Lawton City Council
October 14, 2026

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:30pm on October 14, 2026, in the council chambers at 315 Ash St. Mayor Hamm called the meeting to order around 5:30pm. Roll call was answered by Byers, Heiss, Nelson, Niehus (by phone), and Otto (by phone).

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

Public forum: Marie Farrell addressed the council about a trailer that is parked on W Creek Ln. Jeremy Baltushis addressed the council about ordinance enforcement, flags at the park, and asked when the street sweeper will be out. Christopher Prosch addressed the council about his campaign for the November election.

Councilman Otto left the meeting at 5:43pm.

Sheriff: Deputy Simons shared the September monthly report of 21 total incidents including 11 directed patrols, 6 calls for service, 2 community policing events, and 2 school related activities.

Fire department: Chief Ludwig shared the September monthly report including 4 calls for service and training on pump operation, trench rescue, and TIMS. The department will also be updating their ISO rating soon, and the annual pancake breakfast was a success serving about 914 people.

City clerk: clerk reported three approved building permits (98 W Creek Lane for a building, 505 E Oak for a fence portion, and 97 Elm for a retaining wall), AT&T submitted an additional offer for lease renewal, received verbal comments about the Veteran's Park equipment and a trailer on W Creek Lane, will be receiving a $495 refund from the workers comp insurance premium, and clerk will be out of town for conference 10/21-10/23 so city hall will be closed.

Public works: director reported will be finishing up mowing for the season and street curb and gutter projects are still wrapping up for the season.

Attorney: attorney discussed a draft of an ordinance amendment for grass and weeds, and fire chief asked about a multi-state mutual-aid agreement.

Consent agenda: motion by Nelson, second by Byers to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2026, regular meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Heiss, second by Nelson to approve the October disbursements and September claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Nelson, second by Heiss to approve the utility trial balance and accounts receivable audit report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Trick-or-treating: Motion by Heiss, second by Nelson to approve trick-or-treating hours as 6:00pm-8:00pm on Saturday, October 31st. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Resolution 2026-25 Annual Urban Renewal Report

Motion by Heiss, second by Nelson to approve the FY2025-2026 Annual urban Renewal Report. Motion carried on a roll call vote, with all present members voting aye.

Resolution 2026-26 Transfer Debt Service Funds

Motion by Nelson, second by Heiss to approve the fund transfer of $38,520 from the general fund to the debt service fund. Motion carried on a roll call vote, with all present members voting aye.

Street finance report: motion by Nelson, second by Byers to approve the FY25-26 Annual Street Finance Report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Annual financial report: motion by Nelson, second by Heiss to approve the FY25-26 Annual Financial Report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Resolution 2026-27 Transfer Fire Funds

Motion by Heiss, second by Byers to approve transferring the remaining funds from the FY2025-26 Fire Budget in the amount of $8,626.59 to the Fire CD account. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all present members voting aye.

IA Setoff Program MOU: motion by Heiss, second by Nelson to approve the extension and amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Iowa Department of Revenue and City of Lawton Regarding State of Iowa Setoff Program. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Fire station: short discussion on potential fire station expansion project.

With no further business, motion by Nelson, second by Heiss to adjourn the meeting at 6:16pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

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Rod Hamm, Mayor Tricia Jernberg, City Clerk

City of Lawton- Claims and Revenues- September 2026

ACCO UNLIMITED	CHLORINE	$ 776.50
APEX CROP SERVICES LLC	CHEMICALS	$ 161.98
BADGER METER	METER READ SERVICES	$ 85.80
BOMGAARS	FIRE-CYCLEFUEL/WHEELCHRGR/SHOPSUPPLIES	$ 356.60
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CO	SHOP TOOLS & SUPPLIES	$ 276.07
CITY OF LAWTON	UTILITIES	$ 40.05
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	$ 353.52
CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	$ 21.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAXES	$ 3,691.24
ELECTRONIC ENG	FIRE-CHARGER & BATTERIES	$ 1,705.93
FLEET FARM	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE-LL	$ 269.60
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	$ 30.00
GILL HAULING, INC	AUGUST GARBAGE	$ 6,853.00
HAKA	CITY & FIRE FUEL JULY	$ 1,238.35
IA DEPT OF REV- PAYROLL	STATE TAXES	$ 1,327.88
IA LEAGUE OF CITIES	ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES FY27	$ 995.00
IDNR	JD OPERATOR CERT WT1 & WT2	$ 91.50
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	$ 19.90
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	$ 2,434.32
JAKE SHEETS	REIMBURSE-BATTERIES/BOARDASSEM	$ 150.71
JAY-LAN LAWN CARE SERVICE	PARKS LAWN SERVICES	$ 427.37
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	$ 1,180.00
LINDBLOM SERVICES INC	TREEPILE HAUL & MONTHLY RENT	$ 447.88
LOWES HOME IMPROVEMENT	FIRE-FILTER/SOFTNERSALT	$ 45.53
MACQUEEN	FIRE-4PT KEVLR W/BOX	$ 2,543.62
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	CORRIGATED TUBING/DUCT TAPE	$ 60.48
METERING & TECHNOLOGY	METERS/ENDPNTS/DIALSX12	$ 4,596.82
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	$ 4,999.98
MIDWEST AUTO OF SIOUXLAND	FIRE-BRAKE BOOSTER REPAIR	$ 601.27
SANITATION PRODUCTS INC	SWEEPER BRUSHES	$ 437.00
SOOLAND BOBCAT	TOOLCAT BRUSH	$ 595.80
STAPLES - SIOUX CITY	TIMECARDS & PAPER	$ 89.56
THE RECORD	AUGUST PUBLISHING	$ 261.69
TREAS ST IA	8-2026 WET	$ 2,057.67
USABLUEBOOK	WATER TESTING SUPPLIES	$ 645.24
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	$ 2,220.34
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	$ 629.65
WOODBURY CTY TREASURER	PROPERTYTAX PARCEL894532405008	$ 838.25

Claims by Fund: General $17,191.31, Fire $5,842.52, Road Use Tax $3,541.43, Water $14,525.18, Sewer $2,456.66

Revenue by Fund: General $15,216.43, Fire $949.98, Road Use Tax $11,291.52, Local Option Sales Tax $17,504.74, Building 2022 $208.19, Water $19,496.88, Water Deposit $100, Sewer $25,039.49