

Lawton City Council

August 12, 2026

The Lawton city council met in regular session at 5:30pm on August 12, 2026, in the community center at 315 Ash St. Mayor Pedersen called the meeting to order around 5:30pm. Roll call was answered by Byers, Heiss, Nelson, Niehus, and Otto.

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

Public forum: Mark Nelson thanked Mayor Pedersen for his service in his term of Mayor.

Sheriff: Sgt Luesebrink presented the Woodbury County Sheriffs report for July including 6 calls for service and 13 directed patrols.

Fire: Tyler Leinbaugh presented the July fire department report including 2 calls for service.

Mayor: Mayor Pedersen reported dealing with a loose dog, meeting with Kolby DeWitt who is running for WCBS, meeting with a couple plumbers for 101 E Maple office, dealing with 2 yards that are not mowing followed by a short discussion on updating the ordinance, suggested council consider hiring someone to help with the community center, and had been approached by a couple members of the public about adding a sand volleyball court. Mayor Pedersen also thanked the council for their support during his term and city employees for everything they do and shared some final thoughts about being the mayor.

Clerk: clerk was in attendance virtually and reported three approved building permits (89-91 W Creek Ct- duplex dwelling, 93-95 W Creek Ct- duplex dwelling, 317 E Main- garage) and contacting the school about the placement of the new Welcome to Lawton sign on the school property. Mayor reported he and public works met with Drake McArthur about sign location and installation.

Public works: director reported the tree pile from the storms has been cleaned up, there will be a contractor in town to repair potholes and some curbs, the Maple St curb and gutter project has turned into a larger project that will now require a mill and fill for the block for \$48,000, are still keeping up with mowing and weeds, and had discussions with engineering firm about upcoming lagoon project. Councilman Niehus asked director to look at the park equipment at Veteran's Park. Councilman Byers questioned hiring contractor for finish grading on E Maple.

Attorney: Attorney Beardshear reported continued work on a multi-state 28E agreement for the fire department.

Attorney also will be checking into the weed/mowing ordinance for future adjustment.

Consent agenda: motion by Otto, second by Heiss to approve the minutes of July 8, 2026, regular meeting. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Niehus, second by Otto to approve the August disbursements and July claims for payment and financial reports. Motion carried with all voting aye. Motion by Heiss, second by Otto to approve the utility trial balance and accounts receivable audit report. Motion carried with all voting aye.

101 E Maple Lease: discussion on bids for plumbing and electric work. Motion by Byers, second by Nelson to invest up to \$4,000 for plumbing upgrades and up to \$1,000 for electrical upgrades if upgrades can pass inspection approval and approve a 12-month lease with Riggins and Lindsey Hopper contingent on the above work.

Resolution 2026-20 Approving the Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion by Niehus, second by Otto to approve the 2026 multi-jurisdictional local hazard mitigation plan. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all voting aye.

Financial Exam Firm: motion by Heiss, second by Niehus to approve contracting with Hunzelman, Putzier, & Co to perform the FY25, FY26, and FY27 annual financial examinations. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Fire station: after lengthy discussion on building, engineering, and other total project costs, upcoming sewer lagoon project, and potential progression, motion by Byers, second by Niehus to approve allocating \$300,000 toward the fire station project in addition to the funds to be received by a USDA economic development loan of \$360,000, contingent that the fire department is responsible for the difference in between city contributions and total project cost. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Special event permit: Motion by Niehus, second by Byers to pre-approve the special event permit from the Lawton-Bronson Youth Football Program for August 22nd, once received by city hall. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Liquor license: motion by Niehus, second by Otto to approve the Class C liquor license renewal for Bob & Ellen's LLC. Motion carried with Byers, Nelson, Niehus, and Otto voting aye, and Heiss abstaining.

MRHD: after discussion, motion by Byers, second by Niehus to authorize the submission of the Impact Match Grant with MRHD for the fire station project. Motion carried with all voting aye. Any funds received by the grant will reduce the city's out-of-pocket expenses for the project.

Resolution 2026-21 Intent to Appoint

Motion by Otto, second by Heiss to accept the resignation of Jesse Pedersen as Mayor and approve the intention to appoint to fill the vacant seat. Clerk was directed to publish notice of intention to appoint at the September 9, 2026, regular meeting as required. Mayor Pro-tem Nelson took over the meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all voting aye.

Mayor candidates: Rod Hamm, Willard McNaughton, Jeremy Baltushis, and Nick Morgan expressed their interest in the mayor position to the council.

Special meeting: no action was taken.

With no further business, motion by Otto, second by Niehus to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Erin Nelson, Mayor Pro-Tem

Tricia Jernberg, City Clerk

City of Lawton- Claims & Revenues- July 2026

AMAZON.COM	WTRSLSMN MICRO SWITCH	\$ 19.88
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	BRAKE TOOL KIT	\$ 257.98
BADGER METER	WATER READ SERVICES	\$ 85.94
BEARDSHEAR LAW	LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 2,895.00
BOMGAARS	TRIMMER/RUG/GLOVES/SPRAYERPART	\$ 289.95
CITY OF LAWTON	UTILITIES	\$ 40.58
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTR	CHILD SUPPORT	\$ 353.52
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	\$ 3,616.05
FOUNDATION ANALYTICAL LAB	WATER & LAGOON EFFLUENT TESTING	\$ 344.50
HYDRAULIC	POWERWASHER HOSE FITTING	\$ 10.93
IDNR	ANNUAL WATER SUPPLY FEE FY27	\$ 107.85
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	\$ 27.10
IPERS	REGULAR IPERS	\$ 2,440.05
JAY-LAN LAWN CARE SERVICE	PARKS LAWN SERVICES	\$ 427.37
JUSTIN DUNNINGTON	PR ADVANCE	\$ 1,770.00
LINDBLOM SERVICES INC	TREE PILE MONTHLY RENT	\$ 90.00
MATT PARROTT	UTILITY BILL PAPER	\$ 1,142.23
MENARDS - SIOUX CITY	BALLFIELD TOILET REPAIR & MOP	\$ 159.02
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$ 4,765.79
SAMS CLUB	JANITORIAL	\$ 107.53
SG CONCRETE	E MAPLE REPAIR	\$ 11,308.00
SOOLAND BOBCAT	TOOLCAT ROD	\$ 236.00
STAPLES - SIOUX CITY	OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 67.87
THE RECORD	JUNE PUBLISHING	\$ 401.22
TREAS ST IA	WET 6/2026	\$ 435.00
TRICIA JERNBERG	MPA-AMESCONF-MEALS&MILEAGE	\$ 231.75
WELLMARK	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 2,220.34
WESTERN IOWA TELEPHONE	TELEPHONE & INTERNET	\$ 724.35
ZIEGLER	FIRE ENGINE SERVICED	\$ 484.15

Total claims by fund: General \$9,914.18, Fire \$805.28, Road Use Tax \$13,852.82, Water \$7,664.42, Sewer \$2,823.25

Total revenues by fund: General \$13,399.08, Road Use Tax \$11,359.99, Local Option Sales Tax \$17,144.06, Building 2022 \$214.50, Water \$18,647.29, Water Deposit \$400, Sewer \$24,526.34