

Lawton City Council

November 12, 2025

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:30pm on November 12, 2025, in the council chambers at 315 Ash St. Mayor Pedersen called the meeting to order around 5:35pm. Roll call was answered by Nelson, Otto (by phone), and Saunders.

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

Public forum: Diane Niewohner asked about the trees that were removed.

Fire: Chief Ludwig reported one call for October and three trainings including search culture, trench rescue, and rope rescue with the Sergeant Bluff Fire Department.

Mayor: Mayor Pedersen reported partnering with the National Honor Society at LB to paint fire hydrants in town as volunteer hours.

Clerk: clerk reported attending a IA League of Cities budget workshop, received her certification as a Certified Municipal Clerk, and letters went to residents as required by the IA-DNR water service inventory.

Public works: director reported tree removal happening around town with stump grinding, curb and gutter on Main St. was completed and Maple St will be done next, and work is being done on the Quonset building.

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

Fire station: Chief Ludwig shared plans to work with an engineer to finish plans in order to apply for funding grants. Mayor Pedersen asked attorney to review general contractor requirements. Short discussions followed, including council representatives with the fire department and fire department budget meetings.

CIP FY26-27: discussion on potential projects in FY26-27 and a potential community survey.

Lighting contest: motion by Saunders, second by Otto to approve the 2025 lighting contest rules and prize money of \$60 each category. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Ballfields lease: motion by Saunders, second by Nelson to approve the letter with intent to renew the lease for the property at 1592 Eastland Ave for a 5-year period of August 15, 2026, through August 14, 2031, as provided in the contract with Capital Management. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Resolution 2025-16 Transfer Funds

Motion by Saunders, second by Nelson to approve the transfer of \$38,880 from the general fund to the debt service fund. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all present voting aye.

Fireworks: motion by Nelson, second by Otto to approve permitted firework use beginning at 9am on December 31 and terminating at 12:30am on January 1 as provided in IA Code 727.2. Motion carried with all voting aye.

With no further business, motion by Saunders, second by Nelson to adjourn the meeting around 6:13pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Jesse Pedersen, Mayor

Tricia Jernberg, City Clerk

City of Lawton- Claims & Revenues- October 2025

AMAZON.COM	TABLE WHEELS	\$	37.96
ANDERSON HTG	SERVICE AT 101 E MAPLE	\$	629.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	BUFFER WASH & WAX	\$	143.38
BADGER METER	WATER READ SERVICES	\$	74.75
BOMGAARS	FIRE BATTERIES/TRASHBAGS, SOFTNRSALT/LINKS	\$	275.47
BYRON LOFT	REIMBURSE-MIDWESTWHEEL-B/ULAMP	\$	18.86
CITY OF LAWTON	FIRE UTILITIES	\$	45.88
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$	530.28
CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	\$	38.00
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP	WATER SERVICE LINES REPAIR&WORK	\$	4,883.00

DANKO	SHEILDS	\$ 351.50
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAXES	\$ 5,549.24
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	\$ 994.50
G&K DISPOSAL, LLC	AUGUST&SEPTEMBER GARBAGE	\$ 13,920.00
GILL HAULING, INC	2ND QTR LANDFILL FEE	\$ 5,341.62
HAKA	PW & FIRE FUEL	\$ 551.54
IA DEPT NATURAL RESOURCES	ANNUAL WATER USE FEE 2026	\$ 116.50
IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	BUDGET WORKSHOP	\$ 60.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$ 28.80
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	SQUARE POSTS	\$ 428.01
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$ 3,743.43
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$ 1,180.00
LINDBLOM SERVICES INC	TREEPILE HAULX2 & MONTHLY FEE	\$ 738.94
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	MARKING FLAGS & TOILET FIX/TOWELS&WASH	\$ 101.86
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 4,532.59
MIDWEST WHEEL COMPANIES	FIRE-BATTERIES	\$ 118.46
NORTON	NORTON 360 ANNUAL FEE	\$ 100.69
SAMS CLUB	PARADE CANDY	\$ 55.28
SBW INC DBA ACE ENGINE	GRASSHOPPER MOWER	\$ 9,773.00
SCHEELS	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE-LL BOOTS	\$ 165.00
STAPLES - SIOUX CITY	URINAL SCREENS	\$ 50.88
TEXT MY GOV	NOTIFICATION SYSTEM YR 2	\$ 2,000.00
THE RECORD	SEPTEMBER PUBLISHING	\$ 447.63
TRAFFIC SAFETY STORE	SAFETY CONES	\$ 550.63
TREAS ST IA	SEPT WET	\$ 901.85
USABLUEBOOK	WATER TESTING SUPPLIES	\$ 354.83
VAN METER INC	FUSES WTR TRMT PLNT AERATOR	\$ 157.38
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 2,039.72
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 527.50
WIX.COM	WEBSITE 3YR RENEWAL	\$ 1,001.52
WOODBURY COUNTY REC	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	\$ 38,880.00
XTC POWER PRODUCTS	HONDA SIDEXSIDE POWERMODULE	\$ 188.95

Total claims by fund: General \$40,616.81, Fire \$1,321.39, Road Use Tax \$4,080.58, Debt Service \$38,880, Water \$13,880.86, Sewer \$2,848.79

Total revenues by fund: General \$157,671.25, Fire \$1,330.45, Road Use Tax \$10,761.24, Local Option Sales Tax \$15,714.64, Building 2022 \$199.29, Water \$16,439.48, Water Deposit \$200, Sewer \$21,904.05