

Lawton City Council

February 11, 2026

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:30pm on February 11, 2026, in the council chambers at 315 Ash St. Mayor Pedersen called the meeting to order around 5:30pm. Roll call was answered by Byers, Nelson, Niehus, and Otto.

Agenda: Mayor Pedersen requested moving general business #1 to the beginning of the meeting to accommodate visitors attending the meeting electronically to speak on the topic. Motion by Nelson, second by Niehus to approve the order change. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Public forum: Justin Franks from Gill Hauling expressed his interest in bidding for the garbage contract when RFPs are ready.

Fire station project funding: city attorney Beardshear and bond counsel from Dorsey & Whitney discussed with council regarding borrowing funds for the project, a possible reverse referendum process, and contractor requirements. Motion by Otto, second by Niehus to set a public hearing to begin the reverse referendum process for the earliest possible date. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Sheriff: provided report from WCSO shows 7 directed patrols and 10 calls for service.

Fire: Chief reports 4 calls for service and TIMS training in the month of January.

Mayor: Mayor Pedersen reported one complaint form received requesting rock on an alley, working on getting the band for the 2026 street dance tentatively planned for August 21, gathered more information on library services, meeting with Woodbury County REC in regard to the USDA loan, and asked council for opinions on extending the walking trail north towards the cemetery.

Clerk: clerk reported no approved building permits in January but one submitted for review, application for the MRHD community event grant was submitted, met with the USDA and Woodbury County REC representatives, renewed city's SAMS number, will be working on closing out the SLFRF program, attended a webinar with IMWCA about firefighter coverage requirements, and completed OSHA300 reports to be posted.

Consent agenda: motion by Nelson, second by Otto to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2025, regular city council meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Otto, second by Nelson to approve the February disbursements and January claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Otto, second by Niehus to approve the utility trial balance and accounts receivable audit report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Resolution 2026-06 Transfer of Funds

Motion by Otto, second by Niehus to approve resolution 2026-06 transferring \$150,000 into the building savings fund within the general fund. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all voting aye.

Welcome sign: Kurt Miene shared speaking with the IA-DOT regarding the setback requirements of a new sign and was given the approval of placement. Public works will now remove the old sign. More information on a new sign will be brought to the March meeting.

Code: council reviewed a draft of a recodified code of ordinances and provided needed responses.

Budget and Tax Rate: council reviewed a draft of the FY26-27 city of Lawton annual budget. After discussion the tax rate is proposed to stay the same as FY25-26 at \$7.09577. Motion by Otto, second by Nelson, to approve the proposed tax rate of \$7.09577.

Public hearing: motion by Nelson, second by Otto to schedule the public hearing for the proposed tax rate for FY26-27 for April 1st, 2026, at 5:30pm in the council chambers at Lawton city hall. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Hoist: public works director discussed possible purchase of a vehicle hoist. Cost would be \$1,100 plus installation. Council asked for more information on liability with insurance. Topic will be brought back to the March meeting.

Resolution 2026-07 Authorizing USDA Loan Application

Motion by Otto, second by Nelson to approve applying for financial assistance with the USDA Rural Development program to help finance a fire station project. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all voting aye.

With no further business, motion by Otto, second by Niehus to adjourn the meeting at 7:02pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Jesse Pedersen, Mayor

Tricia Jernberg, City Clerk

City of Lawton- Claims & Revenues- January 2026

AARON DEMAREST

LIGHTING CONTEST WINNER

\$ 60.00

ACCO UNLIMITED	CHLORINE	\$ 517.80
AMAZON.COM	FIRE GLOVES 23PAIR/PW SIGN	\$ 989.87
ANALYTICAL & CONSULTING	SEWER TESTING	\$ 27.25
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	VEHICLEMAINT-WASH/HYDFLUID	\$ 351.35
BADGER METER	WATER READ SERVICES	\$ 74.75
BEKINS FIRE & SAFETY	FIRE-EXTINGUISHER TESTING	\$ 115.00
BOMGAARS	TORCHHEAT/LOUISVILLEENGINEHEAT	\$ 170.91
CITY OF LAWTON	FIRE UTILITIES	\$ 40.05
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 353.52
CULLIGAN OF PIERSON	WATER	\$ 19.00
DANKO	FIRE-NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 178.72
DONALD FELDHACKER	LIGHTING CONTEST WINNER	\$ 60.00
EARL WOODSIDE	LIGHTING CONTEST WINNER	\$ 60.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 3,527.80
ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING	WCREEK LIFT SERV&BLOCKHEATER	\$ 1,778.35
FLOYD RIVER MATERIALS	SALT SAND MIX	\$ 5,769.75
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER TESTING	\$ 30.00
G&K DISPOSAL, LLC	DECEMBER GARBAGE	\$ 13,969.50
HAKA	FUEL	\$ 658.36
HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS	TOOLS	\$ 57.75
INLAND TRUCK	THREADROD/NUT/BOLT-LOUISVILLE	\$ 142.96
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$ 19.90
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$ 2,495.05
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$ 1,770.00
LIBRARY	FY2026 LIBRARY CONTRIBUTION	\$ 21,685.66
LINDBLOM SERVICES INC	MONTHLY TREE PILE RENT	\$ 93.00
LONNA MILLER	LIGHTING CONTEST WINNER	\$ 60.00
MED COMPASS	PHYSICALS FIRE	\$ 800.00
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	SCREWS	\$ 45.96
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 3,808.33
MIKE & STACIA KELLY	LIGHTING CONTEST WINNER	\$ 60.00
MPIRE HEATING & COOLING	PLUMBING AT WTR TRMT PLNT	\$ 3,309.46
NEIMAN ELECTRIC	ELECTRICAL WORK @QUONSET	\$ 1,125.00
NORTH AMER TRUCK & TRAILR	SNOW CUTTINGEDGE & DEFLECTOR	\$ 696.60
PROFESSIONAL RESCUE	FIRE TRAINING RESCUE WEEKEND	\$ 3,072.96
ROAN LANDSCAPING & CONST	MAIN ST GRADING LANDSCAPE	\$ 1,028.00
SAMS CLUB	CC TP & PT	\$ 45.51
STAPLES - SIOUX CITY	PRINTER INK & PAPER	\$ 304.77
THE RECORD	DECEMBER PUBLISHING	\$ 268.47
TOYNE, INC	FIRE-RELAY REPAIR	\$ 631.50
TREAS ST IA	ANNUAL SALES TAX	\$ 2,259.32
USABLUBOOK	TESTING MATERIALS	\$ 282.20
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 2,039.72
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 528.82

Total claims by fund: General \$42,370.51, Fire \$6,083.54, Road Use Tax \$10,801.50, Water \$11,225.90, Sewer \$4,901.47

Total revenues by fund: general \$13,381.55, Fire \$600, Road Use Tax \$11,100.28, Local Option Sales Tax \$19,241.37, Building 2022 \$212.66, Water \$14,135.14, Water Deposit \$100, Sewer \$21,866.68