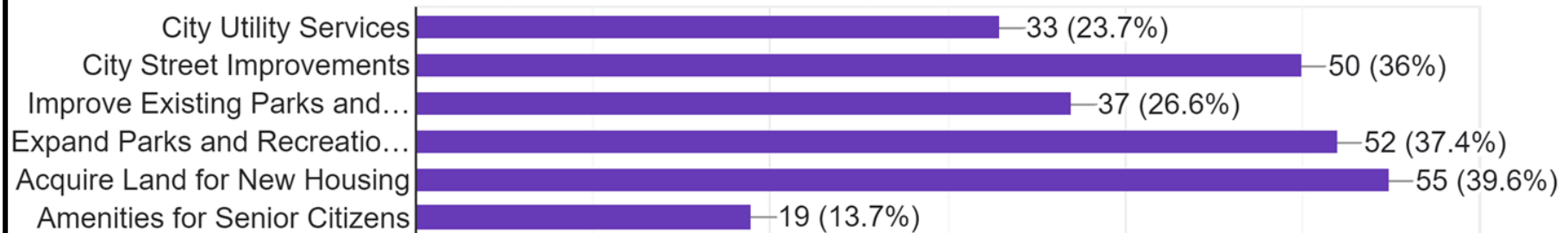
Would you like to see more information about any of the following? (Select up to two)

128 responses



Select the TWO most important ways Lawton should focus future investments? (Select up to two)

139 responses



Other Comments:

More walking/bike trails

You must grow your tax base by adding housing as your revenue has only grown due to tax payers taxes going up. If you keep spending money like you have been it will cost more to live here than Sioux City and a lot of people moved here for lower taxes. In addition any growth requires a bigger lagoon. That's been talked about for years. AllOn your infrastructure is old and you are going to be hit with some big expenses if you don't spend money on that continually rather than all these other things that serve very few people.

Focus on cost control to minimize the need to raise taxes and to provide a competitive advantage over neighboring towns to attract growth.

Nothing city is perfect

Larger Fire Station

Outdoor basketball hoop area modernized; frisbee golf course

Adding sidewalks on roads without

Business development

Tree dump

Increased street lighting

Maintain the streets. Lower taxes.

More gym equipment for the athletic center

Bold print on newsletters

What NEW services or programs should the city invest or spend money on in the future?

75 responses

Recreation (basketball, tennis, pickleball) and expand the walking path.

Community center

Mental health and/or family support services in our schools

I really feel street and water line repair need to be the focus rather new things

Nothing at this time

Play equipment at community center. Pickleball courts

Cornhole

More city lights

An area for teens

Good store , fixing the roads , and up darting play ground for the kids

New housing development, possible splash pad? And maybe new park on opposite side of town for those kids, expand the trails

A golf Course

Rec Center

We need to figure out our sewer/water situation before we spend more money on other services and programs. Expensive changes need to be made soon and we seem to spend money like we have a money tree in town.

Pickle ball and basketball courts. More walking/biking trails

Community rec center

It would be nice to have town festivities (ex: farmers market on 1st Saturday each month in summer, street dances once a month. Outdoor movie nights, color runs, parades, food trucks, vendor fairs, etc.) each season to get the community together

Activities for kids

Growth

Nothing, save money

More food options

Fitness Center

A city trash dumpster / recycling area / lawn clippings

More trees between Highway 20 and residential area to help block out noise.

Easier access via a walking/atv bridge to baseball field on Eastland Ave

More retail

"Nights at the community center ex. bingo night, cards night, etc.

Updating the parks or combining a big park and little park in the empty school lot, updating the basketball court at the empty school lot"

Splash pad.

Finish/add on to walking path; Join walking path with major/minor league fields so kids can ride their bikes safely to practices and games.

Nothing if it's going to raise taxes! The school has enough proposed!

Update current parks for the children, possibly a splash pad

Bridge to ball fields

Maybe a youth soccer field or recreation complex

Handicap accessible bathrooms at the city park

Park on the west side of town

Kids programs

Street Improvements

Splash pad

Business

would love to see better parks. The pea gravel bases need replaced with something that you don't have to bathe a kid after taking a trip to the parks. Visited Sloan recently and was amazed by how nice their park is.

What NEW services or programs should the city invest or spend money on in the future?

75 responses

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extend the bike path.

Road or sidewalk out to the youth fields to make them reachable by foot or bike, more things for kids to do in town, splash pad, swinging benches at Tara way park, parents night out or game night at the community center to help newer people meet people in town, monthly or bi monthly vendor/farmers market event in the community center or during the summer at Tara way park

More walking and biking trails, other than just the new West part of town.

More land! Improve/expand parks

Starter house development. Draw in young families and a daycare facility

Free recycling

Parks and recreation services. More local activities for adults. Yoga is a fun start, it would be nice if these activities could be outside of working hours or expanded.

More Handicap parking downtown. Post Office only signs in front of Post Office

Indoor Batting Cages

streets

Community pool like our surrounded towns

Free Youth programs-summer activities & Senior citizen groups to allow them to have places to meet and be connected (highschool volunteer time)

idk

Stop the jack braking on 20!!!

Police

Improve water quality- currently water does not taste well and has a lot of iron in it.

None- maintain city streets, utilities, and community property. Provide regulations that ensure a clean and orderly community.

Building inspector- enforce city ordinances- over see building permits.

New fire station, street lights

Sharing law enforcement with neighboring communities. Woodbury County law enforcement seems non-existent.

Quality of life should be a focus. Improve existing amenities- basketball court on Maple as well as parks- include adult things. Pickleball for instance.

Youth programs/activities

Need a tree pile.

Lower taxes.

Expand current walking path/trail to the west and connect with the baseball fields.

Retail opportunities. Recreation for youth/sr citizens

Tennis courts

Businesses

Family friendly events.

Area beautification

Upgrade Christmas street decorations

Stop spending money that makes our taxes higher

Streets

Replacing mailboxes the city official workers hit while doing snow removal

Expand fire dept. Meals on wheels for elderly

Are there any challenges you face while living in Lawton?

74 responses

Accessibility to the little baseball and softball fields.

City council members need to be changed

Communication

Nothing on main Street. It's all rentals and no retail.

No businesses, store,

Grocery items we may need when we realize we do t have enough eggs or flour etc when cooking. Suddenly it feels like a long way to Sioux City for something so simple

Current council is very frivolous with spending. Values the opinion of a select group of citizens but not the community as a whole.

Crazy drivers heading to the school on birch st

Construction on Hwy 20

Everything keeps going up - our utility bill has gone up, garbage etc and there really hasn't been any major improvements. People on fixed incomes can't keep up with all the increases. Even when they used to do the city clean up you could set things at your curb, Now we have to get items to dumpster and this is difficult for people who don't have trucks or help. You seem to be worried about adding "new" things rather than taking care of and investing in the infrastructure.

Highway 20 road noise

Having to remove my car from the street when it snows when there is no close available parking. Seems like a good amount of the town doesn't have driveways and having to remove my car otherwise face a fine is very annoying. I have to park far away and walk home in the snow

Just when I'm missing one ingredient for dinner, and I have to drive to Merville or Sioux City to get it.

Communication to be more involved

Garbage collection is gross and a bad look

Most streets don't have sidewalks causing people to have to walk in the street.

Too many apartments being built. Would prefer single dwelling homes.

Only cedar street, very poor condition

Poor water quality

City does not have a grocery store or health services (clinic, dentist, etc)

Speeding in neighborhoods

Getting mail at the post office with the new restaurant open, especially 5pm and after

Lack of sidewalks

Speeding cars on the streets

Business opportunity

Lack of things for kids to do. No pool, golf course, library, sidewalks to ride/walk on.

Bullying is a large problem amongst the kids

Nothing major

Daycare

No Ubers

I'm really hoping that the temperature will be posted on the marquee ;) Also, if you could go tell the construction workers to stop what they are doing and put hwy 20 back to how it was please. ;)

Streets need improvement, lack of sidewalks and poorly maintained sidewalks/yards.

Snow removal. They do not get close to Curbs, even in front of houses with the curb markers

Sometimes it is hard to hear the weather siren in west creek.

Can't live in Lawton. No Land for sale

Are there any challenges you face while living in Lawton?

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Housing

The schools dealing with bullying and children not receiving any punishment for negative behavior. Those kids being athletes and not being reprimanded. It's disheartening to see your child work so hard and do everything they can to be a good student and being looked past while others aren't behaving accordingly.

Finding organized activities for neighborhood kids

No sidewalks- snow removal

Speeding issues, roaming cats

Internet/television programming that's more affordable

Fireworks- 4th of July- shorten the window for 4th of July fireworks. Follow city of Sioux City schedule- fireworks cause anxiety for many people, pets, and small children- ditch the new years eve fireworks schedule.

Give sr. citizens a discount on the utility bill especially those that live alone.

The business located at 101 East Main Street.

Disrespectful pet owners.

People who allow dogs outside with no leash. Sidewalks- I realize are difficult but something to help quality of life would be nice.

Well yes the daily race track from the high school. I don't care about me but we might get some little kid killed.

Everyone wants to take my money.

Jake brake noise from westbound traffic in the middle of the night. No enforcement.

Getting out of my driveway after the snow plow goes by 5 times throwing snow on it.

Buying a house

setting up for internet- some areas there aren't sidewalks- the swing broke & the repair is a liability waiting to happen

Snow removal early in the morning is questionable. Sometimes it's done.

No local grocery store

Too high taxes

Spirally property taxes

Would be nice and safer if people would stop at the stop signs, especially at Linden & Oak. If parents do not stop, their kids think they do not need to stop. Hills are getting steeper :)

putting trucking in residential living so we are woke up early from semi's starting up and running each morning

Is there anything else that should be considered as part of this survey?

51 responses

I would like to know more about our new garbage service. What company is it? Why are they using a roll away dumpster instead of a garbage truck? Why did this change? I feel bad for the persons collecting the trash.

Rate the employees in lawton on spending money we done have

Addressing the waste water treatment project I have heard rumors of. Considering starting a business park to encourage businesses to be a part of our community.

City works employees having a supervisor other than a relative.

I'd like to see more transparency with decisions about turning properties into rentals and commercial properties. We picked this town years ago because it's was mostly homeowners living here and it breaks my heart to see that changing because the reality is renters don't have pride of ownership like homeowners do.

I think you should email minutes after every meeting and send agenda before meetings via email. Many don't get paper and don't see agenda before meeting. This would help with communication and keep things transparent.

No, Lawton is a great community to live in. Thanks for being proactive in city oversight.

More rec

Having recycling truck come weekly instead of every other.

Better choices need made with our tax money. Buying things such as a side by side and a street sweeper are a waste of money for a town the size of Lawton.

Garbage collection's poor quality

Good job

How can the new community center be used?

I feel it is a problem and conflict of interest when council members are involved in expanding business ventures, such as Otto and Heiss. This is not a new situation (Zenor).

We need people to take better care of their property. The city doesn't go after the run down properties. It reflects on the town how we take care of our places.

Child care facility

Walking/biking/side by side access to the baseball/softball fields. (I know this involves private owned land... just would be nice to not have to get on the hwy) Splash pad.

Boutique shops. Holiday Lighted Christmas parade that ends at the community center.

Don't rely just on Facebook announcements. Send emails also about activities and announcements we should know about.

More about our senior citizens

I don't live in Lawton, but reside in the LB district. I didn't feel comfortable answering certain questions as I think they pertain to residents only and didn't want to speak for them. Thanks!

Improvement of storm sewers. Water backs up into yards due to inadequate sewer intake and in some places no curbs to keep water in the street instead of flowing into driveways/sidewalks.

Improvements to our fire/ambulance station to provide more room for trucks/ ambulance/ equipment and training area. Current office and training area is very inadequate. When members need training and/or license renewals hours, we have to take our manikins etc to the high school or one of our churches to have enough room. Training is mandatory for license renewals."

When city employees damage property the city should be liable for repairs & replacement

Snow removal- why does the city plow some resident's driveways? How do ou get on the list to have the city remove snow from my driveway?

An envelope included in city bill.

Are the people making the rules about fireworks also following the rules about using fireworks?

I love our community.

Lower taxes.

Is there anything else that should be considered as part of this survey?

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Keep Lawton away from Sioux City. It's a safe, sleepy town.

Stop building more rentals. Listen to the people not just councilmen & their friends & quit being a brother to the public works director- he doesn't work as hard as he says

How fast people & busses drive throughout town. All pet owners picking up their dog poop.

What about opening a store? Not everyone has facebook

More activities downtown. Block off street, do a movie night, concert, dance, various events to create a sense of community.

City moves all snow to one side- should be equal

Fiscal responsibility

I think the city guys do a good job. The best thing they did was to get the UTV to run around instead of the pickup so people quit complaining about them doing nothing but riding around in the pickup.

Get zoning