

Lawton City Council

July 12, 2023

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:30pm on July 12, 2023 in the community center at 315 Ash St. Mayor Pedersen called the meeting to order around 5:30pm. Roll call was answered by Heiss, Nelsen, Otto, Roth, and Saunders. Also in attendance: city clerk Tricia Jernberg, public works director Justin Dunnington, attorney Ryan Beardshear, Bruce Jackson, Doug Stuckey, Erin Nelson, Chad Richardson, Mike & Cathy Keeran, John Boyle, and Lori Hummel.

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

Public forum: Chad Richardson shared a recycling company project. Bruce Jackson shared having difficulties finding the sewer line stub for the lot at 431 E Birch. Mike Keeran from Gill Hauling asked council about previous service and asked for feedback. John Boyle expressed concerns about a few properties in town that have overgrown weeds.

Sheriff: the June report was shared.

Fire: there was no report given.

Clerk: clerk reported attending an elections meeting with the Woodbury County elections office, this year there are 3 council seats and the mayor seat up for election, election papers can be filed August 28 through September 21, the new garbage contractor started July 3, clerk will be out of the office next week for clerk school, building permit for 506 E Oak and still have an outstanding permit for 405 E Maple, there were a few letters sent out for yard waste and property maintenance, there was not an appeal submitted for the vicious dog letter from last month, pet licenses are expired and clerk will be sending out notices, FEMA flood mapping appeal period is over but any residents with questions or concerns can reach out to city hall for IA-DNR resources.

Mayor: mayor reported hearing complaints and having discussions about weeds, trailers, odors, wood piles, neighbors, and building permits. Friendship center renovations going great, gave thanks to Kevin for materials and labor for the office exterior, would like to rent the garage and office out, has someone in mind for the garage to rent for \$150 per month, would like to rent the office for \$500 per month which includes utilities, H&R will be sending out people to check the paint, lighting, exterior window cleaning, and faucets in the restrooms, gave thanks to RTI for donating "Welcome to Lawton" banners that are around town, will be fixing a cement pad that was damaged, vicious dog was removed, completed employee evaluations, and is working on the grand opening event August 12th with DJ/street dance and beer garden. Epoxy floors will be done in the Friendship Center on the 13th.

Attorney: Will be checking on sidewalk for Cedar Street corner. Mayor thanked attorney for his help on the vicious dog complaint.

Consent agenda: Motion by Saunders, second by Otto to approve the minutes of June 14, 2023 regular council meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Otto, second by Heiss to approve July disbursements and June claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Heiss, second by Saunders to approve the utility billing trial balance and accounts receivable audit report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Special event permit: motion by Heiss, second by Otto to approve the special event permit submitted by the LB Family Group for the Lawton Fest Event August 9-12. Motion carried with all voting aye.

August meeting: Motion by Saunders, second by Otto to move the regular August city council meeting to August 2, 2023. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Resolution 2023-17 Trans of Funds

Motion by Heiss, second by Roth to approve the transfer of funds from general fund to TIF fund and Bike/Hike fund to clear deficit balances, and from FEMA flood/2019 fund to general fund to clear excess funds. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members voting aye.

Resolution 2023-18 Employee Wages

After discussion, motion by Otto, second by Saunders to approve a 3% wage increase for Justin Dunnington and Luke Lambert to \$29.90 and \$25.24 per hour respectively, and an 8% wage increase for Tricia Jernberg to \$26.20 per hour. Wages effective July 1, 2023. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members voting aye.

Rental: Mayor proposes \$150 per month rental fee for garage and \$500 per month rental fee for office with a 1 year agreement. Attorney will put together an agreement and return to council.

Sidewalk: discussion on constructing a sidewalk on the corner of Cedar and E Main. Discussion on traffic at intersection of Main St. and Cedar St.

With no further business, motion by Otto, second by Roth to adjourn the meeting around 7:05pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

City of Lawton Claims & Revenues- June 2023

ACCO UNLIMITED	CHLORINE	\$ 801.40
ALEX STRATMAN	BUILDING PERMIT REFUND	\$ 15.00
APEX CROP SERVICES LLC	WEED KILLER & SPRAY	\$ 658.83
BADGER METER	ANNUAL MOBILE READ MODULE SERV	\$ 300.00
BOMGAARS	BOOKSHELF PAINT	\$ 73.92
CARDIS FENCE & IRON CO	FENCE AROUND WELL AND AC UNIT	\$ 4,830.85
CITY OF LAWTON	FIRE UTILITIES	\$ 41.11
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 616.14
CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	\$ 35.00
DIAMOND FLOOR SOLUTIONS	SURFACE FLOORS	\$ 826.50
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 5,132.51
FELD FIRE	ADAPTERS	\$ 102.40
GILL HAULING, INC	MAY GARBAGE	\$ 6,330.71
HAKA	PW & FIRE FUEL	\$ 1,546.97
HEALY WELDING	IRON FOR BOOK SHELF	\$ 41.82
HOLLAND LAWN CARE	INSTALL SPRINKLER	\$ 4,024.00
IA DEPT OF REV- PAYROLL	STATE TAXES	\$ 1,646.95
IMWCA	WORK COMP PREMUIM 23-24	\$ 9,346.00
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$ 36.50
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	STRT SIGNS & SCREWS/BRACKETS	\$ 265.80
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$ 2,986.99
JONES PEST CONTROL	SPRAY CC/FC	\$ 214.00
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$ 1,180.00
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	Fire- tool box	\$ 645.97
METERING & TECHNOLOGY	1-1/2 METER"	\$ 536.54
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 2,942.83
NEIMAN ELECTRIC	FLAGPOLE LIGHT INSTALL	\$ 1,070.00
POLK COUNTY SHERIFF	GARNISHMENT	\$ 1,188.01
SAMS CLUB	CC SUPPLIES	\$ 106.72
STUBBS CONSTR	BALLFIELD LEAK FIX	\$ 1,493.98
THE RECORD	MAY PUBLISHING	\$ 129.48
TOYNE, INC	ADAPTER/CAP	\$ 154.51
TREAS ST IA	May WET	\$ 695.11
TRIVIEW COMMUNICATIONS	CAMERA SUPPORT	\$ 127.50
US POSTMASTER	PO BOX RENT	\$ 114.00
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 1,844.06
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 633.54

Claims by fund: General \$27,895.09, Fire \$6,713.22, Road Use Tax \$2,622.07, Water \$13,246.50, Sewer \$2,258.77

Revenues by fund: General \$44,018.22, Fire \$32,438.66, Road Use Tax \$14,557.93, Local Option Sales Tax \$14,433.19, Water \$14,664.50, Sewer \$14,880.54